

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**  
May 2, 2012 - 12:00 Noon  
Parsons Brinckerhoff  
488 E. Winchester Street, Suite 400  
Murray, UT

**Members Present:**

Peter Tang, Chair	ITE
Dave Cline, Treasurer	SAME
John Richardson, Vice-Chair	ASME
Mike Buehner, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Past Chair	SEAU
Joe Martone, 1 <sup>st</sup> Past Chair	SAME
Lori Labrum	WTS
Marilyn Marshall	SWE
Chris Perry	IEEE
Dan Church	USPE
Daniel Dunning	SAME
Mike Nadeau	UCLS
Brad Mortensen	UCLS
Dannie Pollock	AAEE
Jay Adams	SEAU
Mike Dallon	ASHRAE
Brian Warner	ASCE
Rob Kesler	ACEC
Leon Berrett	UCEA
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

**Members Absent:**

Jim Thacher	AIAA
Brad Gilson	AWWA

**Guests**

Steve Nichols and two others from VanCott were in attendance.

**1. WELCOME – PETER TANG**

The meeting began at 12:05 p.m. Introductions were made for the benefit of the visitors from VanCott. Peter Tang mentioned the invitation by VanCott to meet in their offices at the Key Bank Tower downtown. They have a large conference room with an adjoining area for serving food. Parking would be at City Creek. The first hour is free and the second hour is \$1.

**Motion:** Dave Cline moved to have the monthly UEC Board meetings move to the VanCott offices in the Key Bank tower. John Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 4, 2012**

**Motion:** Dan Church moved to approve the April 4, 2012 minutes. Joe Martone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Daniel Dunning asked about the discussion from last meeting on sending a letter to the societies requesting scholarship donations. We will discuss that later in this meeting.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT – DAVE CLINE**

Dave passed out a current financial report. We have exceeded our projected income because of increased dues payments and banquet ticket sales and donations. We still have some expenses to pay out totaling about \$1,182. The only budget expense item that is really off is the banquet printing and postage. We spent a lot more this year on advertising the banquet and fund-raising. Dave has now received all of the society dues and banquet ticket payments.

According to the by-laws, any changes in dues need to happen in the May meeting. There was some discussion about the need to change the dues and it was decided that since they were just changed last year, they do not need to be changed this year. The dues are currently \$1 for each society member with a base fee of \$75 for societies with over 50 members. Societies with under 50 members pay a base fee of \$50. Dues are not to exceed \$600.

There was some more discussion about scholarship donations from societies. Peter said the Executive Committee would craft a letter after this meeting to the societies asking them to donate to the scholarship fund if they have extra funds available. Weber State now has a full electrical engineering program, but no other engineering programs. UVU does not have an engineering program, but they do have a geomatics program that is new and not yet accredited. UCLS indicated that they would have a hard time convincing their board members to donate to a scholarship that is just for engineers and does not include land surveyors.

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Publication Committee - Dannie Pollock:** Dannie is requesting articles for next year. He does have a couple that did not make it into this year's Journal. He would like to have articles by September. Dannie was asked how Sophie did with the funding of the Journal. He said that Sophie indicated she came out about even. We would like a detailed accounting of the advertising money and publication costs from Sophie.

Dave Cline said Sophie indicated in an email to him that this year's Journal received two international excellence awards. The first is the Hermes Creative Award as a gold recipient and the second is the Communicator Award. VanCott apparently received those awards for their magazine as well.

**B. Scholarship Committee – Dave Cline:** Sophie has offered a one-time scholarship that she would like to have UEC award in the name of her adoptive father. The amount is \$1,500. Dave Cline will send out the email telling the story behind this request. One of her requests is that the scholarship goes to an electrical engineering student. Dave suggested that we might give that to a student at Weber State. She also requests that we give some consideration to Native American heritage. Her father is Native American wants to help stop the cycle of poverty. This is not a requirement, but she just wants it to be a consideration. There was some discussion about the appropriateness and legality of limiting a scholarship to a certain race. Steve Nichols indicated that this is a common practice and it would not be a legal problem. The scholarship needs to be limited to students who are Utah residents.

**C. Membership Committee – Brian Warner:** Brian Warner requested suggestions for new member societies. ASQ and SAMPE were suggested as possibilities.

#### 5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee will consist of John Richardson, Peter Tang, Brad Mortensen and Marilyn Marshall. Dave Cline and Ron Kesler will also attend as the outgoing and incoming treasurers. Dave Cline will set up the date for the meeting.

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Tang mentioned that in the future, we need to make sure that award winners have not won an award from UEC in the past five years. Award winners also need to be from Utah.

Dave Cline mentioned that he would like to get a jump on next year's banquet venue. VanCott had suggested the new Museum of Natural History. Dave visited that venue yesterday. They have the space for a sit-down banquet of up to 375 people. The listed price is \$5,000 just for the room, but it

is tied to state education and there may be opportunities for a price break. It was suggested that next year we put a dress standard on the banquet advertising and also address whether or not kids can attend.

Joe Martone mentioned that Hill Air Force Base is having an open house air show on May 26 and 27. They didn't have one last year because of budget constraints and may not have one in the future, so this may be our last opportunity to see an air show for awhile. Further information can be found at [www.hill.af.mil/warriorsoverthewasatch](http://www.hill.af.mil/warriorsoverthewasatch).

#### **7. TURN MEETING OVER TO NEW OFFICERS**

Peter turned the meeting over to John Richardson as the new Chair of UEC. John recognized Mike Buehner who has been on the UEC Executive Committee for the past five years and is now leaving. Mike Nadeau was also recognized since he will not be returning to the Board.

John thanked VanCott for their generosity and their offer to have us meet at their offices next year.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Joe Martone moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.