

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**
January 4, 2012 - 12:00 Noon
Parsons Brinckerhoff
488 E. Winchester Street, Suite 400
Murray, UT

Members Present:

Peter Tang, Chair	ITE
John Richardson, Vice-Chair	ASME
Joe Martone, 1 st Past Chair	SAME
Dave Cline, Treasurer	SAME
Jay Adams	SEAU
Mike Dallon	ASHRAE
Clinton Cathey	IEEE
Marilyn Marshall	SWE
Jim Thacher	AIAA
Rob Kesler	ACEC
Mike Nadeau	UCLS
Brian Warner	ASCE
Dan Church	USPE
Dan Donahoe	ASHRAE
Daniel Dunning	SAME
Dannie Pollock	AAEE
Brad Gilson	UCEA/AWAA
Jerry Bybee	NewsLink
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

Lori Labrum	WTS
Mike Buehner, 2 nd Past Chair	SEAU
Brian Christensen	ITE

1. **WELCOME – PETER TANG**

The meeting began at 12:05 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –December 7, 2011**

Motion: Dan Church moved to approve the December 7, 2011 minutes. Clinton Cathey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT – DAVE CLINE**

Dave Cline reported the account balances. We still have not received dues from AAEE, USPE and WTS.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. E-Week - John Richardson: John reported that he has retired from Varian and people should no longer use his Varian email address. His Comcast address as listed in the roster is still good.

John has a faculty member as well as a member of the Crimson Club to help us get discounts. The banquet will be February 17, 2012. We will begin with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner about 6:30 p.m. Susan will collect the reservations and payments. People need to RSVP with Susan and tell her who specifically is coming, the company, the professional organization, etc. Checks needs to be made out to Utah Engineers Council. Companies can buy tables of 8 for \$400. Susan will post the banquet flyer on the website and send it to UEC representatives to distribute as soon as John has it ready. It was suggested that if companies or societies buy tables or multiple tickets, they be required to provide the names of the people coming and pay in advance or at the door. No payment,

no dinner. We need to charge more at the door if people do not make reservations in advance. This way, they will be more motivated to make their reservation. When people check-in, they need to provide the name of the organization paying their way. The menu will be the same as it was last year.

Dave Cline offered to purchase the alcohol for the banquet.

B. Publication Committee - Dannie Pollock: Dannie was not in attendance. Jerry from NewsLink was in attendance and reported that they could use more articles for the Journal. SEAU has one more coming. Dan Donahoe asked when proof copies of the Journal articles will be available to send to the authors. Last year references weren't included because they were too lengthy. He feels it is important that the authors have the chance to see the proofs of their articles before they are published. Susan will send another email requesting articles from societies by January 11, 2012. They should be sent to Dannie, Sophie and Susan.

C. Fund-Raising Committee - Dan Donahoe: Dan reported that UEC has brought in \$3,620.00 in fund-raising. That includes the \$3,000 from GOED. The fund-raising mailing list needs to be updated. In order to send out the sponsorship brochure, it will cost about \$320 for publishing and mailing. The \$5,000 sponsorship by Van Cott is looking very promising. It might be worth it to send out this second mailing to see if we can raise more funds.

Motion: Rob Kesler moved to go ahead and send out the sponsorship flyer with the banquet flyer to the fund-raising list to try to solicit more funds. Clinton Cathey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Membership Committee – Brian Warner: Brian has received the membership request from Brad Gilson who represents UCEA (Utah City Engineers Association). He has not had an opportunity to go through it completely, so would like to table the matter until the February meeting. He would also like to have Brad Gilson at that meeting to answer any questions. Brian will make sure Brad's organization is invited to the UEC banquet and will send a flyer.

E. Awards Committee – Joe Martone: Joe Martone reported that he has 23 total nominations. The awards committee will meet after this meeting. The members of the Awards Committee are Clinton Cathey, Marilyn Marshall, Jim Thacher, Daniel Dunning, Rob Kesler and Joe Martone. The initial cost estimate on the awards plaques is within the budget. Joe will need to know about sponsors as soon as possible in order to arrange for plaques and certificates. Joe wanted to know if we have a speaker gift in the budget. We do not. Some speakers cannot accept gifts. A nice plaque might be appreciated. Jerry from NewsLink said they can give us a \$100 restaurant a gift card to use. They buy many of them to give away. John Richardson will contact the speaker to see if he can accept a gift.

Joe Martone reminded John Richardson to make sure there is a table by the podium that we can use for the awards. Last year they had to find one at the last minute.

F. Scholarship Committee – Dave Cline: Dave Cline has contacted the schools and will have the information in two weeks. The Scholarship Committee will consist of Dan Church, Mike Buehner, Dave Cline and can include the two students who are supposed to be helping GOED. We actually do not need to include the two students. We have fulfilled our requirement with GOED.

G. Legislative Committee – Mike Nadeau: Mike Nadeau was not in attendance.
a. Michael Smith - ACEC: Michael Smith gave a legislative report. He said

there are 600 protected bills right now. These are bills with a number and sometimes they have a title, but the language is not released until the legislature is in session. It is done to minimize the opposition. There is a lot of activity on the water side - water rights, what the state engineer can or cannot do, funding for water. State government is run solely by sales tax. The purchasing code has been opened and is being reworked. The first draft is 150 pages. That could affect a lot of engineering firms. The DOPL investigator is a retired policeman and doesn't know the code. ACEC has a problem with that as well as many others. The next election cycle will be key. Utah has a need to enlarge the revenue pie.

Higher education has taken a big hit over the past few years. Engineering, science and math departments are expensive and that is where they often cut. The governor is putting some money towards higher education to try to make up for cuts of the past few years.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Dan Church moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.