

Summary of the Minutes  
April 18, 2015

A draft of a SIG policy was created by Tory Hunziker to serve teachers and students across Arizona. Each SIG would have a chairperson who would be a non-board member of AZTESOL. The chairs would report to a board member who would be the SIG Leader. This document was created by Nancy Blitz. The SIG leader would not only be the point of contact for each SIG chairperson, but hold a SIG meeting at the state conference attendance, keep current on education issues in Arizona as well as neighboring states, and keep the editors of the newsletter informed of all SIGs' activity. Each chair would also work with the Socio Political Chairperson.

The 2015 State AZTESOL Conference will be held at Mesa Community College with TL3C on October 24 and 25. The guest speaker will be H. Douglas Brown will moderate a round table discussion on sociopolitical concerns and speak on Saturday morning. Friday night will be a SIG information night. Paul will help set up the registration with Eventbrite, and Scott will work with Megan at MCC to hold a publishers area. Registration fees will be the same as last year.

Discussion was held about having a Regional Affiliate Retreat with California, New Mexico, Colorado and possibly Utah. The goal is to see how other affiliates attract new members, run conferences, work with teachers, etc.

After research by the new editors of the AZTESOL newsletter, the board voted to use Wild Apricot as the platform for the newsletter. This choice will also help the membership chairperson with data bases of members and their interests. The newsletter will also be posted on the AZTESOL website.

Looking forward, the 2016 State Conference will be held in Yuma and preparations have already begun. It's tentatively scheduled for October 14 and 15, 2016.

The next meeting will be May 30 in Flagstaff or Prescott (Embry Riddle campus)