



**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**
January 7, 2015 - 12:00 Noon
Van Cott
36 South State Street, Suite 1900
Salt Lake City, UT

Members Present:

Rob Kesler, Chair
Brian Warner, Vice-Chair
David Cline, 1st Past Chair
John Richardson, 2nd Past Chair
Chris Perry
Dan Donahoe
Brett Jones
Jed Lyman
Marilyn Marshall
Paul Feser
Ben Rood
James Williams
Vijay Kornala
Dannie Pollock by phone
Susan Merrill

ACEC
ASCE
EWB/SAME
ASME
IEEE
ASME
UCEA
ASPE
SWE
ASCE
EWB
SEAU
ITE
AAEE
Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

Roberta Schlicher
Dale Robinson
Joe Touhuni
Charles Vono, Treasurer
SAME
UCLS
ASHRAE
AIAA

Guests

Jeff Riddle
Juli Burton
Van Cott
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1. Welcome – Rob Kesler

The meeting began at 12:20 p.m. Rob Kesler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2014

Motion: John Richardson moved to approve the minutes from December 3, 2014. Brian Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report – Charlie Vono

Charlie Vono was not in attendance. Susan reported that all societies have paid their dues except AAEE and AWWA. AWWA is on hold for now.

4. Committee Reports

A. E-Week Committee - Brian Warner: Brian has not heard back from other venues, so we will be having the banquet at Rio Tinto stadium. The date will be February 28, 2015. There was some discussion about keeping the prices lower and not having as good a quality of food as we have had in the past, or maintaining the quality of food and having the prices a little higher. Brian is not sure if the quotes the caterer gave him are for a buffet or

a plated dinner. There was some discussion about ticket pricing. We average about 26 people attending the banquet who do not have to pay for their ticket. This includes the banquet speaker, scholarship winners, sponsors, and other guests. This is why ticket prices have to be higher for the paying guests. If we get some banquet sponsors, then we won't have to increase prices. JuliAne Burton presented some information from the Energy Solutions Arena venue. It is too late to consider it this year, but we'll keep it in mind for next year. Brian is trying to find out the cost of the bar. We could maybe get someone to sponsor that. Not that many people use it from our group. Budweiser has helped with this the past couple of years, but David Cline didn't know if we should ask for that this year since they are sponsoring Rio Tinto's banquet room. It was decided to keep the pricing the same as last year. If we get more sponsorships, we can have better food. We have to decide on the food seven days before the event. Brian will verify that the tables will be tables of 8. We have been averaging about 208 attendees the past two years. Juli Burton asked if Rio Tinto has an event planner included to help with traffic flow. Juli Burton will help with this if Rio Tinto does not have an event planner.

The speaker will be from the national office of FEMA - response and recovery. It might be Elizabeth Zimmerman or someone else. The topic is "Pre and Post Disaster - what Engineers can do." It was decided to add "cities" to the title - what Engineers and Cities can do" to try to entice more attendees. We do not have to pay for a speaker from FEMA to come.

We don't have a speaker name, so we will have to be more generic on our flyer. The Governor's office said they could supply a letter from the Governor. Brian needs to request an E-Week declaration from the Governor's office.

Brian was thinking it might be fun to have science fair winners to come to the banquet. We can't have minors at the banquet if we have alcohol. Susan asked if societies will be doing displays at the banquet. She also mentioned that for many years we have had students from the universities bring displays. The sponsor-a-student donations covered the costs of their tickets. We can think about reinstating this next year.

David Cline offered to put together the banquet flyer. This will be sent out through the monthly newsletter. David has heard back from six of the societies regarding email lists - UCLS, SEAU, ASCE, EWB, AIAA and SWE. ASME reported that they will not share their lists. UCEA will share their list. ITE will share their list with the opt out option. The MOU will include that. The list needs to be in Excel. We will get the directions from NewsLink. Constant Contact provides data that helps us know who is seeing the emails, what email addresses are bad and track down why they are bad, etc.

B. Publishing Committee - Dannie Pollock: Dannie reported that we currently have six articles. They are from ASCE (2), ASME, SEAU, SWE, AIAA. We could use four or five more articles. The Journal should be printed by March 7. Make sure officer information is correct on the Roster on the website. Dannie needs a message from the chair. Juli Burton said there will be a 900 word article from GOED and VanCott will have an article as well. ACEC will have their article done by the end of the week. Articles will be sent back to the authors at the end of January for final signoff before publishing. Ad sales are a little sluggish, so any suggestions should be sent to Juli. The articles need to be received by the end of January. Ad sales need to be complete by the end of February.

C. Awards Committee - John Richardson: John Richardson passed out the latest update he has on nominees. John would like to know what nominations are still coming. UCEA will have a candidate for all three categories. IEEE is unsure. AAE - none. ASHRAE may have one. SAME - don't know. UCLS - none. John needs to order the nomination plaques, so he needs the final information by Friday.

D. Scholarship Committee - Charles Vono: Charles has contacted all of the schools and should have those applications.

E. Legislative Committee - Dan Donahoe: The general session of the state legislature convenes January 26. Dan reported an experiment he conducted with his committee. He asked them to chime in on two bills. There were five outcomes. Some of the questions indicated that there was a gap about what the legislators think about engineering, what UEC members think about engineering and what the law thinks about engineering. One question was why engineers need licenses. People confuse certifications for licensure. Protecting the public is an issue in the law. We insulate the cities from regulation - they can't be sued. There is confusion about personal viewpoints. Dan would like to now close that activity.

F. Fund-Raising - David Cline: Rob Kesler indicated that we all need to be fund-raisers. We need more sponsorships to make the banquet and UEC successful. We still need one \$1,500 scholarship funded as well as additional funds to cover costs.

G. Membership Committee - Marilyn Marshall: Marilyn asked Rob Kesler if he has finalized the letter to AWWA and delivered it yet. He has not done that. John Richardson gave Marilyn a list of potential UEC member societies. She will follow-up on those.

5. Other Business

Our next meeting will be February 4, 2015. We will finalize banquet items then. Please fund-raise!

8. Adjournment

Motion: Brian Warner moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.
