

Joint Engineering Council of Greater Kansas City

Minutes of the Regular Meeting – October 25, 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.

2. The following were present: Rainer Dronzek - SME, Merrill Watt - ASCE, Betty Joyce Neal - ASQ, Joe Huffman - ECKC, Steve Tyler - AIChE, Mal Graham - SAVE, Gary Hanson - IIE, Tom Kirkwood - APWA, Patrick Mizik - ASM, Ron Zitterkopf - MSPE and Larry Poisner - ASCE.

3. Minutes of the 9/27 meeting - After discussion, Poisner moved and Kirkwood seconded a motion to correct the minutes then posted on the JEC web page by deleting item 8F, the reference to a \$100 budget adjustment for the dinner for scholarship chairpersons. It passed unanimously.

4. The report of Treasurer Tyler as posted on the JEC web page was approved unanimously after a motion by Huffman, which was seconded by Hanson.

5. Officers reports:

a. Vice-president Mizik reported that the sale of advertising for the 2000 JEC Directory was just getting into high gear. It was also learned that most of the JEC organizations had submitted their membership data to the JEC Webmaster, Earl Bishop.

b. Secretary Poisner commented that an effort was needed to encourage our members to make better use of the JEC web page. A larger hit rate on our system would motivate prospective advertisers to continue their ads after a free trial period.

c. Treasurer Tyler stated that dues statements for 2000 would be sent out within a week.

6. President's Report

President Watt noted that Soon-Lee Tho is continuing to work on a JEC mission statement.

7. Unfinished Business

Hanson will try to have a draft of the revised by-laws by the November meeting.

8. New Business

a. Having met with the director of the Union Station project, Huffman reported on a plan to invite funding from a local trust that would request an allocation on behalf of each member of the JEC. This could amount to \$1,000 for each of the 26 members. It would provide the necessary balance to finish an area in the Union Station, which would recognize the contributions of engineers, architects and contractors to the community. The Engineers Club has already made a very substantial commitment for this purpose. Huffman is looking for support to prepare this submittal and will try to have this document

at the November meeting for approval, as the cutoff date is January 15, 2000.

b. President Watt announced that he had appointed a nomination committee to present a slate of officers and directors to be elected at the December meeting.

c. Hanson reiterated the need for each attendee to contact their organization and ask that they make fuller use of the JEC web page.

d. Huffman distributed a questionnaire regarding the possible duties of a staff member and requested they be returned to him by the first of next year.

e. Tyler moved that when monthly minutes were posted on the JEC web page, each president/chairperson and representative of our members would be alerted to get that information from our web page. Kirkwood seconded the motion and it was passed. Secretary Poisner then agreed to do this.

9. Good and Welfare

Mizik noted that his contact with another engineering umbrella organization revealed some societies now permit reservations to be made by use of credit cards so that advance payment will minimize no-shows.

10. Schedule future meetings

President Watt announced that the November 22nd meeting would again be held in the Alumni Room at 6:00 P.M. It was also acknowledged that UMKC is changing their use of the University Center in 2000 and will close the building in the months of May, June, and July at 5:00 P.M. This will necessitate looking for an alternate meeting place(s) in 2000.

11. Adjournment

Kirkwood moved and Huffman seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:01 P.M. It passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Poisner, JEC Secretary

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