

AZTESOL Board Meeting Summary

Saturday, April 7, 2018

The meeting was held virtually with fourteen members in attendance. A new document was created to reference AZTESOL goals across years. The website was updated with accurate bios and contact information of board members. Vacant position promotion was discussed with recommendations to post the positions to email, the newsletter and social media. AZTESOL budget has been updated to reflect 231 active members. Online registration was previously conducted with EventBrite with a fee associated to the program. The board is reviewing Wild Apricot as an alternative which does not incur fees. Educator of the Year award description will be updated to include state conference fees. It was reported that there are inconsistent costs between mini-conferences. Regional reps will be meeting to determine consistent guidelines. Session topics from the TESOL conference were discussed. A motion was passed for two board members to attend the 2-18 TESOL Advocacy & Policy Summit. Preliminary plans for the AZTESOL 2018 conference were outlined including location, dates, committee, theme, featured speakers and presenters, and a call for proposals. The AZTESOL newsletter was recently distributed with links sent to all AZTESOL subscribers.

Regional conferences were summarized. The Southwest Region conference was attended by ~70 with presenters from Tempe, Tucson, Thatched, and Mexico City. Mexico City participation has ignited interest from NAU and AWC to send students from their institutions in Mexico City to an event on the NAU campus. Central Region conference was attended by ~30 with 13 presenters. SW mini-conference generated funds from registration. Updates were made to the grants description on the AZTESOL website. There is missing demographic information from AZTESOL members including grade-level affiliation.