

Joint Engineering Council of Greater Kansas City

Minutes of the Regular Meeting – November 22, 1999 Alumni Room UMKC

1. It was determined that a quorum was present and President Merrill Watt called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. Joe Huffman won the door prize, a box of golf balls.
2. The following were present: Merrill Watt - ASCE, Joe Huffman - ECKC, Joyce Neal - ASQ, Leshawnda Larkin - NSBE, Tom Kirkwood - APWA, Gary Hanson - IIE, Steve Tyler - AICChE, Pat Mizik - ASM, Marc Richardson - AACE, Rainer Dronzek - SME, and Larry Poisner - ASCE.
3. Minutes of the October 25th meeting as posted on the JEC Web Page were approved unanimously, Tyler making the motion, which was seconded by Kirkwood.
4. The Treasurer's report, also posted on the JEC Web Page was approved unanimously, Huffman making the motion that was seconded by Mizik.

5. Officers' Reports

A. Vice-president Mizik commented on the progress of the JEC directory. There was discussion on whether JEC should have the directories sent out so those undelivered would be returned with the correct addresses. However, only the front page would be returned and the balance of the directories would be trashed by the post office with a charge of 40 cents each. A motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Rainer that the directories simply be mailed out using the addresses provided to the JEC without paying for address correction. It passed unanimously.

B. Secretary Poisner reported that contact had been made with Dr. Robert Zerwekh at KU and that the dues for 2000 would be paid for ASEM. Dr. Zerwekh was sent a letter pointing out the benefits of participating in the JEC Directory and also taking part in the JEC Web Page.

C. Treasurer Tyler reported that invoices for dues had gone out about November 5th to all members and that a follow-up statement would also be sent in the near future. He also reiterated the critical need for a central repository for the data listing the representatives, presidents, other officers, and certain committees. The JEC Web Page was stated to be the most logical location and Tyler requested that a single individual be assigned the responsibility to maintain this data base, month by month. He also pressed for such an assignment to be made no later than the December 13th meeting.

6. President's Report

President Watt noted that he had pressed ASCE to make more use of the JEC Web Page and requested others at this meeting to encourage their organizations similarly.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Director Hanson will try to present some work on review of the JEC Constitution and Bylaws at the December meeting.

B. Watt commented that he had been in contact with Soon-Lee Tho and felt that we would have some input on a mission statement for the JEC soon.

8. New Business

A. Huffman presented a status report on the Union Station project, having attended meetings on that topic. All JEC members are being asked to join in a group request, two thousand dollars for each member, for funding from the Kansas City 150 Fund. If approved, this will provide sufficient money to be added to that already pledged by the Engineers Club of Kansas City so that the project can proceed. There is a January 15, 2000 deadline by which time all such requests must be submitted. A form letter will be sent to all JEC member presidents to be returned to Joe Huffman, who will help complete this joint request.

B. The report of the nominating committee contained the following slate of officers and directors: President - Merrill Watt, Vice-president -Pat Mizik, Secretary - Joyce Neal, Treasurer - Rainer Dronzek, Directors (3) - John Brake, Joe Huffman and Tom Kirkwood. It was pointed out that additional nominations are permitted at the election meeting to be held December 13th and that the newly elected officials begin their term at the conclusion of that meeting.

C. Poisner presented a tentative, partial schedule of meetings for 2000 that had been reserved at UMKC. If the same time and fourth Monday of the month are to be retained, it will be necessary to meet elsewhere as the University Center will be closed at 5:00 P.M. during the months of May, June and July. A copy was provided to Watt.

9. Good and welfare - none

10. Schedule the next meeting - Watt reminded the group that December 13th would be the next and final meeting of this administration.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M. following a motion by Mizik with a second by Huffman.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Poisner, JEC secretary

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