



**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**  
December 3, 2014 - 12:00 Noon  
Van Cott  
36 South State Street, Suite 1900  
Salt Lake City, UT

**Members Present:**

Rob Kesler, Chair	ACEC
Brian Warner, Vice-Chair	ASCE
Charles Vono, Treasurer	AIAA
David Cline, 1st Past Chair	EWB/SAME
John Richardson, 2nd Past Chair	ASME
Chris Perry	IEEE
Dan Donahoe	ASME
Jed Lyman	ASPE
Marilyn Marshall	SWE
Paul Feser	ASCE
Joe Touhuni	ASHRAE
James Williams	SEAU
Dale Robinson	UCLS
Vijay Kornala	ITE
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

**Members Absent:**

Brett Jones	UCEA
Ben Rood	EWB
Roberta Schlicher	SAME
Dannie Pollock	AAEE

**Guests**

Brian Riddle	Van Cott
Jeff Riddle	Van Cott
Juli Burton	Van Cott

**1. Welcome – Rob Kesler**

The meeting began at 12:10 p.m. Rob Kesler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

**2. Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2014**

**Motion:** Chris Perry moved to approve the minutes from November 5, 2014. John Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Financial Report – Charlie Vono**

Charlie Vono passed out an updated financial report.

Charlie had a question about Sustaining Partnerships and keeping the banquet outside of that to give the banquet a broader spectrum of sponsors. The budget has banquet sponsorships at \$7,000 income. That is probably high, but we can still shoot for that. We have received \$1,500.00 for the U of U scholarship and have a pledge from Van Cott for \$1,500 for another scholarship, but we have not received any additional donations towards the other scholarships yet. We still need dues from AAEE, AWWA, EWB, SAME and UCEA. The SAME dues are coming. AWWA will

probably not continue their membership. Rob wants to deliver a letter to AWWA and has not done that yet. He will do it shortly.

#### 4. Committee Reports

**A. E-Week Committee - Brian Warner:** Brian Warner reported that he has checked with Rio Tinto about having the banquet at the soccer stadium. It is \$500 for the room and \$300 for cleanup, but they require security guards which would cost about \$375. Brian does have a contact there who might be able to help with the pricing. They are a potential sponsor. We would not be able to bring our own alcohol to this site. Dan Donohoe suggested that we contact the county about getting some kind of discount at this facility. We would need to work with Rio Tinto's caterer. We'll have to see what the bottom-line costs are. We can choose the level of food we would like. We should stay in line with the type of food we have had in the past. Brian has asked for some price quotes from the caterer. The ticket prices need to cover all costs of the banquet.

Other suggestions for a venue are Energy Solutions Arena. JuliAne and Dave Cline have had a conversation with the contact person for ESA, so they can check into the prices for that venue and possibilities for using that venue. ESA has two banquet halls.

The speaker will be Sharon Loper who is now the acting administrator for FEMA Region 8, which covers Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. She got her bachelors and masters from BYU. Her expertise is pre-disaster mitigation and post disaster recovery. She will talk about FEMA's plan for the state of Utah. It was asked if there would be venue where there could be a demonstration like we did when we went to the Capitol building to see the seismic upgrades. It might be good to have students come and show their presentations and projects. Dan Donahoe suggested liquefaction as a backup topic or one for the future use. FEMA might be able to address that topic. Brian gave the speaker a choice for the dates either the Saturday before E-Week or the Saturday at the end of E-Week. He is hoping it will be the last day of E-Week. We can start advertising as soon as we know the date since we know the topic. We might be able to invite other associations to this since it is a popular topic. The county would probably be interested in this as well as city managers. Michael O'Malley with GOED could also help get the word out for us. The Rio Tinto venue capacity is 275 people for a sit-down dinner. Brian would like to lower the price of the banquet tickets with sponsorships, but we'll have to see what happens. It was indicated that perhaps we should have another speaker besides the keynote speaker. Bob Carrey (sp?) might be a good choice to do that to give a local perspective. It is a good idea to have a topic that has broad appeal and not just focus on engineers.

We should try to get sponsorships from contractors such as Big D or Layton. Brian would like other recommendations emailed to him. Brian will get a flyer ready and the will revise it to include the sponsors.

**B. Fund-Raising - David Cline:** David has some positive responses from societies regarding our monthly email blast. He needs to hear from every society. David needs to receive those email lists as soon as possible so we can begin the newsletter email blast. An event sponsor can have flexibility to make sure it is a win-win situation for everyone. AIAA, IEEE and UCLS have approved the email blast. We need to hear from the remaining societies. David would like to get this out before Christmas. This is very important to our sponsors. The 2015 sponsorship prices will be the same as they were in 2014.

**C. Publishing Committee - Dannie Pollock:** JuliAne reported that we need articles for the Journal. She believes we have only received two or three so far. She will send

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Susan a list of articles. She mentioned that Michael O'Malley with GOED will probably submit an article.

**D. Awards Committee - John Richardson:** So far ASCE is the only society who has submitted nominations. Packets are due December 31, 2014. Susan mentioned that the nomination forms say that previous nominees and winners are not eligible to be nominated again. This needs to be changed to just say previous winners are not eligible to be nominated again. John will make the changes and send the new forms to Susan.

**E. Scholarship Committee - Charles Vono:** Charlie has responses from the U of U and USU. He is still waiting to hear back from BYU.

**F. Legislative Committee - Dan Donahoe:** Dan had nothing new to report.

**G. Membership Committee - Marilyn Marshall:** Marilyn requested the list of potential members from John Richardson. The chemical engineers and the nuclear engineers were briefly discussed.

## 5. Other Business

John Richardson suggested that each committee submit something for the monthly emailed newsletter.

Rob Kesler challenged each representative to find one sponsor - go to your own company or a company you work with and invite them to help sponsor the banquet. Dave Cline is willing to help the representatives with this if they need it.

David Cline is moderating a panel discussion in March at the U of U regarding professional societies. He would like representatives from 4 or 5 societies to be on this panel. Dan Donahoe and Charlie Vono volunteered.

Email lists for the email blast should be sent to Susan Merrill at [susan.uec@comast.net](mailto:susan.uec@comast.net).

## 8. Adjournment

There was no motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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