



**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**

April 1, 2015 - 12:00 Noon
Van Cott
36 South State Street, Suite 1900
Salt Lake City, UT

Members Present:

Rob Kesler, Chair
Charles Vono, Treasurer
David Cline, 1st Past Chair
Dan Donahoe
Brett Jones
Chris Perry
Jed Lyman
Dale Robinson
Marilyn Marshall
Paul Feser
Vijay Kornala
Pei J by phone
Susan Merrill

ACEC
AIAA
EWB
ASME
UCEA
IEEE
ASPE
UCLS
SWE
ASCE
ITE
IEEE
Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

Joe Touhuni
Dannie Pollock
Brian Warner, Vice-Chair
John Richardson, 2nd Past Chair
James Williams
Roberta Schlicher
ASHRAE
AAEE
ASCE
ASME
SEAU
SAME

Guests

Jeff Riddle
Brian Riddle
Van Cott
Van Cott

1. Welcome – Rob Kesler

The meeting began at 12:14 p.m. Rob Kesler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2015

Dan Danohoe requested that Susan add the descriptions of the three legislative bills that he sent before the March meeting to the minutes.

Motion: Jed Lyman moved to approve the minutes from February 4, 2015 with the addition of the description of the three legislative bills as mentioned above. Charles Vono seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report – Charles Vono

Charles reported that we should be okay financially as long as Ferguson comes through with their donation. Varian paid through PayPal. Charles is not sure about the Ibanez payment and he thinks he might have the McNeil donation in twice, but he will figure those out.

4. Committee Reports

A. Fund-Raising – David Cline: David Cline is talking to Layton Construction about a possible sponsorship. Charles has given some ideas of possible scholarship donors.

Some of the donors want their name specifically attached to their donations, like the scholarship being named for their company, etc. Many companies set their budgets in May or early June for the next year, so we need to move on this.

David Cline requested that societies submit information for the newsletter to either him or Susan. What can we do to help people remember to submit information? It was suggested that an email reminder to the Board would be helpful. It was also suggested that each month a society be assigned to be highlighted in the newsletter. There will be an article about the banquet and the winners. We will also get the word out about upcoming events and conferences.

B. Publishing Committee - Dannie Pollock: Rob read an email from Juli Burton stating what is still needed for the Journal. The items are:

A National E-Week article – Dannie Pollock
Governor's Proclamation – Susan has this
Featured banquet speaker article – Brian Warner
Congratulations to the nominees, winner bios

C. Legislative Committee - Dan Donahoe: Dan said he created a blog, formed a small committee, picked some bills and had a round-robin discussion on the bills. Dan feels that engineers are largely ignored by the legislature. If we do this type of exercise again, we need to come to a consensus as a council about legislative matters. Dan would like to have a meeting about what constitutes a bill, how does a bill pass, how does the legislature work, why do some laws not get any traction, etc. It is important for engineers to understand the process. He says that even though engineers must have a license, if someone reports something wrong with the engineering design, nothing happens. Brian Riddle said that there is another way to be sure laws are being enforced. Put a law on the books and then pursue the tort law route. Create legislation to create a cause of action.

D. Membership Committee - Marilyn Marshall: Marilyn has sent an email to ASSE – American Society of Safety Engineers. Marilyn also has contacted SAMPE – the Society Advanced Material Process Engineers. Marilyn would like to contact the chemical engineers (AIChE). Dan Donahoe gave Marilyn the phone number of the secretary. They are not very active in Utah. SAMPE is very active in Utah. Marilyn reported that SAMPE is doing a bridge contest the weekend after Easter.

E. Charles wanted to report for the Scholarship committee that the scholarship checks were sent out with a letter.

5. DOPL Nominations

There were two DOPL nominations submitted to the Board. ASPE talked about the possibility of submitting one, but Susan would need it today in order to get it to DOPL by Friday. The two that were approved were from IEEE and ASCE.

Motion: Charles Vono moved to submit the nominations from IEEE and ASCE for the DOPL positions. David Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

If ASPE would like to submit a nomination, it will be to be sent out to the Board by email today.

Rob Kesler needed to leave, so Charles Vono conducted the meeting from here.

6. Vote on Slate of Nominees

The slate is as follows:

Chair: Brian Warner
Vice-Chair: Charles Vono
Treasurer: Dan Donahoe
Chris Perry
Jed Lyman

Dan Donahoe withdrew his name. Chris Perry and Jed Lyman each gave a short speech.

There was some discussion about each of the positions and what is involved with the five-year commitment on the UEC Board. David Cline read the outline of the positions that was prepared by John Richardson.

Votes

Chair: Brian Warner was unanimously voted in as the Chair of the UEC for the coming year.
Vice-Chair: Charles Vono was unanimously voted in as the Vice-Chair of the UEC for the coming year.
Treasurer: There was a vote between Chris Perry and Jed Lyman for Treasurer. They both stepped out of the room during the vote. Jed Lyman won the election for Treasurer for the coming year.

7. Other Business

Susan mentioned that she received an email from an engineering student from Washington University who has put together a website called www.TypesofEngineeringDegrees.org. This website is supposed to give students information about different engineering disciplines. We do have a place on the website for interesting links. Chris Perry looked up the website in the meeting and said that the website has a brief summary, but it is full of ads. It would not really be of benefit to our members. Susan will send out the link to the Board and get feedback to see if people find it useful or useless and we can decide from there if it should be on the website.

8. Adjournment

Motion: David Cline moved to adjourn the meeting.

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