

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**
April 2, 2014 - 12:00 Noon
Van Cott
36 South State Street, Suite 1900
Salt Lake City, UT

Members Present:

David Cline, Chair	SAME
Rob Kesler, Vice-Chair	ACEC
John Richardson, 1st Past Chair	ASME
Peter Tang, 2nd Past Chair	ITE
Brandon Heidelberger	AWWA
James Williams	SEAU
Charles Vono	AIAA
Ben Rood	EWB
Marilyn Marshall	SWE
Daniel Dunning	SAME
Brandon Birkes	ASHRAE
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

James Belshe	USPE
Brian Warner, Treasurer	ASCE
Brad Mortensen	UCLS
Chris Perry	IEEE
Peter Strazdins	ASME
Brad Gilson	UCEA
Dannie Pollock	AAEE
Richard Hibbard	ITE
Jed Lyman	ASPE
Paul Feser	ASCE

Guests

Brian Riddle	Van Cott
Jeff Riddle	Van Cott

1. Welcome – David Cline

The meeting began at 12:14 p.m. David Cline welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 5, 2014

Motion: Rob Kesler moved to approve the minutes from March 5, 2014. John Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report – Brian Warner

Brian Warner was not in attendance and there was no financial report made.

4. Committee Reports

A. Publications - Dannie Pollock: Dannie Pollock was not in attendance. David Cline reported that the Executive Committee has reviewed a proof of the Journal and that it will be sent back to NewsLink today for corrections, then it will be sent out to the Board for review by the end of the week.

B. Fund-raising Committee - David Cline: The Executive Committee has proposed some changes to the by-laws concerning this committee and will present that to the Board in the May meeting. David is still waiting for a mock-up of an email blast that will be sent out to all UEC society members each month. NewsLink is working on this. This will be a more efficient and streamlined method of getting information to all of the members of the UEC member societies.

C. Membership Committee: Marilyn prepared a letter that could be downloaded that is a condensed version of the purposes of UEC. She would like the Executive Committee to give approval for that to be put on the website. David Cline will review it. It was emailed to him and Susan on March 13.

D. Nominating Committee - Peter Tang:

1) Vote on Slate of Nominees: Charlie Vono was nominated for UEC Treasurer and Charlie has agreed to the nomination. There was some discussion about the responsibilities of each position on the UEC Executive Committee. The Chair oversees the Board meetings and the Committee assignments, the Vice-Chair's primary responsibility is the E-Week banquet. The Treasurer handles the finances and files the 990 tax form. The first Past Chair is the head of the Awards committee and prepares the awards for the banquet. The second Past Chair heads the Nomination Committee to provide a slate of nominees to be voted upon for the coming year. John Richardson has put together a comprehensive document of responsibilities for each officer which will be used in training. This information will be widely distributed. Some of this information may be included in the by-laws.

Any Board member who wants something discussed by the Board may submit a request for an addition to the agenda to the UEC Chair. Much of our business should be discussed in committee meetings and then committee proposals be brought to the Board meeting. Committees may include members of member societies. Committee members are not required to be on the Board, so we can have society members help on the committees.

The slate of nominees is as follows:

Chair:	Rob Kesler
Vice-Chair:	Brian Warner
Treasurer:	Charlie Vono

Motion: Marilyn Marshall made a motion to approve the slate of nominees to be next year's UEC officers. John Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

5. DOPL Nominations

Rob Kesler submitted some nominations by email and those will be submitted. There were no other nominations. Nominees cannot serve as an officer in UEC or an engineering society.

6. Van Cott Presentation

Brian Riddle and Jeff Riddle from Van Cott gave a very interesting presentation on intellectual property law. They outlined the differences between trade secrets, patents, copyrights, and trademarks. The general rule is to file often and file early. Patents are only good for 20 years.. Copyrights are good for the life of the author plus 70 years. Patents are the most expensive and exclude others from manufacturing that item for 20 years.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Marilyn Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.