

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**
March 6, 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
David Cline, Vice-Chair	SAME
Peter Tang, 1st Past Chair	ITE
Joe Martone, 2nd Past Chair	SAME
Dannie Pollock	AEE
Brad Gilson	AWWA, UCEA
Charlie Vono by telephone	AIAA
Brian Warner	ASCE
Chris Perry	IEEE
Daniel Dunning	SAME
Nadine Whitfield	SWE
Curtis Earl	SEAU
Trent Hunt	ASHRAE
Victor Willes	ASHRAE
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

Ryan Kump	ITE
Lori Labrum	WTS
James Belshe	USPE
Ernest Rowley	UCLS
Brad Welch	ASPE

Guests

Jeff Riddle	Vancott
Brian Riddle	Vancott
Shauna Guerrero	NewsLink

1. **WELCOME – John Richardson**

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

John Richardson mentioned comments that were made by people who attended the banquet. Many people said that they really enjoyed it.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 6, 2013**

Motion: Peter Tang moved to accept the minutes. Brian Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT – Rob Kesler**

Rob has most of the payments and expenses and thinks that we might be positive, but he does not yet have the final numbers. Ron said he still needs to pay for the plaques, programs, and table rental. He also needs to pay Susan. Rob said we need to invoice the couple from UVU and that will bring in another \$100. Our attendance was 211. We paid for 207 dinners.

David Cline asked if we have a breakout of the budget items. Rob is working on that. We still owe \$500 to The Leonardo. Rob will email the final financial report to Susan to send out. Our bank balances are on the balance sheet that was emailed out before the meeting. The scholarship checks were written from the operating account since there was not enough in the scholarship account. That can stay as it is. For now we will leave the scholarship account alone unless we need that money for operating expenses. We should still be getting \$1,000 from Varian.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. E-Week - David Cline: David Cline thanked everyone for their efforts for the banquet. David has received a lot of positive feedback, especially about the speaker. We did not make an announcement about parking. The gates were open on the upper level, so people could have gotten out for free at that time. However, there was no way for everyone to know that. There was a low turnout for the mummies exhibit from UEC. The discount was for that day only. Some people mentioned that they tried to go, but could not get an appointment for that day.

John Richardson asked Susan to put the 19th floor on the UEC agenda next time.

PayPal worked well for the payments. It seemed less than ideal to have the screens in the corners of the room. Elizabeth's did a good job with the food. Some people commented on the order of the program and that the last nominee was the award winner. It was not as much of a surprise that way and it took a little less time. Some people were not satisfied with this method.

David Cline is working on a deadline calendar for the banquet for future use. David mentioned that he went to a recent ASCE luncheon where they were talking about UEC award nominees for next year. He was impressed that they were so far ahead of the game.

David Cline said he felt that The Leonardo was a good venue for several reasons, but it also has its drawbacks. There is not much room for growth with that venue. A future venue to look into are the University of Utah's guest house conference center.

John Richardson suggested that we get things squared away for next year early so we don't have last minute problems like we did this year with registration, table assignments and displays. The responsible people need to be sure they show up early and are prepared.

Trent Hunt talked about when we had the banquet at the Union Pacific station and how attendance was down because it was not a great venue and there were other problems. The banquet this year had some problems and when you are charging as much as UEC charges, it is highly imperative that the banquet be highly planned. It is important that all of the details are well planned so we don't have problems like we did this year with registration and with the table assignments.

B. Publication Committee - Dannie Pollock: Shauna from Newslink said she needs bios for the Engineer of the Year. They also need pictures of all of the winners. They need bios and pictures of the scholarship winners. The Board members of each society will be listed.

The Journal will be coming out after the banquet. Shauna did not know what the advertising numbers are. She said Sophie has that information. John asked that Shauna or Sophie contact him regarding any information that is missing. Susan can send out reminders for information that is needed.

C. Fund-Raising - John Richardson: John was able to get some funds from Varian and Vancott and there were a handful of personal donations. Other than that, there wasn't much of a fund-raising effort this year. The Leonardo did reduce our cost for the banquet, so that can be counted as a donation as well.

John Richardson offered to help The Leonardo with a Made in Utah exhibit by arranging for an x-ray display. They are also looking for suggestions from UEC for other accomplishments in Utah, such as Browning Arms.

D. Membership Committee - Brian Warner: Brian reported that he has not yet received a membership request from Engineers Without Borders.

E. Awards - Peter Tang: In previous years, the winner plaques were different and nicer than the nominee plaques. John took a vote to see how many liked the previous method of awards over the way it was done this year. Most people voted for how it was done in previous years, where each nominee was presented an award, and then the winner was called up with a nicer award.

Charlie Vono mentioned that AIAA makes sure they nominate for each award because it gets their society's name out there three times.

For the record, the award winners were:

Fresh Faces in Engineering	Phil Jankovich	ASHRAE
Engineering Educator of the Year	Jerry Bowman, BYU	AIAA
Engineer of the Year	Jim Schwing	ACEC

Peter mentioned that it was nice to have educators from SLCC and SUU nominated for Engineering Educator of the Year.

F. Scholarship Committee - Rob Kesler: Rob reported that the scholarship winners were:

Hector Parra - BYU
 Annika Carter - U of U
 Nathaniel Decker - USU
 Joe Wesley Mahurin, electrical engineering student from Weber State - Gerald H. Piele Scholarship

This was the first year that the scholarship winners were given a plaque.

The other awards given at the banquet were to Susan Merrill for her many years at the UEC Executive Secretary, Jim Thacher for long-time service, Sophie Hanson for being our publisher, and Peter Tang for Past Chair.

G. Legislative Committee - Chris Perry: ASCE reported that they are sending a representative to Washington to discuss issues related to engineering, so if other societies have items to send with them, they are welcome to do so.

Trent Hunt reported that HB210 has been amended to try to extend the code adoption dates to every 6 years rather than every 3 years or every other cycle. He says this is a bad thing to do. It has been approved by the house and is in the senate now. Trent will send an e-mail to Susan to be distributed.

Chris Perry discussed HB139 regarding the STEM bill. It was \$20 million and now it is \$15 million and provides funding on what is being done for STEM activities in the schools. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Chris would like people to tell their representatives if they support it. It will probably pass the Senate.

H. NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Joe Martone

The nominating committee members are Joe Martone - Chair, Chris Perry, Lori Labrum and Daniel Dunning. They have presented the following slate of nominees to be voted upon next month:

Chair:	David Cline
Vice-Chair:	Rob Kesler
Treasurer:	Brian Warner

5. DOPL NOMINATIONS

Susan needs to submit the nominations by April 5. ASHRAE would like to submit the following nominations:

Licensing Board - Tom Colvin
UBCC - David Ingle
UBCC Mechanical Advisory Board - Roger Hamlet
UBCC Structural Advisory Committee - Mike Buehner

6. OTHER BUSINESS

UEC and Vancott will be sponsoring a seminar on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on intellectual property and how companies can protect it. It will be held in the board room at the Vancott offices. There will be 1.5 professional development hours for this seminar. There is no charge and breakfast will be provided. NewsLink will prepare the flyer. The room holds about 40 people. People will need to RSVP by May 7.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Rob Kesler moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.