MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL
April 6, 2016, 12:00 Noon
Van Beorum & Frank Associates
330 South 300 East
Salt Lake City, UT

Members Present:
Brian Warner, Chair
Charles Vono, Vice-Chair
Jed Lyman, Treasurer
Rob Kesler, 1st Past Chair
David Cline, 2nd Past Chair
Max Gandy
Chris Perry
Marilyn Marshall
Craig Wilkinson
Paul Feser
Dale Robinson
Roberta Schlicher
Susan Merrill

Members Absent:
Cindy Spangler
Dannie Pollock
Kordel Braley
Jeff Anderson
Jonathan Jensen

1. Welcome – Brian Warner

Brian Warner asked Susan about when dues would need to be discussed to be increased the following year. Any changes to dues need to be made in the May meeting.

The meeting began at 12:10 p.m. Brian Warner welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2016

Motion: Chris Perry moved to accept the minutes. Jed Lyman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Jed Lyman reviewed the updated financial report. Brian Warner mentioned that he needs an invoice for his company to pay for Nick Safai’s ticket as well as the alcohol for the banquet. Susan will send this as soon as Brian lets her know how much the alcohol portion of the invoice should be. There will be two more months to pay Susan for this fiscal year. We have received the scholarship money for the Piele scholarship and that has been paid to the recipient. Jed believes that we will be $1,900 ahead by the end of the year, even though ASME has not paid their dues. We are in good shape financially and have had a successful fundraising year. The scholarship donations from Trent Hunt and Rob Kesler have yet to be received. David Cline mentioned that Sophie Hansen and newsLINK were both on the scholarship donation list. This is the same donation, so one of them needs to be deleted. Chris Perry reported that there were 168 in attendance at the banquet. Charles asked that the Board double check his E-Week report to make sure that his numbers are correct.
4. Committee Reports

A. Fund-Raising – Rob Kesler: Rob didn’t have anything further to report beyond what was discussed under the financial report.

B. Publishing Committee (Journal/Newsletter) - Dannie Pollock: Brian communicated with Dannie Pollock this morning and Dannie said the Journal should be out in about two weeks. He is waiting for two pieces of content and then it should be ready to send. Charlie Vono is working on these.

C. Legislative Committee – Chris Perry: Chris Perry reported that the IBC amendment was signed by the governor. Adopting new codes will be harder in the future because of this bill.

Chris is still working on putting together an event to talk to legislators.

D. Membership Committee – Marilyn Marshall: John Richardson was going to talk to ASME about their membership, but the UEC has not heard back from him yet. ASME has not paid for this year, even though they indicated in the fall that they would be participating and gave Susan their roster information.

Marilyn is looking at SAMPE. There was some discussion about whether student members should be included in membership numbers. They should not be charged dues and we should include that on the roster questionnaire.

There was some discussion about the year-end reports that are to be provided by each committee. They do not necessarily have to be written reports, but it would be helpful for the people doing the job next year. The reports will at least need to be given orally at the May meeting.

D. Other Committees As Needed: E-Week next year will be February 19-25, 2017. Jed would like to try to have the banquet on February 25 which is a Saturday. Charles Vono mentioned that Dr. John Sohl from Weber State would be a good speaker. He and his students take ore samples across the state. They would probably have results by next February. Susan was asked what the maximum number of banquet attendees has been in the past. She believes it was around 250 when the banquet was at the state capitol. Some societies, such as ASCE, will bring in national speakers and pay for them to come if they are representing that society.

The civil engineering department at the U of U has opted not to have an awards banquet this year because of lack of interest. We will need to be very creative and proactive to generate interest in the UEC banquet. Having an activity such as a tour of the state capitol after the seismic upgrading that we did a few years ago generated a lot of interest. Perhaps there could be a tour of interest at Hill AFB. SAME does tours at its monthly meetings. Anyone is welcome to come to the SAME meetings and tours. SAME has a golf tournament in August that funds their scholarships. It is pretty successful.

5. Vote on Slate of Nominees

The slate of nominees is as follows:

Charles Vono  Chair
Jed Lyman  Vice-Chair
Max Gandy  Treasurer
These gentlemen stepped out of the room for the discussion and vote. This is a vote of confidence basically. Now is the time to voice any concerns and to be sure officers are performing to our expectations. No concerns were mentioned.

The Board voted unanimously in the affirmative for the slate of nominees.

6. Other Business

There was some discussion about the University of Utah scholarships and their lack of providing nominees. The U of U scholarships are now online which makes dealing with the UEC scholarship difficult for them. They will match the scholarship amount. Roberta Schlicher mentioned that SAME uses this option for one of their scholarships. She said that they do adhere to SAME's guidelines and give them final say in the winner, so perhaps things have changed a bit and we should probably look into this again. The scholarship may not be awarded in time for our banquet, but maybe we can make adjustments for this one scholarship. We should contact them now for next year. Max Gandy is now the Scholarship Committee Chair. He was given the assignment to contact the University of Utah and find out what we would need to do to be part of their online scholarship process. Roberta Schlicher will send the U of U contact information to Max Gandy.

Charles Vono mentioned an email from Susan that said, "I received a voice mail from Glo Merrill at the State Office of Education. She was referred to the UEC by Ben Hart. She would like to meet with someone from the UEC this week and have that person attend a meeting on April 13 addressing the needs of industry in Utah." Charles Vono is willing to call Glo Merrill and attend the meeting if it is not a conflict for him. He asked if anyone was interested in being backup in case he can't go. Roberta Schlicher said she might be able to go if Charles cannot do it.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Rob Kesler moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Brian Warner asked that we track the lunch money collected and spent at each meeting. Today’s numbers are as follows:

$192.56 collected for lunches
$192.56 spent on lunches
lunches left over