

The AZSITE Advisory Committee held their quarterly meeting this morning at ASM.

**WEBINARS.** Beginning with the next meeting, a webinar format will allow anyone to “attend” the meetings remotely. Attendees can listen via a computer or by calling in to an 800 number. Up to 100 people can attend, although only 10 people can be connected at any time to speak. Webinars will also be used for the Board meetings and User Group meetings. All meetings will be recorded so folks can listen to them later. A physical meeting place will still be arranged due to public meeting laws.

**MEETING SCHEDULE.** Pending the success of the webinar format, the Advisory Committee may choose to reduce the number of meetings, or substitute the User Group meeting for one of the quarterly meetings. The Executive Order stipulates that the AZSITE Board must hold four meetings a year though, so the Board’s schedule will not change.

**MONTHLY USER ACCOUNT.** The Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the Board that the monthly user account be modified to drop the out-of-state restriction. Some local entities do limited work, and it was agreed that the monthly account should not be limited to out-of-state entities.

**WEBSITE CHANGES.** Based on user requests, the land jurisdiction layer is now transparent, and set zoom scales will now allow 1:8000 (roughly one section filling the screen, or at least Rick’s laptop screen) so we can zoom in closer. Within the next 1-2 months, query results will have separate tabs for sites and projects so that folks don’t have to redraw their project area in order to retrieve both sets of data. Also, beginning in 2011, site number requests must be accompanied by UTM centerpoints—this will facilitate a new layer, which will be updated weekly, showing newly recorded sites that might otherwise take longer to show up online (this layer will be added as a third tab in the query results screen). The sites will be displayed as 10 m circles until actual site shapes are submitted. By mid summer, a new website will be rolled out that will have a single login page for both spatial and attribute searches. By the end of 2011, site records will have links for 1) location in map application, 2) site card pdf (if it had a paper site card), and 3) a printer-friendly site record in ASM site card format generated from the database; in 2012, there will also be a link to a pdf of the report for the project that recorded the site. Lastly, AZSITE is working with the Governor’s Archaeology Advisory Commission to create layer(s) for natural resources used in cultural contexts (e.g., clays, lithic sources); the idea is in its infancy and will need funding though.

The next meeting will be in April via webinar and at Arizona State Parks in Phoenix.