

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**  
November 7, 2012 - 12:00 Noon  
Vancott  
36 South State Street, Suite 1900  
Salt Lake City, UT

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Dannie Pollock	AAEE
Ryan Kump	ITE
James Belshe	USPE
Lori Labrum	WTS
Marilyn Marshall	SWE

**Guests**

Jeff Riddle	Vancott
Brian Riddle	Vancott
JuliAne Burton	Vancott

**1. WELCOME – John Richardson**

The meeting began at 12:07 p.m. and a catered lunch was available to the Board members for purchase.

John Richardson mentioned that Vancott is again a Diamond sponsor of UEC this year. They are also providing the location for our Board meetings, arranging for our lunches, helping us with our banquet in many aspects, and providing UEC with some legal advice. Anything we can do to network for them and refer people to Vancott will be a way that we can help Vancott to benefit from their UEC sponsorship.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 3, 2012**

**Motion:** Peter Tang moved to approve the minutes from October 3, 2012. Peter Strazdins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT – Rob Kesler**

Rob Kesler reported that the Executive Committee is working on finalizing the budget. They are close. Susan reported that the societies that have not yet paid their dues are AAEE, AIAA, ASCE, ASPE and USPE. John Richardson reported that he has secured a sponsorship from Varian Medical Systems as well. We will put their logo on our website. John feels that we will be in good shape financially this year.

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. E-Week - David Cline:** David Cline reported that we now have an agreement with The Leonardo. They are crediting us \$1,500 for the event and are considered co-sponsors of the banquet. They can seat a maximum of 290. If we get the Governor to speak, we may reach this limit. The Leonardo has a preferred A/V vendor - Performance Audio. The quote right now is \$2,500, so we are paying more for A/V, but less for the facility. If we go over 150 with the tables and chairs, we have to rent additional tables and chairs. David has a quote from Diamond Rental which is an approved vendor. Their quote is \$625 if we go up to the full 290. The Leonard has extended a discount to UEC members for their exhibit. They have a contract with vendors for their exhibits, so they are limited in how much they can discount - it is only a couple of dollars. The food service will be around \$9,000. It affords us a short reception bar with some wine and beer. There are no real appetizers included in that. The vendor which we are leaning toward right now and is the cheapest has a sit-down dinner that is cheaper and works better with the venue. This type of dinner will also work better if the Governor is the speaker. The Leonardo offers validated parking for \$3, but David doesn't think we will need that. People can park on the street after 6 p.m. for two hours for free and after 8 p.m. there is no limit. JuliAne suggested that we could have parking validations discretely available for those who need it to keep costs down. There is also the option of having some valet parking available and especially a reserved spot for our speaker. We can encourage people to take Trax and give them their parking options.

The room is long and if we go to the 290 number, there is some wrap around space. It will require two screens. JuliAne said she would be willing to talk to The Leonardo about giving us permission to use a cheaper vendor since we are a non-profit. She may be turned down, but she would like to try.

Peter Strazdins asked about the main thrust of UEC's efforts - it is E-Week and our banquet and scholarships.

John Richardson has the centerpieces now.

**B. Publication Committee:** Dannie Pollock was not in attendance. He is trying to collect articles for the Journal. They need to be submitted before the end of December. All representatives need to ask for articles from their societies. The Journal is a showcase for engineering in the state of Utah. Ideas for articles mentioned were: something from the State Science Advisor, something about the new president of the U of U who is a chemical engineer. Vancott will submit an article and Vancott will ask UStar to submit an article (Michael O'Malley).

**C. Fund-Raising:** We will send out a letter to companies inviting them to contribute to UEC. Susan will send Peter and John the mailing list. It probably needs to be updated. We would welcome ideas of companies we can add to the list. John Richardson will be helping Peter Strazdins with the fund-raising. John requested that anyone with connections that would be helpful to give that information to him and Peter. John would like each UEC representative to take a media kit to their respective companies and request their support. John will remind Sophie to update the kit before we send it out. A kit from 2011 was passed around for people to view. Scholarships should be included.

**D. Membership Committee:** Brian Warner would like to have ideas of societies that should be invited to join UEC. He will also try to contact our members who have not been very active in recent months. Brad Mortensen asked if it would be possible to review the list Brian is working from to see if it spurs any ideas for new members.

**E. Awards:** Peter Tang has only received one nomination so far. Susan will send out the nomination forms again with the due dates. It was mentioned that the Fresh Faces nomination form does not have any numerical values on it as the other forms have. Peter will check on this before Susan sends out the forms again. Keep in mind that previous winners are not eligible for nomination. Previous nominations are eligible as long as they were not winners. Each society needs to verify that their nominee is eligible.

**F. Scholarship Committee - Rob Kesler:** David Cline will be on the scholarship committee with Rob. The applications need to be updated and submitted to the three accredited universities. David would like to see our scholarship application online with other scholarships offered through the universities. We have three \$1,000 scholarships to BYU, U of U and USU. We also have a one-time scholarship for \$1,500 from Sophie Hanson in the name of her father to be awarded to a Native American at Weber State. The Journal could also generate money for scholarships if we could get enough advertising.

**G. Legislative Committee - Chris Perry:** Chris reported that the U of U president is David Pershing, a chemical engineer and previous winner of UEC Engineering Educator of the Year. Chris also reported that Dan Donahoe ran for representative in District 20 and ran on the premise that we need more engineers in the legislature.

**5. UEC LOGO - John Richardson**

John reported that the previous rules for the logo contest are now void. He has several logos for the Board to review and would like some comments so all ideas can be considered and we can come up with a good logo and not just make a quick decision. John would like Peter Tang to help him review all of the comments and we will go from there.

**6. NON-PROFIT STATUS - Rob Kesler/John Richardson**

The IRS claimed that we had not filed our form for three years, and thus has revoked our non-profit status. However, back in June David Cline filed and received an email back from the IRS stating that they had accepted the filing. So, we will need to find a tax advocate to help us straighten this out with the IRS. JuliAne said that Vancott has a tax expert that could help us. He will talk with John and Rob after the meeting.

**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 Richardson received an email from DOPL requesting UEC's input on some wording in the ethics standard. They would like to have our feedback by the end of the year. John would like each representative to get comments from their societies about the proposal. All of the underlined parts in the attachment that was sent out have been added. Item 4 has been replaced with 25 items. John will head up the committee on this issue. He will get clarification on why they are doing this and what is being replaced with what. We can discuss this again next month.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.