

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**  
May 4, 2011 - 12:00 Noon  
Parsons Brinckerhoff  
488 E. Winchester Street, Suite 400  
Murray, UT

**Members Present:**

Joe Martone, Chair	SAME
Mike Buehner, 1 <sup>st</sup> Past Chair	SEAU
Trent Hunt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Past Chair	ASHRAE
Jim Thacher	AIAA
John Richardson	ASME
Dan Church	USPE
Brad Mortensen	UCLS
Rob Kesler	ACEC
Mike McKamey	ASCE
Clinton Cathey	IEEE
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

**Members Absent:**

Todd Rindlisbaker	ASHRAE
Dannie Pollock	AAEE
Chris Hofheins	SEAU
Peter Tang, Vice-Chair	ITE
Leslie Hugo, Treasurer	SWE

**1. WELCOME – JOE MARTONE**

Joe Martone welcomed the board members. The meeting began at 12:09 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 6, 2011**

**Motion:** John Richardson moved to approve the minutes. Rob Kesler seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. STATE GRANT FOR UEC SCHOLARSHIPS – DR. TAMI GOETZ, STATE SCIENCE ADVISOR**

Dr. Tami Goetz did not attend the meeting after all. In a previous conversation with Joe Martone, Dr. Goetz said the state has some stimulus money that could be used for scholarships and has to be allocated by the end of June. She was going to check with the legal staff and see if UEC could receive that grant and put it in our scholarship fund to be used next year. She was supposed to report the results to us today. Joe will contact her and let us know.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT – LESLIE HUGO**

Leslie was not in attendance. Joe Martone suggested that we table any changes in dues until the September board meeting since the treasurer is not in attendance and the Executive Committee is reviewing the UEC finances.

**Motion:** Trent Hunt moved to table the dues vote until the September 2011 UEC Board meeting. Mike McKamey seconded the motion. Trent would like John Richardson to prepare a table showing how the dues would be increased. The motion was unanimously approved.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Membership – John Richardson:** John has some new member prospects. He has been in contact with Cathleen Gundy from SME (Society of Manufacturing Engineers) via e-mail and is waiting for a positive response.

John has also been in contact with Brad Gilson from the American Waterworks Association and the Utah City Engineers Association. John has not been able to find any information about the Utah City Engineers Association. The American Waterworks Association is not

exclusively an engineering society. There are other member societies of UEC that are not exclusively an engineering society.

Joe suggested that Air and Waste Management Association might also be a possibility. They are not exclusively an engineering society, but they have a lot of engineers as members. Joe has a contact name for them.

Trent said he invited the USGBC (Green Building Council) a couple of years ago and many of their members are architects.

John is still in contact with the American Nuclear Society. He is still waiting for a response from them. John will try to work on this during the summer.

**B. Fund-Raising:** We do not currently have a fund-raising committee. We need other people to help with this committee and ideas on how to handle it. Joe mentioned that the Air and Waste Management Association held an annual dinner where they raised over \$10,000 from several sponsors such as Williams Pipeline, etc. We might look at having multiple sponsors and could ask more companies for less money each. We could change the banquet to be a fund-raising dinner as well. Williams Pipeline donated \$5,000 to that event and only 100 people attended. If we could truly have a committee, each member could contact three or four companies and work on getting sponsorships from them. That would be helpful. Dues cover Susan's pay and fund-raising covers everything else. If we could bring in more fund-raising money, we would not have to raise dues.

**C. Publications Committee – Dannie Pollock:** Dannie was not in attendance.

**D. Scholarship Committee – Leslie Hugo:** For the record the scholarship recipients this year were:

Brittin Bennett from Utah State University  
Robert Sowby from Brigham Young University  
Patrick Loftus from The University of Utah

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE – JOE MARTONE

Joe Martone appointed Peter Tang to be the audit committee chair with Mike Buehner and Joe Martone as committee members. The incoming and outgoing treasurers are required to attend the meeting.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

Joe wants to discuss whether or not we change the meeting day for the UEC board meetings. Leslie Hugo, now the Vice-Chair of UEC, has a job that requires a lot of travel and makes it difficult for her to attend a mid-week meeting. She suggested changing to the second Friday of each month. There was much discussion about the ramifications of changing a meeting day that has been set for several years. People know when the meeting is. The Vice-Chair needs to be an active member of the Board. The E-Week banquet requires it. The concern is that if we change the day and then next year another officer can't attend that day, do we change it again? It is not practical to do so and set that precedent.

**Motion:** Mike McKamey moved to keep the UEC Board meeting on the first Wednesday of each month September through May. Trent Hunt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trent mentioned a suggestion from the last Executive Committee that past UEC chairs be kept active in UEC. Mike McKamey said that ASCE has a past president's council they use as a

knowledge base. ACEC's past presidents committee is the nominating committee. It was suggested that the past chairs be invited and recognized at the UEC banquet – perhaps give them discount tickets. It would take a by-law change to give past chairs beyond the second past chair a vote at the UEC meetings. Is it necessary to do so? Some people would just like to use them as consultants to help with carryover and other issues that may come up. They could be a resource for the Executive Committee, or any other committee that may need assistance.

Trent Hunt was given the assignment by Joe Martone to draft a proposal to use past chairs as a resource. He will report to Joe.

**8. TURN MEETING OVER TO NEW OFFICERS**

The meeting was turned over to John Richardson, new UEC Treasurer, since both Peter Tang and Leslie Hugo were not in attendance. John wants to express his appreciation to Joe Martone for his work as UEC Chair this past year.

Our next meeting will be the first Wednesday of September, 2011.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mike McKamey moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.