

AzTEA - Westside Chapter

Annual report

Submitted May 2, 2005 by Melissa Frey, Westside AzTEA Chairperson

In the fall of 2004 Westside AzTEA leadership team set four goals for the year:

1. Host events that showcase and explore the integration of technology, curriculum and innovative instructional strategies.
2. Improve communication with membership (at least 2 communications per year)
3. Host 4<sup>th</sup> annual WOW Conference
4. Explore collaborative options

Throughout the year an ever-expanding leadership team worked together to achieve these goals. The following are steps taken to accomplish these goals.

1. Designed and conducted an online survey for members to learn more about membership demographics and professional development needs. Facilitator – Peggy George.
2. Based on the responses of 91 members, designed and offered three professional development opportunities throughout the school year:  
Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 12:00, hands-on workshop -- **Interactive Websites for Students**, workshop facilitators –Laurie Shragge, Nan Williams  
Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 – 5:30, hands-on workshop -- **Creating Test Success, Using the Web to Increase Student Testing Skills**, workshop facilitator – Peggy George  
April 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 5:30, hands-on workshop -- **Creating Engaging PowerPoint Presentations Incorporating Videos**, workshop facilitators – Dina Monyer, Cathy Zannis  
All members were notified of the workshops via the Westside AzTEA listserv. SurveyMonkey was used for online registration. Surveys created and managed by Peggy George provided workshop facilitators information regarding specific needs of those registered.
3. Provided opportunities for learning and sharing within the leadership team with monthly meetings and presentations by leadership team members including:  
**Data – Where Do We Get Data? Who is Doing What?**, presenter - Evan Allred  
**Capturing, Accessing and Analyzing Data**, presenter - Rick Baker  
**Promethean Interactive Whiteboard**, presenter – Kim Thomas  
**TEAMS Teaching Circles**, presenters – Nan Williams, Tammy Hernandez  
**TappedIn**, presenter – Nan Williams  
**GroveSite, Online Collaboration Tool**, presenters Ruth Catalano, Hank Stabler
4. Formed **Westside AzTEA Technology Integration Group**, facilitator – Debi Spaulding. Initial roundtable organized and hosted by Debi Spaulding, online community established and monitored by Nan Williams.
5. Arranged a joint luncheon and meeting with the Westside Tech SIG – Hank Stabler, Melissa Frey
6. Created and maintained a new website with continually updated information for members and leadership team. Webmaster – Jim Lewis.
7. Hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual WOW Technology Conference. Conference chair – Ruth Catalano. A 12-member team coordinated efforts to plan the WOW conference, the third in the conference series featuring keynote speaker Heidi Hayes Jacobs and 41 concurrent sessions.