

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**
October 3, 2012 - 12:00 Noon
Vancott
36 South State Street, Suite 1900
Salt Lake City, UT

Members Present:

John Richardson, Chair by telephone	ASME
David Cline, Vice-Chair	SAME
Rob Kesler, Treasurer	ACEC
Peter Tang, 1st Past Chair	ITE
Joe Martone, 2nd Past Chair	SAME
Victor Willes	ASHRAE
Jim Thacher	AIAA
Kyle Sorenson	ASPE
Chris Perry	IEEE
Curtis Earl	SEAU
Brad Gilson	AWWA, UCEA
Ryan Kump	ITE
Daniel Dunning	SAME
Peter Strazdins	ASME
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

Dannie Pollock	AAEE
James Belshe	USPE
Brad Mortensen	UCLS
Brian Warner	ASCE
Lori Labrum	WTS
Marilyn Marshall	SWE

Guests

Jeff Riddle	Vancott
Brian Riddle	Vancott

1. WELCOME – John Richardson

The meeting began at 12:10 p.m. and a catered lunch was available to the Board members for purchase. Introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 5, 2012

Motion: Joe Martone moved to approve the minutes from May 2, 2012. Peter Tang seconded the motion. The minutes carried unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT – Rob Kesler

Rob gave a brief financial report, but left his printouts at his office. Susan passed out a report showing how much each society owes for dues and who has paid. So far ASHRAE and UCLS have paid.

4. LOGO CONTEST - John Richardson

The logo competition was discussed. The logo will be used on the website, on letterhead, on the award plaques, and any other places that UEC is represented. There is no color restriction. John will have Susan send the logos out to the representatives for a vote. Some of the logos look pixelated because of the .pdf format, but the originals are not that way. UEC will reserve the right to modify any logo that is chosen. The images that are being voted on will be clear. The deadline for the voting is October 31, 2012

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. E-Week - David Cline: David Cline reported the JuliAne Burton with Vancott has connected us with The Leonardo for a banquet venue. David said that The Leonardo is interested in a long-term relationship with UEC since they are a science, technology and cultural center. They have extended an offer to UEC to have our event there for \$1,000. They can accommodate our size. They are opening their money exhibit on Friday, February 15, but they can offer us Saturday night, February 16 and would like to consider themselves a co-sponsor of our event. JuliAne recommends this venue. She has had many events there. This would save us \$3,000 over the Natural History Museum. Some people felt Saturday would be a better day, anyway. JuliAne offered an invite to her event this Friday at The Leonardo. David is not able to attend, but Peter Tang has agreed to attend the event to get a feel for the venue and the food service. The E-Week Committee recommends that we go with The Leonardo as our venue and release the event date from the Natural History Museum. John Richardson asked if David has a formal draft contract of all of the specifics with The Leonardo. He does not yet. The room rental provides more available audio/visual services than the museum and it will be cheaper. The Leonardo can provide validated parking for public parking, but UEC will have to pay them for it.

We need to check on the catering options for that venue.

Motion: Daniel Dunning moved to have the banquet at The Leonard. Peter Tang seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Publication Committee: Dannie was not able to be in attendance. He would like articles to be submitted for the Journal. There are seven years' worth of Journals on the website. The website has been updated and some pages are still under construction. We have more options of what we can put on there. Banquet pictures can be added. We can take credit cards for a price. Susan will send out an e-mail requesting articles.

C. Fund-Raising: John Richardson will be contacting someone about heading this committee. Requests for donations need to be sent out as soon as possible. There was some discussion about the media kit prepared by Sophie Hanson. The kit will go out as a formal solicitation of support, but it needs some new information. It will be updated and distributed.

D. Membership Committee: Brian Warner was not in attendance.

E. Awards: Peter will modify the forms and then send them to Susan to distribute. Peter Strazdins asked if the nomination was supposed to be a surprise. It is not and societies can nominate people and then work with those people to put together the nomination packet.

F. Scholarship Committee - Rob Kesler: Dave Cline mentioned that one of our goals is to have our scholarship application be part of the online scholarship system at each school. The question was asked about the possibility of increasing the amounts of the scholarships we offer. We have added a scholarship, but have not talked about raising the amount this year. If we get better organized and can bring in more donations, then we can look at raising the amount of the scholarships.

It was asked if we have rights to use quotes from students saying how the scholarships have helped them and what the scholarships have meant to them. We could put these on our website. It might be a good way to get more donations for scholarships. This can be discussed with the fund-raising committee. John Richardson said he would like to serve on the Fund-Raising Committee.

G. Legislative Committee - Chris Perry: Chris mentioned a bill regarding the H1B green card lottery where 50,000 green cards would go to people who get a degree in science, math and engineering. The agricultural industry was against this bill because they wanted green card lottery winners to come and pick fruit. The bill did not pass. It only had 60% but needed 66%. IEEE would like to see the number of green cards allowed to be increased. More than half of the graduate students seeking degrees are from foreign countries and the hope is to have them stay and work in the U.S. and not lose them. Engineers are retiring and we need to replace them.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

ASME is sponsoring an event featuring Avram Bar-Cohen, Ph.D. on November 8, 2012 at the Warnock Building at the University of Utah. The link to this event is as follows:

<http://sections.asme.org/utahsection/Bar-Cohenflyer.pdf>

ASME would like to have a good attendance at this event. Dr. Bar-Cohen is traveling from the east coast and is an expert in his field.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Peter Tang moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.