

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**
November 3, 2010 - 12:00 Noon
CDM
50 West 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah

Members Present:

Joe Martone, Chair	SAME
Peter Tang, Vice-Chair	ITE
Trent Hunt, 2 nd Past Chair	ASHRAE
Leslie Hugo, Treasurer	SWE
Jim Thacher	AIAA
Dan Church	USPE
John Richardson	ASME
David Cline	SAME
Chris Hofheins	SEAU
Rob Kesler	ACEC
Mike Berry	IEEE
Kiran Bhayani	AAEE
Jed Lyman	ASPE
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

Mike Buehner, 1 st Past Chair	SEAU
Ken Hamblin	UCLS
Todd Rindlisbaker	ASHRAE
Matt Sibul	ASCE

1. WELCOME – JOE MARTONE

The meeting began at 12:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 6, 2010

Motion: Kiran Bhayani moved to approve the minutes. John Richardson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT – LESLIE HUGO

Leslie reported that the checking account is low, but she has several dues checks to deposit which will help a great deal. She passed out an updated financial report with current account balances.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. E-Week – Peter Tang: The date Peter has set for the banquet is February 25, 2011. This is the Friday of E-Week. Joe Martone has contacted Lane Beattie's executive assistant about Mr. Beattie speaking at the banquet. There has not been a decision yet because there may be a conflict for him with a national meeting in Hawaii at about that time. Joe suggested to Mr. Beattie's executive assistant that we might consider moving the date to February 18 to accommodate Mr. Beattie. Joe did not promise that we would. The 18th is the Friday of the holiday weekend. Some were also concerned about USU event conflicts. Peter feels that this should not be the determining factor in changing the date since USU attendance at the banquet in years past has not been significant. All in all February 25 is the better date because of the holiday weekend. Peter suggested that John Njord from UDOT would be a good speaker choice. He brings out a lot of civil engineering consultant companies when he speaks. Dave Cline mentioned Carlos Braceras would also be good with UDOT if John cannot do it, or even both. The I-15 corridor project is currently the largest road project in the country. Peter talked to John Njord several months ago about the possibility of his speaking at the banquet. At that time he said he was interested, but Peter does not know if he is available on that date yet.

Motion: Dave Cline moved to add John Njord to the final list of potential speakers and authorize the UEC Executive Committee to make the final decision if Lane Beattie says no. Kiran Bhayani seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Peter has contacted several venues. He has contacted Rio Tinto. They are interested in hosting us, but cannot commit to the date until the middle of November because of the playoff schedule. Peter has checked with the Hilton. It is doable. They would waive the rental fee for the facility if we meet the minimum price of \$9,000 for food and beverage. The Grand America is available and they will also waive the rental fee of \$3,000 for the facility if we meet the \$9,500 food and beverage minimum. They are a little more expensive overall. The Little America hotel was not available. Peter's goal is to lower the \$60 ticket price from last year to \$50 this year all inclusive (venue, food, awards, etc.). This would give us a target of 250 people. If we can meet this goal, UEC will not have to subsidize the event. Trent recommended that we ask the venue to limit the table settings to 8 per table to make it more comfortable and to have the option of adding last minute attendees to the tables, if necessary. The lower price would still give us a nice menu – either top sirloin and salmon or chicken and salmon. We will offer half-price tickets to students and retired seniors 65 or over. Peter checked with the Salt Palace who uses Utah Food Service. They only charge \$1 for venue rental. Trent will check with the Capitol. Peter has a tentative reservation at Rice-Eccles stadium and has to give them an answer within a few days. Peter will make the decision next week.

B. Publication Committee – Kiran Bhayani/Dannie Pollock: Kiran Bhayani reported that he met with Sophie Hanson who has proposed a 2-year contract, which he passed out to the Board. It includes a minimum cost of \$24,850.00 for a 52-page publication. Any income beyond that will be split with the Board 50/50. The Canadian proposal was about \$29,000. Kiran would like to propose a 5-year contract. He likes to work with Sophie because she is local. He is willing to give up color pages on the inside of the magazine. Joe would rather see a 2-year basic contract and 3 option years. The Journal must be top notch in every respect because it is a reflection of UEC.

IEEE is unable to submit their list due to policy restrictions currently under review. They want to know if they can provide the list directly to the publisher. This presents a duplication problem if it cannot be combined with all of the UEC member societies. If you pay membership dues to UEC, it is part of your benefit to receive the UEC Journal. Other UEC member organizations have the same clause in their charters, but because they are members of UEC, they feel they can provide the information to UEC because it is part of their organization's membership. One option would be to give IEEE a stack of Journals to mail out themselves. Joe would like to see a written determination from the IEEE national organization. The list can be sent directly to the publisher. IEEE can work this out with the publication committee.

Kiran wants feedback on the publications proposals by Tuesday. The publication committee is recommending that we go with Sophie Hanson. The deadline for Journal articles and mailing lists is November 30, 2010. Susan will send another e-mail with the deadlines.

C. Fund-raising – Mike Buehner: Mike Buehner needs to know the banquet venue, date and speaker before he sends out the fund-raising letters.

D. Membership – John Richardson: IES has opted not to rejoin this year.

E. Scholarship – Leslie Hugo: Leslie needs the information from Peter. He will get it to her.

F. Awards Committee – Mike Buehner: Mike would like to look for less expensive awards for the nominees. He would like to have something that remains high quality, but not the \$70 option. Susan will remove the awards criteria form until it has been updated.

G. Legislative Committee – Matt Sibul: ACEC will help Matt with the legislative committee.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

SWE is having a leadership training meeting on November 13. Susan will e-mail a flyer to be passed on to society memberships.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Jim Thacher moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.