

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**
January 9, 2013 - 12:00 Noon
Vancott
36 South State Street, Suite 1900
Salt Lake City, UT

Members Present:

John Richardson, Chair	ASME
Rob Kesler, Treasurer	ACEC
Peter Tang, 1st Past Chair	ITE
Joe Martone, 2nd Past Chair	SAME
David Cline, Vice-Chair	SAME
Ryan Kump	ITE
Curtis Earl	SEAU
Victor Willes	ASHRAE
Jim Thacher	AIAA
Brad Mortensen	UCLS
Brian Warner	ASCE
Chris Perry	IEEE
Daniel Dunning	SAME
Christine Hirrill	SWE
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

Dannie Pollock	AAEE
James Belshe	USPE
Lori Labrum	WTS
Jonathan Jensen	ASPE
Brad Gilson	AWWA, UCEA

Guests

Jeff Riddle	Vancott
Brian Riddle	Vancott
Sophie Hanson	NewsLink

1. **WELCOME – John Richardson**

The meeting began at 12:09 p.m. and a catered lunch was available to the Board members for purchase. Introductions were made.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 5, 2012**

Motion: Peter Tang moved to approve the minutes from December 5, 2012. The motion was seconded by Joe Martone. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT – Rob Kesler**

Rob did not have a report to pass out, but he reported that he has deposited all of the checks he has received so far. The only expense we have had in the past month was for secretarial services. We will need to pay a deposit soon for the banquet.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. E-Week - David Cline: Dave Cline passed out a proposed flyer for discussion. He suggested that we could put our top tier sponsors on it. Dave said that he is working with Elizabeth's catering and will need to get them a 50% deposit. In order to do a buffet, 280 people will be the maximum because the extended space will not work well for us for seating, but we can put the buffet tables there. The menu has been changed to make it work within the budget better. The menu is the roasted pork loin at carving stations and also the Tuscan chicken. We will be able to include appetizers this year and it should be really nice. There will be bar service as people walk in and also the appetizer tables. The budget is now down to \$9,500 for the food. There will be a vegetarian option for those who

need it. It was decided that we could make validated parking available, but we will not advertise it. There will be free parking on the street. It was also suggested that the street coordinates be added to the flyer. So far the top tier sponsors are Vancott and Varian. We could have room for displays downstairs.

David discussed the possibility of taking credit card payments. Susan looked into setting up a link on the website. We could use PayPal and they would charge a transaction fee of 2.9% plus \$.30 per transaction. She tried to set it up, but it would not accept either the address or the tax ID number. It can be set up to charge through your smart phone.

John Richardson suggested that we try to get an alternate speaker since he has not heard from the Governor's office yet. If the Governor does come, we may have to have plates made for him and his entourage so they do not have to go through a buffet line.

Some alternate speakers suggested were Mike Leavitt, Jim Matheson, John English about induction charging technology, and President of U of U. We will pursue an alternate speaker in case.

Dave Cline needs the nominee information so he can put together the presentation.

B. Publication Committee: Sophie Hanson reported that she has 50% of the articles she needs. She also needs to have society information which would include logos, board information for each society, and the mailing lists. JuliAne reported that Michael O'Malley from Ustar will be submitting an article.

C. Fund-Raising: John Richardson sent out an email yesterday with the media kit to potential donors. John will send it out again by the end of the week and would like each society to forward it to their membership. He will be making a couple of changes to it. We have two company sponsors so far - Vancott and Varian. We could use a couple more. John is not too concerned about the finances for this year, but we depend on donations for much of what we do, so we do need to solicit more donations.

D. Membership Committee: Brian Warner reported that he is still trying to pursue new members.

E. Awards: Peter Tang reported that he has collected all of the nomination packets. He has included them all on a CD with the ranking sheet for his committee members. He will need the ranking file emailed back to him to determine the winners. Peter said he will be ordering the awards soon. He will probably use the same type as last year.

F. Scholarship Committee - Rob Kesler: Sophie's Dad would like to review the applications for the scholarship that is in his name. This scholarship will go to a Weber State electrical engineering student and preferably go to someone of Native American descent. The following people are on the scholarship committee: Rob Kesler, Curtis Earl, Brian Riddle and Jeff Riddle.

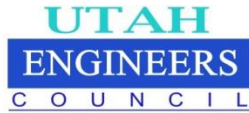
G. Legislative Committee - Chris Perry: Chris mentioned that the lobby group, Utah Clean Energy, has arranged for solar rebates. John Richardson reminded people that UEC cannot overtly influence legislation or endorse any political candidates.

5. NON-PROFIT STATUS - Rob Kesler/John Richardson: John reported that he sent a three-tiered request to the IRS to reinstate our non-profit status. It has been a huge ordeal. The first tier is a defense that we tried to file on time and he sent records of our filing. If that doesn't work, he is invoking a paragraph stating the hardship it would be if we would have to pay the \$850, then we would only have to pay \$100. The third tier is the full-blown request to reinstate us at \$850. It is effective on the postmark date, which was about December 21, 2012. The hardship

paragraph is void after the end of December. John has implemented a training program for UEC officers so we do not have this problem again. As officers leave UEC, they will be responsible to train their replacements.

6. UEC LOGO - John Richardson

John reviewed the logo choices with the Board and a vote was taken to accept the following logo:



7. DISCUSSION OF THE DEFINITION OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, STRUCTURAL ENGINEER, OR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR LICENSED IN THE STATE OF UTAH FOR DOPL - John Richardson

John reported that he sent a response to DOPL saying that UEC does not have an official position on this matter, but he submitted comments received from the engineering community.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

John has been talking with JuliAne about putting together a one-time seminar on intellectual property protection for April. This will be something that UEC will seek approval for continuing education hours.

John Richardson has the centerpieces. There are 25 vases with their contents. Susan can help set them up. We do not have tablecloths.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Joe Martone moved to adjourn the meeting.

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