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Arizona Association of Environmental Professionals (AZAEP) 2018 Highlights

Membership Growth

December 2017 – 167 members

December 2018 – 207 members (500+ on email listserv)

Corporate Membership

New membership option offered in 2018 for \$150 per year; 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 had signed up in 2018 including: McIntyre Environmental, Jacobs, HDR, LSD, Westland Resources and SWCA.

Board Elections

The AZAEP officer Board positions elections were completed in June 2018. We had large voting turnout and a close race. The positions will be filled through July 30, 2020:

President: Eileen Baden, AICP, ASU, Tempe

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National Conference - 2021

AZAEP is proud to announce that we will be hosting the 2021 National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) annual conference. It is an honor to have been chosen and we will work hard to deliver a great conference. Contact us at azaep@azaep.org if you are interested in being on the NAEP 2021 Conference Planning Committee.

Mentorship

Five mentors from AZAEP have signed up to participate in the Planning Mentorship Program with the ASU School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning (SGSUP) and the Arizona Planning Association (AzAPA) for spring 2019 (January – April 2019). A total of 28 students and 19 mentors have joined the program with a few mentors assisting two students. A kickoff event is planned for January 17th at ASU for students to meet their mentor and a community service day event fixing up old bikes is planned for March 2019.

We would like to thank AZAEP members and mentors Beth Defend, Nancy Favour, Victoria Casteel, Jessica Rietz, and Audrey Unger for participating in the program!

Social Media

LinkedIn and Facebook: The more activity and postings we have on our LinkedIn and Facebook group pages, the better we can spread knowledge related to environmental issues, news, and events. Join our LinkedIn group at AZAEP – Arizona Association of Environmental Professionals (or <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8413028/>) and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AZAEP/>

Website: www.azaep.org
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2018 Monthly Membership Meeting Presentations

January 23, 2018 - Kelly P. Steele Associate Professor, Applied Sciences and Mathematics Arizona State University, *The Saguaro: It's Past, Current Life, and Future*

February 27, 2018 - Judy Mielke, ASLA and Rod Stanger, ASLA, Senior Landscape Architects at Logan Simpson in Tempe, Arizona with Cathy Babcock, Director of Horticulture at Boyce Thompson, *How to Move a Botanical Garden*

March 27, 2018 – Michelle Ogburn, NEPA Planner, Arizona Department of Transportation, *The Art of Relocation Burrowing Owls*

April 24, 2018 - Michele Van Quathem, Attorney, Law Office of Michele Van Quathem PLLC, *Water Legislation and Supply*

May 22, 2018 - Beth Gorman, Senior Program Manager for the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) in Tucson, Arizona, *PDEQ's Clean Air Programs*

June 26, 2018 - Tice Supplee, Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon Arizona, *Audubon Programs and Publications, Important Bird Areas*

July 24, 2018 - Dan Garcia, Cultural Resources Team Leader - SWCA Phoenix, *Arizona State Legislation (SB 1418, HB 2498) – Impacts on Arizona's Heritage and Lessons Learned about political activism for professionals.*

August 2018- Annual AZAEP Board Planning Meeting, no monthly meeting held.

September 25, 2018 – Amy Markstein - Planning and Environmental Specialist, Gila District Office, Bureau of Land Management, *Lessons Learned on NEPA Streamlining from the Perspective of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) Resource Management Plan (RMP) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)*

October 23, 2018 - Laurene Montero - City of Phoenix Archaeologist, *City Archaeology in Phoenix: Why and How*

November 27, 2018 - Gail Morris, Coordinator of the Southwest Monarch Study, *Southwest Monarch Study - Update on Current Research*

December 2018 – AZAEP Holiday Party

2018 NAEP Webinars

April 11, 2018 - NEPA Policy & Legislative Update

October 3, 2018 - NAEP Webinar: Tribal Consultation and Engagement in the Era of Streamlining

October 31, 2018 – Project Management for NEPA Training

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR A GREAT 2018!

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