

Memphis-Area Joint Engineer's Council  
Monthly Meeting  
January 7, 2009  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order/Introductions**

Chairman Robert Hewitt called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM with 11 members present: John Buxton,, Lisa Jones, Tim Verner, John Modzelewski, Jim Whitehead, Renee Stoll, Tony Pinson, David Sparkes, Emanuel Villa, Alan Otts and Pong Malasri. There were no new representatives.

**Reports**

Secretary: The minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented by Secretary John Buxton. He noted that the unapproved minutes had been transmitted on January 5, 2009.

Treasurer: Renee reported a total \$3,644.07. 16 of 18 organizations have paid dues. ASPE and ASQ have not paid. TAPS has joined AFE in dormancy this year. Those not paying dues are ineligible for Featured Engineer selection.

**Old Business**

Update on Kick-Off Luncheon: The luncheon will be at 11:30 AM on Monday, February 16, 2009 at the U of M Holiday Inn. The price will be \$25.00. Tables of ten will be used. The speaker will be Arnold Perl, Chairman of the Memphis Shelby County Board of Commissioners. Tickets will be available at the February meeting.

Update on Mid-Week Banquet: The banquet will be on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the Thomas Center on the CBU Campus. The social hour will begin at 6:30 PM and will be followed by the dinner and program at 7:30. The speaker will be Dr. Steven J. Bares, President & Executive Director, of the Memphis Bioworks Foundation. Tickets were available at meeting. Claire Barnett, 372-7962, is the banquet chairman. Claire needs all money NLT than 2/18/09.

Status of Student Contest Notification: Alan said that the word was out. He had received more verbal inquiries this year than any previous year. He had received no formal entries.

Request for Nominations: Renee has sent out the request for nominations for the Award of Excellence with a deadline of January 30, The Award of Excellence is competitive John said he had received two selections for Featured Engineer. That deadline is February 6, 2009.

**New Business**

Student Contest Judging: Alan said more judges made the Student Contest move faster. He requested the representatives to so inform their organizations.

MAESC: Pong reminded that the deadline for both abstract submissions and co-sponsorship was January 30, 2009.

ASCE: An Order of the Engineer ceremony will be held at noon on February 18 at the Fogelman Center as part of Engineers Week. Renee requested updates on various activities by the organizations to include in her published summary.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4: 40 PM. The next meeting will be 2/4/09 at 4 PM in Room 241 of the Nolan Engineering Building on the CBU campus. **Pizza will be provided.**

**These minutes were approved as presented at the 2/4/09 meeting.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John".

John L. Buxton, P.E. (R)  
Secretary