

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**
February 1, 2012 - 12:00 Noon
Parsons Brinckerhoff
488 E. Winchester Street, Suite 400
Murray, UT

Members Present:

Peter Tang, Chair	ITE
Mike Buehner, 2 nd Past Chair	SEAU
Joe Martone, 1 st Past Chair	SAME
Lori Labrum	WTS
Mike Dallan	ASHRAE
Marilyn Marshall	SWE
Jim Thacher	AIAA
Mike Nadeau	UCLS
Dan Church	USPE
Dan Donahoe	ASHRAE
Daniel Dunning	SAME
Dannie Pollock	AAEE
Sophie Hanson	NewsLink
JuliAne Burton	Van Cott
Rob Kesler	ACEC
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

John Richardson, Vice-Chair	ASME
Dave Cline, Treasurer	SAME
Brian Christensen	ITE
Jay Adams	SEAU
Clinton Cathey	IEEE
Brian Warner	ASCE

1. **WELCOME – PETER TANG**

The meeting began at 12:09 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 4, 2012**

Motion: Dan Church moved to approve the January 4, 2012 minutes. Joe Martone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT – DAVE CLINE**

Dave Cline was not in attendance, but did provide a budget update sheet. Peter passed that out. All societies have paid except for AAEE. Ticket sales so far are 79. SAME will buy a table. Peter encouraged the UEC representatives to continue to advertise the banquet to their contacts so we can have a successful event.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. E-Week - John Richardson: John was not in attendance. Peter welcomed JuliAne Burton from Van Cott to our meeting. Van Cott is the oldest law firm in the state of Utah. Many of the attorneys in the intellectual property department have undergraduate engineering degrees. Van Cott is our Diamond sponsor for the banquet. They have donated \$5,000 to UEC and the E-Week banquet. They have been very gracious and helpful and we are thankful for their support. We will be recognizing them at the banquet and they will have a few minutes to describe their services at the banquet. They will be in the program and their presence will be prominent there. David Cline is working on the beer and the wine. He will work with Elizabeth's Catering to see how we need to handle the alcohol.

B. Publication Committee - Dannie Pollock: Dannie and Sophie gave an update on the Journal. They have a proof and asked for any preferential changes to be made as soon as possible. Susan will send the updated history sheet to Sophie for the Journal.

The biggest challenge for Sophie has been the society mission statements and officers. ASHRAE has a new logo and Mike Dallon will send it to Sophie today. Sophie needs information from WTS.

Sophie showed the cover of the Journal. It is 7 billion people, 7 billion dreams. She also has artwork for "Introduce a Girl to Engineering." That artwork will be inside the Journal. There is a day during e-week when you are supposed to take your daughters to the office. Sophie asked the Girl Scouts if they wanted to place an ad by this artwork and the Girl Scouts came back and asked if we would sponsor an ad for them. Sophie agreed to do that if we have room.

Sophie is working on a new logo for UEC with approval of the Executive Committee. Sophie will e-mail the options to the Executive Committee, and then they will narrow it down to a couple on which the Board can vote. We may introduce it at the banquet. Our old logo has not been on the Journal for awhile, but it is on letterhead and on the past awards. We do not have a good electronic copy of it.

Dan Donahoe wants to make sure that the major university libraries get a copy of the Journal. Sophie asked him to provide addresses for them for the mailing list. Dan will contact the head librarians and let them know they are coming.

There will be a few Journals available to hand out at the banquet. We will only need 150 at most at the banquet. Sophie will try to get them by then.

Sophie has five pages of ad space that she still needs to sell. She is not worried about being able to do that.

C. Fund-Raising Committee - Dan Donahoe: Everything was sent out. We have only received one additional donation for \$30 for Sponsor-a-Student. We do not have any additional banquet sponsors.

JuliAne Burton mentioned that she knows Michael O'Malley at USTAR. She asked if UEC has contacted them about fund-raising. UEC has not contacted them. JuliAne offered to contact USTAR about a fund-raising donation for UEC. Peter accepted the offer of help from JuliAne.

D. Awards Committee – Joe Martone: Joe thanked his committee members for a job well done. The committee consisted of Joe Martone, Clinton Cathey, Marilyn Marshall, Jim Thacher, Daniel Dunning, and Rob Kesler. We had many nominees and they were all quality candidates. The estimated cost for the plaques from the trophy shop at Hill Air Force Base came in under budget, so we should be in good shape.

E. Scholarship Committee – Dave Cline: Dave indicated in an e-mail that he was having some problems with file sizes to get sent out to the committee, but he is working on it and will get it done in time.

Van Cott offered to help with the cost of student tickets if UEC needs it.

F. Membership Committee – Brian Warner: Brian was not in attendance. Peter mentioned that Brad Gilson attended our meeting a couple of months ago and asked if we have heard back from him about the membership application. Susan has not heard anything. Dan Donahoe mentioned that SAMPE is interested in joining UEC. Susan said that SAMPE used to be a member of UEC. Peter asked if Dan would send the SAMPE contact information to Susan so that she can give it to Brian Warner for follow-up.

G. Legislative Committee – Mike Nadeau: Mike Nadeau reported that he hasn't heard much. It has been pretty quiet, which is concerning. Dan Donahoe mentioned that IEEE and NSPE wants to have licensure for software engineers. If the law passes, it will be illegal to say you are a software engineer if you are not licensed. It started in Texas and now may spread to other states. IEEE and some others are against it. The structural engineers are SE's and would not be happy if the software engineers were also SE's.

Mike Nadeau mentioned that his term in UCLS is up and asked if he should continue as the UEC representative or if UEC would like to have the new UCLS chair be the representative. Peter said it would be fine for Mike to continue as an alternate representative and still serve as the Legislative Chair and then have Brad Mortensen come as the UEC representative as well.

Mike Buehner mentioned that SEAU is opposing a change to a current law requiring a seismic upgrade to parapets of older buildings when they undergo a re-roof. The change would not trigger that requirement and it would have to be a structural upgrade of the building to trigger the seismic upgrade. There are two reasons SEAU is opposed to this. First, old masonry unreinforced parapets on old buildings are extremely dangerous and a major cause of injury, death and damage in an earthquake. Second, this is being done behind the back of the Utah State Building Board. Any changes are supposed to go through that organization. This is because building owners feel it is too small a trigger for a seismic upgrade. It is sponsored by Gage Froerer. He is a real estate developer.

Mike Nadeau mentioned LightSquared and how this issue affects land surveyors. This morning Sprint gave LightSquared an ultimatum to either figure the problem out without walking on commercial grade GPS units, or they are walking away from LightSquared. That is a good thing for surveyors and civil engineers. It might leave LightSquared in the dust.

5. SET UP NOMINATING COMMITTEE - MIKE BUEHNER

Mike Buehner asked for suggested for nominations. We will need to elect someone to be the Treasurer and it is a five year commitment to work through the Executive Committee positions. If you are interested in serving or have a suggestion for a name, please e-mail Mike Buehner.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Thacher mentioned that the Salt Lake Valley Science Fair is coming up March 29 and 30. They need more judges. If you are interested, you can sign up on their website at www.slvsef.org.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Daniel Dunning moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.