

The quarterly meeting of the AZSITE Advisory Committee was held on Friday, April 22 at Arizona State Parks.

WEBINARS. Although only two people made use of it, the meeting was available via webinar; both attendees commented that it worked fine. Rick Karl commented that the minimal cost to use the webinar service was less than his travel time/costs, so it will save money overall. Rick also conducted two training sessions earlier in April that each had about 18 attendees via webinar, and they were successful; he will probably offer a training session once a month. The Committee voted to recommend to the AZSITE Board the continued use of webinars for the Board meetings, Advisory Committee meetings, and training sessions.

USER ACCOUNT. The Advisory Committee is considering offering a smaller company user account that will charge based on usage. This could be based on the number of logins or number of days used over the course of the year. Rick expects that this will open it up to some companies that do not currently have accounts; he doesn't anticipate any current users to drop to this type of account, which would be made available starting in 2012 if the Board approves it.

WEBSITE UPDATES. Two new data layers have been added recently. The New Sites layer includes point plots of sites that are in the process of being recorded—ASM now requires UTM coordinates be provided when new site numbers are requested. These UTM points will be integrated into the New Sites layer until the full site information is sent to AZSITE, and will help alleviate the backlog of sites that do not yet appear online. The Recorded Canals layer depicts canal segments that have been recorded, as a way of ground-truthing projected canal locations from the Prehistoric Canals layer based on Howard and Huckleberry's map of canals in the Phoenix Basin. The layer will also depict projected segments not found.

COST CHANGES/DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS. In the past, ASM has copied about 70,000 pages/year in response to requests from consultants and others for more project/site information, charging from 10 to 50 cents per page. As more documents are scanned and available online, this dropped to 4,000 pages last year. There will now be a flat fee of 25 cents per page (up to 100 pages for scanning and no maximum for hard copies), anticipating that everything will be scanned and available at no charge in about a year. Electronic distribution of tribal records will continue to be restricted, but hard copies may be reviewed in person at ASM.

The next meeting will be in July via webinar and at the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff (road trip anyone?!).