

# AAED COMMITTEES

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## COMMITTEE

### AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet Committee plans the annual banquet at the Spring Conference. This committee is responsible for the theme, program development, preparation, and arrangements for the banquet.

### AWARDS

The AAED Awards Taskforce determines awards criteria, nomination opportunities, and selection for the EDDE and Golden Prospector Awards. The EDDE Awards are presented at the AAED Spring Conference annually. The Golden Prospector Awards are presented at the AAED Fall Forum annually.

### EMERGING LEADERS

The Emerging Leaders Affinity Group is tasked with designing programs that enhance the experience of Emerging Leaders within AAED, as well as to create opportunities around Economic Development across the state for those entering the Economic Development profession.

### EVENTS

The Events Committee designs programs to increase membership value through the organization of networking opportunities and fostering involvement.

### FALL FORUM

The Fall Forum Committee develops program details for the annual Fall Forum. This forum provides professional networking opportunities, educational workshops, and hosts knowledgeable speakers.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Golf Committee plans the Golf Tournament, AAED's annual fundraiser. The committee is responsible for the setup, tournament format, and preparation details for the tournament.

### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The Government Affairs Committee educates and informs Arizona Legislators and AAED members on economic development issues develops policy statements, sponsors an annual legislative forum, and distributes legislative updates and advocacy alerts regarding crucial economic development-related issues.

### MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

The Membership Engagement Committee is responsible for launching initiatives to help attract members; find fun and value-added ways to keep members engaged; and amplify AAED's message and our members' expertise.

## 2023 SCHEDULE

**1ST THURSDAY - 10 AM - 11 AM**

**August 3, September 7,  
October 5, November 2,  
December 7**

**3RD TUESDAY - 2 PM - 3 PM**

**July 18, August 15, September 19,  
October 17, November 21,  
December 19**

**2ND WEDNESDAY - 2 PM - 3 PM**

**July 12, August 9, September 13,  
October 11, November 8,  
December 13**

**3RD TUESDAY - 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**July 18, August 15, September 19,  
October 17, November 21,  
December 19**

**4TH TUESDAY - 10 AM - 11 AM**

**July 25, August 22, September 26,  
October 24, November 28**

**TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**3RD TUESDAY - 1 PM - 2 PM**

**July 18, August 15, September 19,  
October 17, November 21,  
December 19**

**1ST TUESDAY - 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

**August 1, September 5,  
October 3, November 7,  
December 5**



## **NORTHERN**

The Northern Arizona Affinity Group designs programs to increase membership value and participation in Northern Arizona and educate about Northern Arizona issues.

**1ST WEDNESDAY - 2 PM - 3 PM**

**July 5, August 2, September 6,  
October 4, November 1,  
December 6**

## **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

The Professional Education Committee advises other committees on program content and makes IEDC professional development programs available to AAED members.

**3RD THURSDAY - 9 AM - 10 AM**

**July 20, August 17,  
September 21, October 19,  
November 16, December 21**

## **RURAL**

The Rural Economic Development Affinity Group designs programs that benefit members in rural communities and monitors legislative issues that impact economic development in rural communities. The committee holds Rural Roundtables to discuss rural community issues and activities.

**2ND MONDAY - 3 PM - 4 PM**

**July 10, August 14,  
September 11, October 9,  
November 13, December 11**

## **SOUTHERN**

The Southern Arizona Affinity Group designs programs to increase membership value and participation in Southern Arizona and educate about Southern Arizona issues.

**3RD THURSDAY - 10 AM - 11 AM**

**July 20, August 17,  
September 21, October 19,  
November 16, December 21**

## **SPRING CONFERENCE**

The Spring Conference Committee develops program details for the annual Spring Conference. This conference provides professional networking opportunities, educational workshops, and hosts knowledgeable speakers.

**1ST THURSDAY - 11 AM - 12 PM**

**August 3, September 7,  
October 5, November 2,  
December 7**

## **TRIBAL**

The Tribal Economic Development Committee fosters productive relationships between AAED members and Native American communities within the State of Arizona.

**2ND THURSDAY - 9 AM - 10 AM**

**July 13, August 10,  
September 14, October 12,  
November 9, December 14**

## **WORKFORCE**

The Workforce Development Affinity Group designs programs to educate AAED members and the public on workforce development issues across the state.

**2ND THURSDAY - 2 PM - 3 PM**

**July 13, August 10,  
September 14, October 12,  
November 9, December 14**

