

Joint Engineering Council of Greater Kansas

Minutes of the Regular Meeting - March 22, 1999 Alumni Room - UMKC

It was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Pres. Merrill Watt

The following members were present:

Merrill Watt ASCE - Hope Piuck SAE/SWE - Digby Willard SME - Betty Joyce Neal ASQ - Larry Poisner ASCE

1. The minutes of the prior meeting had already been reviewed by the attendees of that meeting before it was published on the Web Page of the JEC so no action was necessary.

2. The Treasurer's report, dated March 13, 1999, had also been published on the JEC Web Page. Watt commented that he would like to have the name of the JEC member listed when their dues were received. Willard moved that the report be accepted and Piuck seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

3. Officers Reports

A. Vice-president Willard asked for a roster of the presidents/chairs of JEC members with their e-mail addresses and Poisner stated that he would provide this to Willard. He also commented on the benefits of JEC members joining in on certain activities of other JEC members. In particular, he noted that SME members would be advised of the ASCE Royals Night program and Piuck stated that she, too, was informing her constituents.

B. Secretary Poisner reported on his visit at the Regents Center with Karen Wilson and Mary Heberling, two staff members of KU. They had invited JEC to meet with them to explore how their operation and the JEC could benefit one another. They proposed to sponsor jointly an educational program that was qualified to issue Continuing Educational Units. CEU's are required by the State of Kansas for engineers to maintain their registration. JEC would assist with topic research and promotion of such a program for their member organizations. KU could help with establishing the faculty, providing additional marketing, locating the physical facilities and performing other administrative duties.

The JEC Board expressed interest in this activity and will discuss it again at a future meeting.

C. Treasurer Tyler had informed President Watt that additional measures would need to be taken in order to complete collection of 1999 membership dues. The dues for KCAHE were received last week.

4. President's report

Watt stated that the JEC Web Page continues to be improved by Earl Bishop. It was announced that Bishop invites members of the JEC to send him photographs of their activities that they wish to have displayed on the Web Page. He is ready to do this in order to increase interest in the JEC Web Page.

5. Unfinished Business

Regarding the JEC calendar of important events, Piuck stated that the JEC should be a forum for sharing educational programs. Poisner suggested that we should also schedule certain events like the annual Presidents' dinner and meetings for both the Program Chairs and the Scholarship Chairs of all the JEC member organizations.

6. New Business

It was decided to combine the meetings of the Presidents/Chairs of JEC members and their Program Chairs. It would be held early August and Watt would be responsible for this session. It was also decided to hold a meeting for the Scholarship Chairs for some time between the mid September and mid October. Piuck will be responsible for this session. Poisner agreed to contact UMKC, find out what dates were available, and report back to Watt and Piuck.

Watt advised that he had been approached by the publisher of our 1999 Directory who is interested in doing it again. The desirability of establishing a specification for our annual directory was discussed. Neal inquired if the current format was satisfactory. Watt commented that the appearance seemed to be well received but that we needed to develop a system to improve the accuracy of the printed data. Having a specification would enable JEC to obtain a proposal(s) for preparing the directory with this provision. This will be discussed in greater detail at another meeting.

Neal inquired about the JEC helping its members to locate meeting places around the metro area. Willard commented that this might be accommodated by appropriate advertising on our Web Page. Poisner noted that this would be a good topic for the meeting of the Program Chairs of the JEC members.

In order to provide interest at the JEC monthly meetings, Piuck suggested that three or four members be invited to speak at each meeting and inform the Board what the JEC could do to help their organizations.

7. Good and Welfare

President Watt noted that the JEC needed to involve larger numbers of individuals who would take responsible roles such as committee chairs. Willard agreed to help in this endeavor and will seek a Program Committee chair. Watt may request the other officers and the directors to solicit one or more people so that he can fill the positions yet to be assigned.

Watt had commented at a previous meeting on the possible need for the JEC to seek the services of a staff member, possibly part time, to perform the necessary duties that are difficult to obtain by volunteer workers. He reiterated that observation at this meeting.

8. The next meeting had been already scheduled for April 26, 1999 in the Alumni Room at 5:30 P.M..

9. Poisner moved and Piuck seconded a motion to adjourn. This passed unanimously at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Poisner, Secretary

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