

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**  
September 7, 2011 - 12:00 Noon  
Parsons Brinckerhoff  
488 E. Winchester Street, Suite 400  
Murray, UT

**Members Present:**

Peter Tang, Vice-Chair	ITE
Joe Martone, 1 <sup>st</sup> Past Chair	SAME
Mike Dallon	ASHRAE
Trent Hunt	ASHRAE
Jim Thacher	AIAA
John Richardson	ASME, Treasurer
Matthew Roblez	ASCE
Clinton Cathey	IEEE
Dan Church	USPE
Jay Adams	SEAU
Marilyn Marshall	SWE
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

**Members Absent:**

Mike Buehner, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Past Chair	SEAU
Mike Nadeau	UCLS
Dannie Pollock	AAEE
Rob Kesler	ACEC

**1. WELCOME – JOE MARTONE**

John Richardson started the meeting because Peter Tang was running late. He welcomed the board members and introductions were made. The meeting began at 12:06 p.m. Peter Tang took over the meeting at the time he arrived.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 7, 2011**

**Motion:** Joe Martone moved to approve the minutes. Clinton Cathey seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. VOTE ON VICE-CHAIR AND TREASURER**

Leslie Hugo, who was supposed to fill the role of Vice-Chair this year, had a change of employment and will no longer be able to fulfill this role. The Executive Committee met a month ago and suggested that John Richardson take the position as the Vice-Chair this year and we will elect a new treasurer. John has already been filling both the role as Vice-Chair and Treasurer during the summer.

**Motion:** Matt Roblez moved to accept John Richardson's nomination as the Vice-Chair for this year. Clinton Cathey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and John Richardson is now the Vice-Chair.

Nominations were opened for Treasurer. Joe Martone nominated Dave Cline from SAME to serve as the Treasurer this year. Joe has already spoken with Dave about this and Dave has agreed to accept the nomination. Dave has been very helpful since being on the UEC Board. The only problem is that he is working in California until November. The UEC Executive Committee has agreed to fill in as necessary until Dave returns to Utah should he be elected.

**Motion:** Joe Martone moved to elect Dave Cline as the UEC Treasurer. Matt Roblez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Joe will talk with SAME about getting a new UEC Representative so Dave does not have to fulfill both roles.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT – JOHN RICHARDSON**

John passed out a proposed budget for this year as well as a proposed increase in membership dues. The current account balances are \$3,941.69 in savings, \$515.88 in checking and \$5,193.63 in scholarship.

A. The Governor's Office of Economic Development agreed to give UEC a one-time scholarship grant of \$3,000 in order to design and develop a student advisory team with our scholarship winners. That money has been deposited in the scholarship account which now totals \$5,193.63

B. Proposed Change in Dues: The proposed increase in dues would be to assess societies with 50 or more members an additional \$25 base fee. This would increase dues income by about \$200, depending on how the membership numbers come out this year.

**Motion:** John Richardson moved to approve the change in dues. Clinton Cathey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Proposed Budget:

**Motion:** Matt Roblez moved to accept the proposed budget. Clinton Cathey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **Publication Committee - Dannie Pollock:** Dannie was not in attendance. Peter expressed concern about Sophie's accountability. She said we broke even last year. Peter would like to see an ongoing report from Sophie as to who has committed to advertise, how much she is bringing in and how much revenue she has after publication costs for 6,000 Journals. She did a good job last year, but he would like better information from her. Peter would like to ask Sophie to attend our next meeting and give us an update. Susan will send her an invitation. Journal articles can be turned in now. Send them to Susan.

It was asked if we should go with a digital publication. It is something we have looked at, but many people like to have a hard copy. UCLS has had a problem going electronic with getting advertisers. Advertisers want people to have a hard copy. The majority of UCLS members who responded to a survey wanted to be able to have both an electronic copy and a hard copy. It is something we should have Dannie look into. We could decide to print only limited copies.

B. **E-Week:** John does not have an answer from Lane Beattie about speaking yet. We can consider an alternate, Natalie Gochner, who is from Lane Beattie's office. It would be interesting to hear about the Downtown Rising project. John has been looking at different venues. A 5 star venue will be around \$10,000. It was suggested that Lane Beattie could give us a recommendation on a venue and tie his speech into that venue. The Leonardo will be opening in October and could be a possibility. Rice-Eccles is taken for Friday, February 24, but is available on Saturday, February 25. Jim Thacher mentioned that Joe Andratti in the engineering department at the University of Utah might still be there. We could look at the list we made last year of potential speakers for the banquet if Lane Beattie is not available. It was decided that we should try the Saturday, February 25 date and reserve Rice-Eccles for next year.

C. **Fund-Raising Committee:** We would like to change things a bit and allow other sponsors and not just have one main sponsor. We can call the banquet our E-Week and Fund-Raising banquet. John Richardson prepared a proposal for different levels of

sponsorship for discussion by the Board. John asked that the Board review the proposal and give him feedback by e-mailing him at [john.richardson@varian.com](mailto:john.richardson@varian.com).

**D. Awards Committee – Joe Martone:** The awards nomination forms are already on the UEC website. The initial nomination package is due November 18 and the full nomination package is due December 16. There is a new requirement this year for a citation not to exceed 200 words summarizing the nomination package for each nominee. This is required for the package to be considered complete. The awards given by UEC are Engineer of the Year, Engineering Educator of the Year, and Fresh Faces in Engineering.

**E. Membership Committee – John Richardson:** John has invited about 10 different groups to join UEC over the past few months. We need a new membership committee chair.

**F. Legislative Committee:** The chair of this committee serves as the point of communication between the Council and what is going on with the legislature. John Richardson mentioned a discussion going on right now about changing the patent laws that we should keep an eye on.

**G. Scholarship Committee:** This committee is chaired by the UEC Treasurer. We provide a scholarship to each of the three universities with an accredited engineering program. It was mentioned that Weber State has been accredited for a type of electrical engineering. We will discuss that next time.

Other committee assignments have been tabled until the October meeting.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that UEC consider web-based meetings sometime in the future to help people attend who would have a difficult time traveling to the meeting.

Susan mentioned that Ken Randle passed away and his funeral is tomorrow. Susan passed around a card for everyone to sign. She will send it to Ken's wife.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Matt Roblez moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.