

End of Year Executive Committee Meeting
December 17, 2025
6pm via Google Meet

Attendees: Lin Chao, Michael Humphrey, Tom Simonick, Heather Oehrlein, Mike Nelson, John King, Cindy Duke

I. January 2026 Awards Potluck

- Lin advised we have plenty of name tags and markers. She also let us know that the club will need to purchase paper plates, utensils, tablecloths, and paper towels.
- We need Executive Committee members to show up early to help get things set up.
- Michael will put photos together to create a slide show for the party. Cindy will look for a large foam board to project the photos on to.
- We will have 2 hikes - one long and one short. Michael volunteered to lead the long hike.
- Cindy will not be there the day of the event so Heather will pass out the certificates. The certificates will be handed out along with a cooling towel that the club just ordered for awards.
- Lin reminded all of us to sign up for the potluck to boost the energy to get club members to sign up too.
- Tom is looking into a potential alumni list of hikers for Lin to send out. Lin wants to invite past members to this event.

II. AZ Trailblazer Logo

- Lin has been looking for the template with our original logo on it. Meanwhile, she asked her daughter, Jade, to create some new ones. There is some concern with the club changing the logo due to the fact that some people like to use the original logo for embroidering purposes. It was decided that when the time came we would have club members vote on the new logo design.

III. Upcoming speakers

- The January and March 2026 speaker is already set. Lin is looking for additional ideas. John King and others will speak in the future about their experiences hiking and completing the Arizona Trail system.

IV. Questionnaire Results

- Heather shared the results of the questionnaire she sent out to the club. The questions were:
 - We are currently looking for speakers to come to our club meetings for the upcoming year. What topics are you interested in hearing about?
 - What city do you reside in?
 - Would you be interested in leader training if the club were to offer it?
(Regardless if you are already a leader)

Some of the answers to these questions will help to plan who we ask to come speak at meetings, where to continue having club meetings, and whether we should proceed with additional leader training.

V. Leader Training

- It was decided that we will participate in additional leader training in the future, most likely at the Gilbert Riparian Reserve. All Executive Committee members will have a part in this. Dates will be decided on in the future. We need to review leader rules and procedures so that we are all on the same page.

VI How to help our AZ Trailblazers Webmaster

- The subject has come up as to how we can better help and support Michael in this position as he is the only one that has access to adding things to the website. John King's daughter-in-law works for Go Daddy and has offered to give us a presentation in the near future on what our options could look like for an updated website. The Executive Committee has agreed to this as she could offer suggestions on how to link the website to other social media accounts as well. It was decided that this was something that needed to be done in the future to promote the club and attract more younger members of the community. We will be meeting at John King's house possibly in January or February to meet with her.