

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**
January 5, 2011 - 12:00 Noon
CDM
50 West 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah

Members Present:

Joe Martone, Chair	SAME
Mike Buehner, 1 st Past Chair	SEAU
Peter Tang, Vice-Chair	ITE
Leslie Hugo, Treasurer	SWE
Jim Thacher	AIAA
Dan Church	USPE
Chris Hofheins	SEAU
Jeremiah Jones	IEEE
Kiran Bhayani	AAEE
Todd Rindlisbaker	ASHRAE
David Cline	SAME
Micheal McKamey	ASCE
Dannie Pollock	AAEE
Trent Hunt, 2 nd Past Chair	ASHRAE
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

Rob Kesler	ACEC
John Richardson	ASME
Ken Hamblin	UCLS

1. WELCOME – JOE MARTONE

Joe Martone welcomed the board members. The meeting began at 12:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 1, 2010

Motion: Dan Church moved to approve the minutes. Micheal McKamey seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT – LESLIE HUGO

The checking account we have requires a minimum of \$1,500 to accrue interest and not incur a \$10 maintenance fee. We dipped below that last month and had to pay the fee. It was decided by the Executive Committee that we should change that to a standard checking account with no fees. Leslie will move it this month.

Susan reported that ASHRAE and USPE have not paid their dues. She has sent them reminders.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. E-Week – Peter Tang: Peter reported that he has chosen a caterer – Elizabeth's custom catering. The menu will be honey lime grilled salmon, slow roasted baron of beef, garlic mashed potatoes, holiday vegetable medley, gala spinach salad, assorted rolls and butter, punch and water and a dessert buffet. Also a vegetarian option. This with the waiters and linens will be \$8,900 for 250 people. This includes alcohol. The price of the alcohol may be reduced since we have leftovers from last year. Last year it was \$12,000 for the hors d'oeuvres. The Rice-Eccles stadium cost is \$2,200. We should get 15% off this price, so we will get \$330 off of \$2,200. The facility can accommodate 350 people. We are required to pay half for a deposit. Peter will check into the A/V equipment. He may be able to provide a projector and will try to reduce the cost. We are tax exempt. That will also reduce the cost of the catering. Susan has the tax ID number and should have the form. Free admission is given to our speaker and their guest and also the scholarship winners

and their guest. Peter needs to tell the caterer how much wine and beer we have from last year. The bar service costs \$384.50 which includes the bartender and two drinks for 50 guests. This price is included in the \$8,900.

We need a banquet sponsor. We should probably ask some transportation contractors. Mike will contact people if Peter can give him a list. Peter will invite dignitaries. He will prepare a program. Peter needs to do the proclamation. It can be done on the state's website.

Peter would like to handle reservations by getting a list from each society of names of those who purchased tickets. There are 8 seats per table. A table will cost \$400. We need to make sure the fund-raising letter and form are on the website.

B. Fund-raising – Mike Buehner: The letters were sent on December 31, 2010. Ken Randle said he would help with follow-up phone calls. He'll start in a few days. We do not have a banquet sponsor yet. Kiran Bhayani and his wife committed to personally fund the scholarships and the MESA award this year since this is his last year with UEC. We are grateful to them for their generosity.

C. Membership – John Richardson: John was not able to attend, but reported by e-mail that he had nothing new to report.

D. Awards Committee – Mike Buehner: Mike needs volunteers for the Awards Committee. He has the CD's with him. January 24 is the deadline for feedback and votes. Mike will e-mail the score sheet and further instructions in a day or two. Dannie, Trent, Joe, Jim, Leslie, Chris, and Micheal volunteered to be on the committee. The cost for plaques is getting out of hand. We need to spend less on the nominees and give the winners a nice plaque. Trent suggested a nice letter from UEC signed by Joe in a wood frame for the nominees rather than a plaque. That might be a good way to go.

E. Scholarship – Leslie Hugo: Jeff Ojeda is the MESA contact. He said they would not have their winner until the end of January. He wanted to know what we give to the winner. We do not provide dinner for them. They need to purchase their own. We only give \$500. The banquet is 6-7 p.m. social hour and 7-9 p.m. for the dinner and program. Leslie needs people to be on her committee. The committee members are Leslie Hugo, Trent Hunt, Jeremiah Jones, Dan Church and Todd Rindlisbaker. There are five applications per university. Scholarship winners get two tickets only.

F. Legislative Committee – Matt Sibul: Rob Kesler was not able to attend but sent an e-mail with the following information: On a legislative note: ACEC is working with AMES Charter School to promote a change to 53A-1a-519 to allow charter school students that attend a charter school that is physically located within a public school to participate in extracurricular activities. There is recent legislation that prohibits these students from these activities. AMES provides education to students who are focusing their high school education on Math, Science and Engineering. We want to support this legislative change to ensure that these very talented students are able to attend a good school and still excel in music, debate, sports, etc. along with the other students in the public schools.

There is also a need for employers who are willing to take in an intern from the AMES program (this is a no-pay internship) for 4-5 hours a week during the school year. If there are any interested companies please have them contact me and I will forward them to the contact person.

G. Publication Committee – Kiran Bhayani/Dannie Pollock: Kiran hopes to have the information to the publisher this weekend. One article was 19 pages long. Some had

too many graphics. The authors will be asked to edit their own articles to make them shorter. Kiran will send a draft of the Journal to all of the UEC representatives. Peter sent a request to John Njord for a summary of his presentation. Kiran would like to include pictures of the article authors if he can. The banquet sponsor gets a full page ad. We can have smaller sponsor amounts, but it poses a problem with the Journal.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Thacher announced the Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair will be held at the Rice Eccles Tower at the University of Utah. They are looking for additional judges because the fair has expanded to an additional day this year. To become a judge one needs to go to their web site which is <http://slvsef.org> or Google Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair; then go to Register as a Judge.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Todd Rindlibaker moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.