



**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**  
November 5, 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
Brett Jones	UCEA
Paul Feser	ASCE
Brandon Birkes	ASHRAE
James Williams	SEAU
Dale Robinson	UCLS
Jeff Grant	ASHRAE
Michael O'Malley	GOED
Mark Sultan by phone	AIAA
Dannie Pollock by phone	AAEE
Susan Merrill	Executive Secretary

**Members Absent:**

Brandon Heidelberger	AWWA
Ben Rood	EWB
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**Guests**

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

**1. Welcome – Rob Kesler**

The meeting began at 12:05 p.m. Rob Kesler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

**2. Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2014**

**Motion:** Charlie Vono moved to approve the minutes from October 1, 2014. John Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Financial Report – Charlie Vono**

Charlie Vono reported the account balances: Operating account \$2139.67, Scholarship \$1,593.61, and Savings \$91.03. Charlie has the P&L Statement and the Balance Sheet if anyone wants to review them. Societies still owing for dues are: ASME, ACEC, UCEA, SAME, EWB and AWWA.

There is a new SAME representative, but David Cline doesn't know who that is yet.

**Motion:** Marilyn Marshall moved to accept the financial report. Brian Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Charles will have the budget report for the next meeting.

#### 4. Committee Reports

**A. E-Week Committee:** Brian Warner currently has an invitation to Sean Covey who is Steven Covey's son. Brian suggested that Charles should possibly contact the head of Pixar now to line him up for next year. Brian has been in contact with Kennecott about a venue, but they do not really have anything. Brian is looking at something possibly north of Salt Lake City, but doesn't have a venue yet. Brian would like recommendations. Some ideas were the Maverick Center or someplace north of Salt Lake for a change. Saturday seems to be the best day. This would be probably February 21.

**B. Fund-Raising:** David Cline handed out a letter that is addressed to each society explaining the email blast/newsletter proposal. A sample of the newsletter format was also handed out. The newsletter would get good information to the members of our member societies. This will be a good way to get out sponsors names out in front of our membership. Event flyers can be linked to the newsletter. The UEC is looking for approval from each society to obtain email lists of their members so the email blast can be sent to individuals since our current distribution system does not seem to be working well. Charles Vono suggested that we provide a short letter explaining what we would like to do and how we will protect the information. We should list things that national societies care about. We will make it clear that people can opt out of the emails. Our sponsors will be much more willing to continue their sponsorships if they can get their name out to many people. Van Cott currently uses something like this through NewsLink for a very confidential client list. They get information to their clients and confidentiality is maintained. The system will let us know if an email address is invalid. We will continue to send information through the representatives for societies who do not want to participate. Perhaps those societies can get approval from their boards ahead of time to go ahead and distribute the information from the UEC so the process does not get bogged down. Juli Burton indicated that proceeding with the email blast is very important to Van Cott's continued sponsorship of UEC.

**C. Publishing Committee:** Dannie Pollock said he has received a couple of articles but needs many more. The newsletter will not compete with the Journal since it will be used for immediate information. The deadline for the articles is December 31, 2014. ASME has an article waiting for its board to review it. GOED will provide an article about STEM education.

**D. Awards Committee:** John Richardson said the updated nomination forms are on the website. This is an opportunity to honor great people in our societies. He needs to receive completed nomination packets by December 31, 2014. If someone has won the award in the past they are not eligible to be nominated, even if it is by another society. Previous nominees may be nominated again as long as they have not won the award previously.

**E. Scholarship Committee:** Charles Vono will update the scholarship application and submit an electronic copy to Susan right away. John Richardson is in contact with the MESA person and will follow-up on that. Last year the MESA award was sponsored by Ferguson. We need to get one more scholarship funded. The scholarship committee consists of Charles Vono, Marilyn Marshall, Rob Kesler and Brian Warner.

**F. Legislative Committee:** Dan Donahoe reported that he created a website for the legislative committee and sent the link to the legislative committee members. If anyone else would like to be on the committee, please contact Dan Donahoe and let him know. He posted a couple of bills on the website on one legal topic for the committee members to review. He would like to have an online conversation with the committee members about the items he has posted on the website.

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He added another idea to prompt interest. Once there is a discussion, Dan will report the summary of the discussion.

Charles Vono reported that GOED has been asking for AIAA's help in identifying aerospace leaders in Utah to help boost the aerospace industry in Utah. AIAA has been helping with this. Examples of participants include top leaders such as Dean of Engineering at USU, Dr. Chris Hailey and Allan J. McDonald, author of "Truth, Lies, and O-rings." Charles is asking anyone who has ideas of people who can join this group to please let him know.

**G. Membership Committee:** AWWA has indicated that they do not want to remain a member of the UEC Board. Marilyn has prepared a letter which Rob will review and then hand-deliver to the AWWA president. There are several past members of the UEC that are not currently members such as the automotive engineers, the chemical engineers, etc. The nuclear engineers at one time expressed some interest in being with the UEC. John has talked with Gary Sandquist at the U of U about it in the past. They are a regional society and since they have engineers in the state of Utah, they would be eligible for full membership in the UEC. USPE has also dropped their membership. Membership in professional societies is a hot topic in the United States and we need to help societies understand how important it is to be a part of this organization.

## 5. Other Business

Brian Warner mentioned that one topic that would draw a lot of interest would be to hear from a FEMA engineer and what happens if there is an earthquake. This is another idea for a banquet speaker. The EPA and alternative energy is another idea for a banquet topic.

Charles Vono said that the Young Professionals will be having a meeting on November 15 which will be about why we should be members of a professional society.

David Cline mentioned that he will be part of a panel discussion in the spring on professional societies. He is looking for interested individuals to participate in this panel discussion. This will be in the civil engineering department at the U of U during a lunch hour.

Juli Burton mentioned a red carpet event tomorrow evening at OC Tanner celebrating 140 years of business for Van Cott. The UEC board is invited, but Juli would like to know if you are coming. This is co-sponsored by Ferrari and they will be unveiling the new California T.

Rob Kesler indicated that each UEC representative should think of at least one company they can contact for UEC banquet sponsorship.

## 8. Adjournment

**Motion:** Dan Donahoe moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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