

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**  
March 7, 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
Dave Cline, Treasurer	SAME
Mike Buehner, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Past Chair	SEAU
Joe Martone, 1 <sup>st</sup> Past Chair	SAME
Jay Adams	SEAU
Mike Dallon	ASHRAE
Marilyn Marshall	SWE
Jim Thacher	AIAA
Dan Church	USPE
Dan Donahoe	ASHRAE
Daniel Dunning	SAME
Brian Warner	ASCE
Brad Gilson	UCEA
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

**Members Absent:**

Lori Labrum	WTS
Mike Nadeau	UCLS
Brad Mortensen	UCLS
Dannie Pollock	AAEE
Brian Christensen	ITE
Rob Kesler	ACEC
Clinton Cathey	IEEE

1. **WELCOME – PETER TANG**

The meeting began at 12:06 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 1, 2012**

**Motion:** Dan Church moved to approve the February 1, 2012 minutes. John Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT – DAVE CLINE**

Dave reported that he has not completed the financial report quite yet, but should have it by the end of the week and will send it to the UEC officers. He will make a full presentation at our April meeting. We are waiting for payment from ATK for \$800, ASHRAE for \$100 and MESA for \$300. There are still some payments that need to be made to Elizabeth's Catering and Rice-Eccles for the banquet. David paid for the MESA award out of the scholarship account by mistake, so he will transfer \$500 from the operating account to the scholarship account to cover that.

Dave Cline would like to make it so no payments are made at the banquet next year. Some people would like to have PayPal as an option. It might cost UEC more money than it's worth.

Dave Cline would like to have a different venue next year just to move it around and draw people to a unique spot. He is going to look at the top floor of the new Zions building as well as other places.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. E-Week - John Richardson:**

1) Report on the Banquet - The banquet was a success. We set up tables for 216 people. There were a handful of vacancies from people who did not come who reserved spots. Lane Beattie was a nice draw as the speaker. The awards turned out well. Joe Martone got a good price from the trophy shop at Hill Air Force Base. John did not hear any negative comments.

**B. Publication Committee - Dannie Pollock:** The Journal was well-done this year. Peter would like a financial report from Sophie to learn how they came out with advertising and if there is any profit sharing there. Van Cott came to us through Sophie. We are grateful for their support and for Sophie's help.

Van Cott was promised a list of attendees. We currently do not have contact information for all of the people on the list. Dan Donahoe offered to get the addresses and add them to the list so we can get the information to Van Cott. Susan will e-mail the list to him. Dan will also contact Sophie and ask for her help. We have to be careful how we use the Journal mailing list. We may be able to cross-reference attendees with their addresses on the mailing list without it being an issue.

**C. Fund-Raising Committee - Dan Donahoe:** Dan is trying to update the fund-raising list. He is also working on getting copies of the Journal to the three university libraries. Susan will see if she has extra copies. Dan reported that SAMPE (manufacturing society) is interested in joining UEC and he will be going to one of their meetings tonight. They are an active group.

**D. Awards Committee – Joe Martone:**

1) Report names of award winners for historical record, including MESA winner: Joe Martone and John Richardson were the only ones who knew the winners before they were announced. The award winners were as follows:

Fresh Faces of Engineering - Dallin Pederson - SEAU  
Engineering Educator of the Year - Paul Tikalsky - ASCE  
Engineer of the Year - Brent Maxfield - SEAU  
MESA Teacher of the Year - Blaine Petersen

There was some discussion about Dr. Paul Tikalsky winning Engineering Educator of the Year again. He won a few years ago. Joe was not aware he was a previous winner until after the awards were given. The awards are not in the by-laws, so this does not require a by-law change. It is something that should be discussed in the committee. It was suggested that we put some kind of time limit on the nomination form to be sure that someone does not win again too soon. Most of the nominees are mid-career, so the award is not necessarily a lifetime achievement award. UEC has presented a lifetime achievement award, which is different than the yearly awards. We need to put something on the form that will help us know if they have been nominated before or if they have won before. They need to have done something significant since winning the award before and we should probably have a time statute.

**E. Scholarship Committee – Dave Cline:**

1) Report names of scholarship winners for historical record: Dave reported the scholarship winners as follows:

Mitch Dabling - Utah State University  
Teve Lawson - University of Utah  
Jordan Tanner - Brigham Young University

Dave said we need to work on the scholarship application. Dave discovered that most universities have a pretty sophisticated online application system that we may be able to utilize to our advantage. This would give us a higher profile and might be a benefit and put us on more students' radar. Someone mentioned that the U of U matches many scholarships dollar for dollar. This year the U of U only had two applications and they were very weak. In the past all the applicants have been very strong. Students are used to online applications.

Mike Dallon mentioned that this has been an issue with ASHRAE as well, so they would be interested finding out how they can improve their scholarship application process as well.

John Richardson mentioned that Sophie Hanson would like to provide a one-time scholarship next year in the amount of \$1,500 in the name of her father.

Peter Tang said that Steve Nichols from Van Cott expressed interest in helping us with our scholarship fund.

We should send Tami Goetz a report on how the scholarship money from the state was used and who received the money. It was suggested that the scholarship winners send thank you notes to Tami Goetz. Dave Cline said he would ask them to do that.

**F. Membership Committee – Brian Warner:**

1) UCEA (Utah City Engineers Association) membership application: Brian reported that he has gone over the by-laws for UCEA and sees nothing in them that would be in conflict with UEC's by-laws. Brad Gilson answered questions about UCEA as their representative. Brian Warner recommends that we allow UCEA to be members of UEC. They would not be required to pay their dues until September when we start our new year.

**Motion:** Joe Martone moved to accept UCEA's nomination to be members of UEC with full member rights and privileges. Dan Church seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brad also represents the American Water Works Association (AWWA). They will also be applying for membership soon.

Brian Warner is following up with the leads John Richardson had last year.

**G. Legislative Committee – Mike Nadeau:** Mike Nadeau was not in attendance.

**H. Nominating Committee - Mike Buehner**

1) Presentation of slate of nominees:  
Mike Buehner asked for ideas of people to serve on the Executive Committee as Treasurer. He only received one email. He has a couple of names in mind and he will e-mail the Executive Committee regarding the names and will make some phone calls. People can nominate themselves. The UEC Executive Committee is a five year commitment from Treasurer through 2nd Past Chair. Mike will e-mail the slate of nominees to the UEC Board before the April meeting so we can vote at the meeting.

**5. DOPL NOMINATIONS**

Peter felt we did not have time to discuss the nominations, so it will be done by e-mail. Susan will send in the nominations before the deadline.

There was some discussion about DOPL and engineers' dissatisfaction with them and if UEC should take any action. This matter was tabled to be discussed in the future.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Dan Church moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.