

AZTESOL Board Meeting Summary

Saturday, June 9, 2018

The meeting was held at NAU with seventeen members in attendance. Regional reps reported on their discussion about inconsistencies between min-conference fees and the board agreed on a standardized rate of \$10 per attendee with presenters attending at no cost. A mini-conference objective statement and standardized process (registration, proposals, evaluations) will be added to the AZTESOL website. Interest sections were discussed and it was determined that there are two major categories for participation: sociopolitical concerns and instructional practice. A topics survey will be distributed at the upcoming conference to elicit ideas for greater participation in the interest sections. It was recommended to use social media and remind apps to increase ongoing participation in the interest sections. Grants and awards were reviewed to standardize an application process. A Google form was created and linked to the website for all grants and awards. A sub-committee was established to explore scholarships for high school seniors. AZTESOL will set up a YouTube account to stream signature events such as the conference keynote and president's welcome message. Board members were assigned sections of the website to review. Business cards were also created to distribute AZTESOL website information while members are at non-AZTESOL events. Challenges with recruiting and retaining members were discussed. Board data will be organized for easier access to membership numbers, demographics, grant award recipients over time. Members were invited to join the editorial board for the newsletter in the prior distribution. Article submissions have been low. All scholarship and grant funds have been approved and distributed for 2017-2018. Documents will be collected and shared to support sociopolitical action.