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Arizona Association of Environmental Professionals (AZAEP) 2019 Highlights

Mentorship

Five mentors from AZAEP participated 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. A kickoff event occurred at ASU for students to meet their mentor and a volunteer event was held in March at We-Cycle-USA. We liked to thank AZAEP members and mentors Beth Defend, Nancy Favour, Victoria Casteel, Jessica Rietz, and Audrey Unger for participating in the program!

Corporate Membership

Membership option offered in 2019 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. Eleven firms had signed up in 2019 including: ACS, AZTEC, HDR, Jacobs, Logan Simpson, McIntyre Environmental, Recon, SWCA, Terracon, Tierra Right-of-Way and Westland Resources.

Board Elections

Voting for the AZAEP at-large Board positions elections was completed in June 2019. The at-large board member positions will be filled through July 30, 2021:

David McIntyre, McIntyre Environmental

Jennie Cure, Arizona Game and Fish Department

Jennifer Jennings, Tierra Right-of-Way

National Conference - May 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**.

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/.

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2019 Monthly Membership Meeting Presentations

January 22, 2019 - *Risks related to climate change and reclamation in the Southwest* - Leslie Watson, Environmental Planner and Alex Stoicof, Landscape Designer, Wheat Design Group

February 26, 2019 - A Living River - Tracking Changing Conditions Along the Effluent Stretches of the Santa Cruz River- Claire Zugmeyer, Ecologist/Project Manager, Sonoran Institute

March 26, 2019 –WaterSim: A water policy and educational tool, framework and other projects of the Decision Center for a Desert City at ASU - David Sampson, Senior Sustainability Scientist with the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability at Arizona State University

April 23, 2019 – **AZAEP Environmental Career Fair** at the **University of Arizona** in Tucson followed by a presentation on *San Pedro River Conservation* - Brooke Bushman, AZ Water Projects Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

May 28, 2019 - *An Overview of the Endangered Species Act Through the Lens of the Jaguar* - Marit Alanen, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

June 25, 2019 - *iMapInvasives: A Tool for Collaborative Invasive Species Data Management* - Michael Barbour, HDMS Data Specialist, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Wildlife Management Habitat Branch.

July 23, 2019 - *Fire Ecology in the Southwestern United States* - Tessa Nicolet, Fire Ecologist, US Forest Service

August 2019- Annual AZAEP Board Planning Meeting, no monthly meeting held.

September 24, 2019 – Environmental Water Markets in the Western United States - Bill Mennell, Research Associate, WestWater Research

October 22, 2019 *Unraveling the Mysteries of the Cultural Resources Review Process* - Jerome Hesse, Archaeologist & Cultural Resources Program Lead, SWCA

November 19, 2019 – AZAEP Annual Member Appreciation Networking Event!

December 2019 - Holiday Break!

2018 NAEP Webinars

September 5, 2019 - NEPA Case Law Update **October 17, 2019** - NEPA Legislative Update

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR A GREAT 2019!