

# AZSITE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Report

## January 2022

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### Meetings

AHAC has met twice following the last AZSITE Executive Board Meeting in October 2021. Our November 18, 2021 and January 21, 2022 committee meetings were again held via zoom. The meetings focused on selecting new Committee members to replace folks who have resigned but also provided updates on ongoing initiatives.

### Committee Members

Previous Committee members Ryan Arp (small CRM), Margaret Hangan (Federal), Michael O'Hara (State), Theresa Coleman (Bisbee), and Caroline Klebacha (Large CRM) resigned from the committee, and the Committee recently voted to replace Steve Swanson (Academic) who has been unable to participate for several months. As requested by the Board, the Committee solicited applications for the Small CRM, Federal, and State vacancies. Scott Courtright (NRCS) was selected for the Federal position and Branden Fjerstad (Codifi) was selected for the Small CRM position. No viable candidates for the State position applied. The Committee currently accepting applications from Large CRM, State, and Academic positions and plans to meet in February to review and select new members.

The Committee still has one position vacated by Theresa Coleman (Bisbee). The Committee already has two Certified Local Government representatives (Ian Milliken and Mark Reavis) and requests direction from the board on filling the vacancy. One suggestion is to appoint a non-CLG local government representative, if the Board sees value in that contribution, and if any such representatives are available. Another option is to not fill this position, as the Committee already has a diverse membership and adequate input. Please advise.

### AZSITE Land Ownership/Jurisdiction Data Improvements

No update. Work and discussion with County GIS and AZSITE staff is ongoing.

### Adding well-known archaeological sites not already in AZSITE.

Steve Swanson was championing this project but is no longer part of the Committee, so the Committee elected to explore an online courtesy data submission tool, which the AZSITE team is already working on. It was suggested that perhaps the Committee and AZSITE staff could advertise a "legacy data donation drive" to solicit site boundaries of concern to AZSITE users.

### Updating prehistoric and historic canal information in AZSITE

No update. Hoping to work on this in coming months.

### AZSITE Training

Reylynne Williams is championing this effort and has developed a draft outline for discussion among the Advisors. A revised outline will be provided to the AZSITE Board once the Advisory Committee is restaffed and has a chance to contribute.

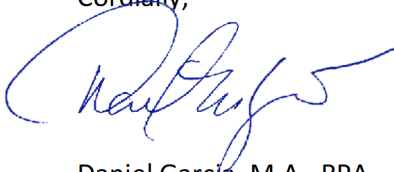
## Archaeological Reports in AZSITE

During the past two meetings, the Committee has discussed whether it would be beneficial for AZSITE to serve as a document repository for archaeological reports. Archeological site cards and ASM Project Registration Forms are already available to AZSITE subscribers, and many repository reports exist as PDFs but are inaccessible to AZSITE subscribers. It is also recognized that reports are the purview of the ASM's mandated responsibility under ARS 15-1631 and producing copies for AZSITE users generates revenue for the ASM program. Unfortunately, EO 2006-03 is unclear with regards to archaeological reports being part of AZSITE's official state repository status – the EO neither requires nor prohibits report hosting. The Committee requests that the AZSITE Board discuss the possibility of making existing digitized archaeological survey reports available through the AZSITE interface. The Committee is available to assist the Board and AZSITE staff in identifying existing technologies or platforms that could host reports, if this is architecture AZSITE is not capable of accommodating. The Committee also is available to assist with grant applications to fund this effort, if requested.

## Additional Tribal Presentations

Advisor Reylynne Williams remarked that AZSITE's presentation to the Four Southern Tribes Cultural Resources Working group was appreciated and well received, and that Arizona's other Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and Cultural Resources staff might appreciate and benefit from the same information. The Committee requests that the AZSITE Board discuss this, and if possible, offer presentations to other Tribes.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Garcia', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

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