



AZAEP 2017 Highlights

Membership Growth

December 2016 – 89 members
December 2017 – 167 members

Corporate Membership

New membership option offered in 2017 for \$150 yearly, allows for an unlimited number of staff within Arizona to attend dinner meetings at the member rate, free attendance at webinars, and free job postings. Six firms have signed up to date, McIntyre Environmental, Jacobs, HDR, LSD, Westland Resources and SWCA.

At-Large Board Elections

The three AZAEP At-Large (non-officer) Board positions elections were completed. We had large voting turnout and a close race. The positions will be filled through June 30, 2019 by: Jennie Cure, Jill Heilman, and Brianna Zurita.

Social Media

AZAEP started a Facebook and Twitter account.

- Facebook page is now up at www.fb.me/AZAEP
- [Twitter account at AZAEP1](#)

Monthly Membership Meetings

February 28, 2017 - Speaker: Janet Johnson, Conservation Program Manager for the Arizona Army National Guard

Topic: "Climate Change and the Relation to Natural and Cultural Resources, A Department of Defense Environmental Programs Perspective"

March 28, 2017 - AZAEP / AWMA Joint Monthly Meeting - Speakers: Chuck Hamstra, City of Phoenix Deputy Public Works Director – Solid Waste Diversion and Disposal Division and Lucas Mariacher, Zero Waste Coordinator

Topic: The City of Phoenix Public Works Department will present on the Reimagine Phoenix campaign to reach 40% diversion of solid waste from the landfill.

April 25, 2017 - Speaker: Maaïke Schotborgh, Manager –Conservation Planning, Wildlife Habitat Council

Topic: Every Act of Conservation Matters - Making Corporate Conservation Initiatives Count

May 23, 2017 - Speakers: Sam Kathryn Campana, Executive Director, and Bill Peifer, Project Director, Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale

Topic: Desert Discovery Center – Small Footprint. Big Vision.

August 22, 2017 - Speaker: Members Mixer - Opportunity for all to share information about their firms/agencies and work they do.

September 26, 2017 - Speaker: Hoski Schaafsma, Field Supervisor, Western Cultural Resource Management Inc. (WCRM), Scottsdale

Topic: Persistent Ecological Effects of Human-Ecosystem Interactions: Prehistory to the Present

October 24, 2017 - Speaker: Brian Buttazoni, District Planning and Environmental Specialist at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Phoenix District Office

Topic: Overview of on-going projects and challenges in Phoenix District Office; BLM initiatives including ePlanning and streamlining NEPA projects.

November 28, 2017 - Speaker: Dr. Elise Gornish, Professor – School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Arizona.

Topic: 'On the ground and in the field: Applied research and outreach as a Cooperative Extension Specialist'

This AZAEP meeting held at the University of Arizona also provided an opportunity for students to meet and interact with environmental professionals from our membership. Several consulting firms presented a brief overview of their firm; and were available to discuss career, internship, and scholarship opportunities. Thank you to; Jacobs, SWCA, Westland, and Tierra Right-of-Way.

2018

January 23, 2018 Speaker: - Kelly P. Steele - Associate Professor, Applied Sciences and Mathematics, Arizona State University College of Integrative Sciences and Arts

Topic: On-going studies of saguaro reproduction.

Location: Macayo's – Tempe, 300 N. Ash, Tempe, AZ

Webinars - National Association of Environmental Professionals

March 18, 2017

Environmental Practice in Flux: Transitioning to the Trump Administration

June 14, 2017

NEPA Legislative Policy Update

September 21, 2017

Innovations in Environmental Justice Reviews

October 18, 2017

Implementing Executive Order 13807:

Establishing Discipline & Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process

December 6, 2017

Birds and Energy:

A Discussion of the Impacts of Power Generation and Transmission on Birds and the Laws that Protect Them

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR A GREAT 2017!