



**Arizona Association of Environmental Professionals  
Monthly Meeting  
July 10, 2007  
6:00 P.M.  
Minutes**

**El Charro  
Downtown- Tucson, Arizona**

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**Attendees:** Joe Pinto, Ralph Ellis, Michael Langley, Jon Nelson, Mike Dawson, Nancy Favour, Andrea Marafino, Charles Barklay, Christopher Dore, Colby Henley, Emily Christ, Heather Rothbard, Herbert, Trossman. Janine Spencer, Karen Whitlock, Leigh Waite, Marcie Martin, Matthew Bossler, Robert Pape. Scott Stapp, Susy Morales, Vanessa House, Matt Skroch

**1. Call-to-Order – Joe**

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM

**2. Introduction of Members- All**

Those present introduced themselves and stated their employer and environmental discipline

**3. Approval of Minutes –**

Motion: Jon Nelson  
Second: Mike Dawson

Minutes were approved by Voice vote, no dissention or abstention

**4. Treasurer Report – Mike**

Currently there is \$8,186.11 which includes≈ \$2,800 in Golf scholarship funds for the 2007 fundraising event and an additional \$2,600.00 in a separate 2006 Scholarship fund.

**5. Committee Update-**

**Scholarship Committee – Nancy**

The committee is reviewing scholarship applications now and anticipates having their recommendation to the Board by the end of the month. There will be two scholarships awarded, one for a graduate student and one for an undergrad.

**6. Fundraising- Joe/Alisa**

**AZAEP Golf Fundraiser:**

To date the fundraiser has brought in over \$2,800 in sponsorships. HDR has opted to be the sole co-sponsor for the tournament and there are about only three hole sponsorships remaining.

**7. Speaker:**

**Matt Skroch- Executive Director, Sky Island Alliance; “Landscape-level Conservation Planning- How the Sum of our Ecological Pieces are Greater than the Whole.”**

**8. Other Business – All**

**a) Introduction of New AZAEP Board.**

The Officers and Board members present at the meeting introduced them selves to the group.

**b) Membership information and privacy –All**

Jon requested input from the members concerning what information they want to make available in the “Members Only” section of the new web site

**c) Web Site– Jon**

Jon provided a verbal outlook of the new AZAEP web site at the meeting. He stated that it will probably be launched sometime in late July or early August with a few sections remaining to be finalized such as on-line payment for joining or renewals and the “Members Only” section. Jon requested input from the Tucson group for additional links to various organizations in southern Arizona

**d) NAEP National Conference 2009 - Phoenix**

- Review of 2008 Conference
- Brainstorming session
- Committees
- Volunteers

Attached to the agenda was a list of various positions and committees that will need to be formed to host the 2009 conference. Joe discussed the need for volunteers and members to participate on committees for this event.

**d) NAEP- Chapter Retreat- Sept 21-23**

Joe Pinto and Nancy Favour will be attending the retreat representing AZAEP. Joe provided a sample agenda for the retreat and requested input or questions from the group to be discussed at the meeting.

**e) NAEP- Call for papers for 2008 conference,**

**NAEP** has issued a call for papers for the 2008 San Diego conference. Abstracts are due by September 16, 2007. Anyone interested in submitting a paper can go to the NAEP web site [www.naep.org/annual conferences](http://www.naep.org/annual_conferences) for more information

**f) Tucson AZAEP Sub-Chapter.**

There was discussion about Tucson forming a new Chapter or becoming a sub-Chapter under the AZAEP charter. If Tucson wants to form their own chapter they will need between 8-10 NAEP members, develop their own by-laws, petition NAEP for acceptance of the by-laws, elect officers and a board and hold meetings.

If Tucson wants to form a sub-chapter under AZAEP they will need to have a main contact for the sub-chapter, hold periodic meetings and probably twice or three per year there would be a statewide meeting for the entire group. There would be a central data base containing all members maintained by the Board and Officers of AZAEP for the state.

Mike Dawson stated that it would be beneficial to have some form of periodic meeting for the Tucson members to network and possibly have presentations. It was agreed to discuss this issue further at the next board meeting. It was recommended that the Tucson members discuss the issue and determine if they want to develop a plan for potentially forming either a new chapter or a sub-chapter.

**9. Announcements –Joe/all**

There will be a field trip to the Tres Rios wetland restoration area on August 11, 2007.

Roland Wass, Wass Gerke and Associates will be present to discuss the restoration and answer questions. Interested parties should be at the Tres Rios Public Entrance located at 91<sup>st</sup> Ave and the Gila River bottom at 7:00 AM.

**10. Next Meeting – Joe**

Phoenix- August 14, 2007, Time 6:00 PM, Location- Sonoran Brewhouse

11. **Adjourn – Joe**  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM