



**Program Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Nov. 16, 2006  
12:00-1:30**

*Attendees: Gene D'Adamo, Laura Atwell, Ed Portnoy, Megan Prine,, Marissa Theisen, Madia Logan*

As the first order of business, the committee reviewed historical data on programs for the past several years and noted the decline in total attendance in 2006. Marissa suggested that this was in large part the result of the smaller number of nonprofit participants in AGF programs this year. She suggested that the relatively narrow scope of the two 2006 programs open to nonprofits (Hunger and Charity vs. Justice) was the most logical explanation.

The committee next briefly discussed the December holiday luncheon which will provide an informal opportunity for members to meet/greet the newest leaders of the Arizona Philanthropic sector. Marissa then provided details of the January program on Faith Based charities, stating that she had confirmed three speakers for this session, John Hall (ASU), Wayne Tormala (city of Phoenix) and Jannah Scott (Governor's Office).

Finally the group focused on additional program topics for 2007 and selected the following:

**April: Evaluation: Philanthropy's Dirty Little Secret** – An **informal session** providing funders with an opportunity to share their approaches to evaluation and what data they collect and review. (VCN co sponsored?)

**May: ACF Report on Education in Arizona (Issue)**

**June: Non Profit Consolidation: The good, the bad and the ugly.** This program might include Steve Alley to talk about the Tucson effort, AZ Children's Association to talk about their recent merger efforts with several nonprofits and possibly Herb Paine.

**July: Potential Flagstaff Program - Clear cut: The story of Philomath Oregon** – The video explores the role of a philanthropic organization in influencing public policy in a small town as well as a case study of succession, governance, donor intent, racial and sexual discrimination, environmental education.

**August:** No program or possible Social Event

**September: - Advocacy Conference for Funders and Nonprofits (Skills Building)**

– While this event will be sponsored by the Wallace Foundation of Arizona rather than AGF, this event will involve a half-day session designed for funders as well as one for nonprofits with a joint luncheon featuring a national speaker like Bob Goldstein (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) to talk about the national picture under the Democratic Congress. Therefore, we didn't want to schedule a separate AGF program in Sept.

We also discussed the idea of holding an evening session exclusively for funders with a national speaker, preceding the Advocacy conference.

**October Annual Conference** – For the past 4 years, AGF has co-sponsored an annual philanthropy conference in October. However, October turns out to be a very busy month with many national conferences scheduled. As a result, attendance at the AGF event is not as large as desired. It's not clear yet if AGF will choose to do an annual conference again in 2007, or instead plan an event for the spring of 2008. One possibility is that the Advocacy conference in September might be considered a substitute for 2007.

**October: Investing in our Communities: Strategies for Immigrant Integration (Skills Building)** – Invite a representative from Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR) to talk about their new toolkit. Marissa will review materials at the GRIC site including film clips that might be useful. This program might be a good one to bring to Tucson as well. **This might be a longer session.**

**November: Strengths and Weaknesses of the Darwinian Approach to Funding Nonprofits** – An **informal discussion** of what funders feel is their role in supporting mature nonprofits that may no longer be effective. Why do some funders decide to stop funding an agency when it seems to have outlived its purpose while others seem to continue to fund them?

**December: Annual Meeting and Holiday Program: Brave New World: How the Emergence of Philanthropreneurs is altering the Philanthropic Landscape** – Inviting someone from Google foundation to talk about their innovative approach to grantmaking, which involves a combination of traditional grantmaking and for-profit structures to accomplish certain goals. An alternative would be to invite someone like Susan Raymond from OnPhilanthropy or Joel Fleischman to discuss this topic.