



**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**  
October 1, 2014 - 12:00 Noon  
Van Cott  
36 South State Street, Suite 1900  
Salt Lake City, UT

**Members Present:**

Rob Kesler, Chair  
Brian Warner, Vice-Chair  
Charles Vono, Treasurer  
David Cline, 1st Past Chair  
John Richardson, 2nd Past Chair  
Chris Perry  
Dan Donahoe  
Jed Lyman  
Marilyn Marshall  
Melisa Saleb  
Paul Feser by phone  
Ron Thue  
James Williams  
Dale Robinson  
Susan Merrill

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EWB/SAME  
ASME  
IEEE  
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ASPE  
SWE  
SWE  
ASCE  
AIAA  
SEAU  
UCLS  
Executive Secretary

**Members Absent:**

Brandon Heidelberger  
Ben Rood  
Daniel Dunning  
Brett Jones  
Joe Touhuni  
Dannie Pollock  
AWWA  
EWB  
SAME  
UCEA  
ASHRAE  
AAEE

**Guests**

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

**1. Welcome – Rob Kesler**

The meeting began at 12:08 p.m. Rob Kesler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Approval of Minutes – September 3, 2014**

**Motion:** Charlie Vono moved to approve the minutes from September 3, 2014. John Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Financial Report – Charlie Vono**

Charlie Vono reported the account balances: Operating account \$104.66, Scholarship \$1,593.61, and Savings \$94.03. Susan Merrill gave Charlie some dues check which he will deposit, he will then pay Susan for August and September.

**4. Committee Reports**

**A. E-Week Committee:** Brian checked with the Governor's Office and was told that the Governor will not be available to speak because he is taking that week for family time. Brian is looking for other speaker and venue ideas. He was told that someone from their staff could write an article for the Journal. Rob Kesler suggested the president of Pixar for a speaker who is a U of

U graduate and also is on a couple of committees at the U of U. His name is Ed Thorn. Brian will pursue that possibility. It would be a broad topic and would be appealing to a lot of people. Brian has not yet heard back from Kennecott regarding a possible venue. Dan Donahoe suggested that the person on the Governor's staff partner with one of a member societies to write an article so it is not partisan. We need to reestablish our relationship with GOED. It was suggested that we contact Marshall Wright. Juli Burton suggested that her contact, Michael O'Malley from the Governor's Office, could write an article. It would be great if a representative from the Governor's Office could attend our meetings. Perhaps Michael O'Malley could attend. Another suggestion was to have an article on the ASA meeting that Charlie Vono talked about. VanCott has a space to accommodate 500 people if we are not able to find another venue. We need committee members for the E-Week Committee.

**B. Fund-Raising:** David Cline passed around a draft to the e-blast that NewsLink is working on for us. When it is finalized, UEC will send a letter to all of our member society boards to explain how this would be used and that individuals can opt out of the emailing list. We will put our sponsors on the e-blast and include links to their websites. This will be a monthly newsletter and will replace many of Susan's e-mails.

Introductions were made.

**C. Publishing Committee:** Dannie Pollock was not in attendance. He is collecting articles for the Journal. The three research university libraries should have copies of the Journal. We need to verify that they are on the mailing list.

**D. Awards Committee:** John Richardson, committee chair, would like the nomination packets by December 31, 2014. This is an opportunity for every society to honor someone for each of the three awards. The Awards Committee members will be Marilyn Marshall, Paul Feser, Brian Riddle and Jeff Riddle. John will need high resolution pictures to be submitted with the nomination packets.

Rob encouraged all societies to put a link on their own websites to the UEC website.

**E. Scholarship Committee:** Charlie Vono is the chair of this committee. Juli Burton mentioned the possibility of INL (Idaho National Labs) sponsoring a scholarship. She will follow-up on that. Susan needs an updated scholarship application to upload to the website. UEC provides scholarships to the U of U, BYU and USU. Sophie Hanson funds the George Piele scholarship at Weber State. We currently have scholarship donations from Stephanie Mu, VanCott and Sophie Hanson. We need to secure funding for one more scholarship. UEC scholarships go to ABED accredited and research universities. The scholarship committee members are Marilyn Marshall, Rob Kesler and Brian Warner.

**F. Legislative Committee:** Dan Donahoe will be the committee chair. Chris Perry will be a committee member. Dan passed around an article about USTAR that he wrote. Dan passed around a list for people to sign up to be on this committee and that list will be provided to Susan after the meeting (added later - committee members are Dan Donahoe, Ron Thue, Chris Perry, Rob Kesler, Brian Riddle, Jeff Riddle, Paul Feser). Dan is hoping to start a Facebook account for people serving on the committee to share ideas and come to a consensus on a shared point of view. Dan feels that UEC can help in the following ways: engineers can promote themselves, UEC can give awards, and UEC can promote the profession and promote Utah. UEC can express an engineering viewpoint. Charlie Vono mentioned that Marshall Wright from the Governor's Office is trying to create a forum for discussion. John Richardson expressed concern that when we (the legislative chair) express the views of the UEC, that view needs to be unanimous and reflect the whole of UEC.

**G. Membership Committee:** Marilyn Marshall will chair the Membership Committee again. The by-laws state that the Membership Committee will provide a Calendar of Events and

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UEC benefits to potential members. This information is on the UEC website. Marilyn has an alternate from SWE to attend meetings with her.

The following Board members agreed to help on committees:

Chris Perry - legislative, awards and audit

Dale Robinson - fund-raising. This would include coming up with ideas for sponsors. David Cline has a plan and is working with NewsLink on this. Charlie Vono suggested contacting British Aerospace. Rob Kesler will contact Ferguson again. We need a good fund-raising year because we are out of funds.

Ron Thue - awards

Jed Lyman - fund-raising

Juli Burton - event planning - E-Week, publishing - send Journal articles to her at [juli@thenewslinkgroup.com](mailto:juli@thenewslinkgroup.com) and cc Susan Merrill so we have backup. Juli can take pictures at the banquet. Juli will communicate with Dannie Pollock since he can't be here much. She will also coordinate with Susan to make sure she has all of the articles that have been submitted.

Paul Feser - awards

Jeff and Brian Riddle - awards, legislative

Brian Warner still needs E-Week committee members.

## **5. Other Business**

Charlie Vono reported that he went to the Young Professionals event sponsored by IEEE and SWE. He said it was a great event.

Dan Donahoe mentioned the IEEE sustainability conference - they need judges and prize money for awards for this event in July. They have rooms for \$19 per night at Weber State. He wants to make Utah look really good. ASME and ASHRAE have given prize money for posters already.

UEC dues money needs to be paid as soon as possible. Susan tries to put everything she can on the website and asked people to please use the website and submit events to her for their societies.

Our next meeting is November 5, 2014.

## **8. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Brian Warner moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

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