

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
of  
THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE  
ON TRAILS (ASCOT)  
of  
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given to members of the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) and the general public that the Committee will hold a meeting open to the public on **Saturday, January 29, 2011 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Lecture Room, 37615 U.S. Highway 60, 37615 U.S. Highway 60**, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-511.22. The Committee may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the State Parks Assistant Attorney General on any of the agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431 et seq. The Committee will discuss and may take action on the following matters:

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AGENDA

(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.)

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF
- C. ACTION ITEMS
  1. Approval of Minutes from the December 3, 2010 Meeting.
  2. Introduction of new members.
  3. Review of ASCOT Workshop held December 4, 2010.
  4. State Parks Update.
  5. Discussion of various operation assignments for ASCOT. Some administrative items previous attended to by Annie McVay will need to be re-assigned.
  6. Discussion of new Subcommittee Chair for the Outreach Committee. (Daye has resigned.)
  7. Subcommittee break-out exercises.
  8. Meeting dates for remainder of 2011 calendar year. Joint meeting with OHVAG is scheduled for Friday May 20, 2011.
  9. Member Roundtable. ASCOT members will share trail planning, projects and activities that they are involved with to further learn about trail happenings around the state.

**D. REPORTS**—Committee and staff reports may be written or verbal and followed by brief discussion.

**1. Chair's Report**

**E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** - During the public meeting, the Committee may afford any person the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally. Those wishing to address the Committee must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. Time permitting; each presentation will be given approximately five minutes. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or re-schedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.

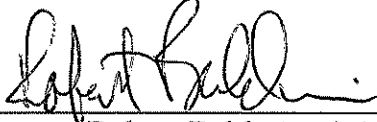
**F. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.**

**G. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

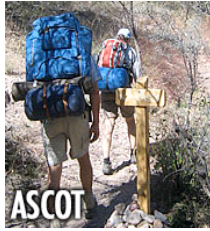
A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Committee is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks, Resources & Public Programs Section, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Robert Baldwin at (602) 542-7130.

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 Date 1-21-11  
Robert Baldwin, Arizona State Parks

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And at <http://azstateparks.com/committees/ASCOT.html>



"Strategic Planning and Trails: From Concept to Reality"  
 Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT)  
 Saturday, December 4, 2010

### PARTICIPANT SURVEY

The figures below represent the number of responses received in each of the categories. We received 16 completed surveys. Not all of the questions on each of the surveys were completed, therefore the numbers may not add up.

	Excellent 5	Good 4	Average 3	Fair 2	Poor 1	N/A
Cost of the Workshop	6	6				2
Pre-Registration Process	8	7				
Location of the event	11	5	1			
On-Site Registration	7	4	2			2
Time / date of the event	7	3	3	2		
Morning Refreshments	8	8				
Lunch	12	3	1			
Salt River Morning Hike	1	3				9
1. "Successful Trail Planning"	8	6				2
2. "Panel Discussion"	4	7	3			2
3. "Black Canyon Trail"	4	6	3			2
4. "Involving the Public"	7	7				2
5. "Long Range Trail Planning"	3	7	1			2
6. "Rio Salado Partnerships"	2	2				2

What did you like the most about this workshop?

- Networking x 5
- Good Information x 3
- Speakers x 3
- Location x 2
- General Topics
- Panel Discussion
- The introduction of ASCOT and the people who make it possible and continue to work
- Successful Trail Planning outline was informative and helpful in defining certain terms
- Stories of actual cases and issues
- Discussion on why we build trails
- 3 breaks in the afternoon – smart & realistic!
- Well-moderated
- Bob Cafarella
- Charlie's dry sense of humor
- Kim's enthusiasm

What did you like the least about this workshop?

- Echoing Room / Acoustics x 3
- No Complaints
- Distracting space (reflective surfaces, noise from other room)
- I was expecting something more "advanced"
- Saturday event – but not too bad except it is college football rivalry weekend
- Successful trail planning session
- Small screen for presentations
- "Everything was positive and good"
- Room was warm

Comments / Suggestions

- More time to allow people to ask questions during the panel discussion Q&A
- Use ASCOT to coordinate training opportunities across the state
- Use website as a clearinghouse
- Mention your target audience for the workshop on the website
- Sound system for speakers
- "This is a great event! I'm glad I came..."
- Planners and mayors attract decision makers of communities that are developing urban trails...implementation phase is critical.

Future workshop topics

- Trail Connectivity
- Communities and groups working together
- Why the connection between humans and nature is important
- How urban sprawl is encroaching on the natural environment
- Linking trails across Arizona
- Obstacles/opportunities/multiagency involvement
- Gateway communities
- Involve AZ Trails Association, City and County trail systems
- Funding / grants
- Partnerships / What are the procedures and players unique to each agency
- NEPA Coordination
- Collaboration on new / improved / existing trails
- Planning and design opportunities and constraints
- Navigating political landmines – theory and case study
- Successful funding stories and cases
- Uses of GIS in trails planning and management
- Finding and managing project partnerships
- Trail Academy (crew leadership, construction, maintenance, design)
- Trails as an educational resource

How did you hear about this event?

- ASCOT x 3
- Email x 3
- AZ State Parks x 2
- Saw announcement online
- Work
- Nick Lund
- Friend