

## **Joint Engineering Council of Greater Kansas**

### **Minutes of the Executive Board meeting - March 1, 1999 Art Gallery Room A- University Center - UMKC**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by President Merrill Watt. The following were present:

Digby Willard SME - Merrill Watt ASCE - Larry Poisner ASCE

Hope Piuck SAE and SWE - Gary Hanson IIE

1. It was observed that a quorum was present and the agenda was handed out.

2. Digby Willard introduced his guest, Mark Catanzaro, chairman-elect of SME

3. The minutes of the regular meeting of January 25th were presented by the secretary. Piuck moved that

they be accepted, Willard seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

4. The treasurer's report through February 14, 1999 was distributed. Willard moved that it be accepted,  
Piuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Officers' reports

A. Vice-president Willard noted that he looking for new members. Poisner stated that he would send a list of prospects to Willard if he wanted them. Willard said he would like the list.

B . Secretary Poisner reported that advertising the presence of the JEC web-site is being done in several ways: at the Engineers Week luncheon via a large poster, on the monthly meeting notices and other correspondence, to those students who inquire about scholarships as well as the scholarships faculty member at the Shawnee Mission School District , to the presiding officers of our member organizations, and to various schools who contact the JEC for information.

Pat Mizik, a JEC Director, had arranged for the JEC Poster displayed at the Engineers Week luncheon. It had been brought to the Executive Board meeting for their review and received very favorable comment.

An extra copy of the 1999 JEC Directory was given to each board member to have a copy at home and work. About 125 directories were handed out at the Engineers Week Luncheon.

It was discussed that JEC needs to continue looking for ways to promote better accuracy in the listing of the constituent members of JEC organizations in the annual directory.

6. Scholarship Committee

Chair Piuck led a discussion of the JEC hosting a meeting for the scholarship chairs of the JEC

members. She intends to visit with other parties and then set up a meeting on a date most beneficial to the overall program. It was noted that funding for this is already allocated in the current budget.

## 7. President's Report

Watt brought up the subject of unpaid bills from Engineers Week and was advised that only two are known. These have already been faxed to the treasurer who will pay them after he receives authority from the JEC president.

Regarding the discussion of the JEC Web Page, Piuck commended our Web Master, Earl Bishop, for his rapid posting of the scholarship information she had sent to him. Watt described the use of the Web Page for obtaining survey information from our members such as the ASCE Web Page permits and suggested that JEC might consider doing this, too.

It was announced that the minutes of JEC meetings and the treasurer's reporters would be inserted on our Web Page for the benefit of interested parties. Poisner was also instructed to visit with Earl Bishop about archiving all such reports, perhaps maintaining twelve consecutive reports of minutes and also that of the treasurer. Poisner stated that he intended to forward a copy of the minutes to all member attendees for their feed back before forwarding it to be put on the Web Page. Any corrections reported back within seven days after the minutes are sent to the attendees will be made before the final version of the minutes is then published on the JEC Web Page.

## 8. Unfinished Business

A. Watt announced that payments would be made for the outstanding bills for the JEC web site. He also commented that a substantial study should be undertaken to establish a guidance policy for charging for advertising and classified ads. The latter might involve listings by individuals who belong to JEC member organizations and who are seeking employment..

B Poisner reiterated that presidents of JEC member organizations would be sent information of a special nature that is not shown on the monthly calendar of activities.

C. The status of the JEC members whose full 1999 dues had yet to be received was given by Poisner. He stated that Treasurer Tyler had been given this information and would contact the remaining eight (AEE, AFS, ASCE, ASCET, KCAHE, KSPE, NSBE, and.SAVE) himself. Two members, ICBO and IES, have elected to discontinue their JEC membership.

## 9. New Business

A. Willard offered to provide Public Relations services for the JEC. Watt accepted his offer.

B. A brief discussion was held regarding the placement of ads in the JEC Directory and on the Web Page. It was decided to continue this consideration in the future.

10. Watt announced the next meeting would be held on March 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room of the University Center at UMKC.

11. Piuck moved that the meeting be adjourned, Hanson provided the second, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted - Larry Poisner, Secretary March 4, 1999

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