

## AZTESOL Board Meeting Summary

Saturday, January 21, 2017

The meeting was held at ASU's Tempe Campus with sixteen board members present, three present by Skype, and two absent.

The mission statement was revised: To be a leading organization in Arizona where English language professionals at all levels, advocate, and develop professionally.

Three and five year goals were set and strategies were developed to achieve those goals:

1. Recruit more pre-K-12 teachers  
Strategies to do this could include:
  - a. Increase number of proposals and presentations by pre-K-12 teachers at regional conferences
  - b. Advocate for receiving recertification credits or PGUs from the county superintendents and Department of Education for AZTESOL state and regional conferences
  - c. Grant is currently available for classroom resources
2. Advocate for all English Learners and their teachers
  - a. Provide resources for membership to contact legislators
  - b. Include value of membership in teacher training programs
3. Promote and Support Interest Sections as a professional resource
4. Explore the feasibility of a regional peer-reviewed journal within the next 5 years
  - a. Solicit peer-reviewed articles for the newsletter to be published online
5. Expand our communication outreach
  - a. Social media
  - b. Email conference information to colleagues who may not be members yet

Current membership was 763 members. Board members gave their reports and budget projections. Motions voted on and carried included adjusting several amounts and conditions of awards and grants and funding TESOL conference attendance for our president and newsletter chair who are required to go. Seval Karakoc, Elizabeth Mosaidis, and Lydia Shatkin received the Cheryl Walsh travel grants. Jenna Altherr Flores was selected as the winner of the Continuation of Excellence award. Regional conferences were held in Tucson for the Southeastern area and at ASU West Campus for the Central area. The Northeast area's regional conference will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Flagstaff, and the Arizona Association for Lifelong Learning will have a spring conference at Yavapai College on Friday, May 12, 2017. Three Interest Sections have been developed and members are encouraged to participate.

The AZTESOL Board welcomed Scott Welsh as the Public Relations Chair.

The State Conference will be held in Tucson on October 20 and 21.