

Minutes for Council Meeting of January 9 2018

(Virtual Meeting using GoToMeeting.com)

Attendees (all on line) – David Manuta, Joe Porcelli, Richard Goodman, Dick Schauer, Steve Duerr, Bernie Ennis, Tom Vichroski and Charlie Leonard

Proxy – Anne-Marie Rossmeisl

Meeting opened by President David Manuta at 7:00 pm EST. No changes needed to Agenda (Motion by Manuta, seconded by Schauer and unanimously approved.

Minutes of December 12, 2017 GTM Meeting highlights read and accepted – motion by Vishroski, seconded by Leonard and unanimously approved. Side conversation about quorum, and the group agreed to assume quorum.

The Treasurer's report was submitted verbally by Duerr. All ad payments have been received, as have 37 membership payments (including two honor members, who do not pay. 5 members are unpaid, despite several notifications. It was agreed that Duerr would call these. Discussion of Blumenthal having issues with both email addresses and phone number. (732) 754-5802 appears to be a working phone number for him. Porcelli moved to accept report, Vishroski seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Manuta's President remarks that his main effort was keeping up with the emails. He asked Goodman about status of purchase of A/V equipment. Goodman stated that he would include this in his report as Program Chair

Goodman stated that he had received equipment and in fact was using at this meeting. He "took over control" of the screen as "presenter" and posted his report as had been included in the latest Newsletter, demonstrating how a presentation could be transmitted to a group via GTM. He then requested subjects that the members might be interested, such as areas of chemistry, or offering mentoring or presentations from other organizations so he could find appropriate speakers. One idea he proposed was to invite the ACS person responsible for their Entrepreneurial programs to make a presentation on the program. Also, Richard suggested that perhaps there could be a way of linking their needs and the capabilities of our members. ***It is requested that any members having ideas of subject matter for possible presentation should email their ideas to Goodman (with copies to Manuta and Porcelli).***

Manuta suggested checking the speaker's availability, for any of our next few Council meeting dates. Vichroski suggested that speaker may require a guaranteed minimum number of listeners. The hope is that if he has access to equipment, it may reduce the concern about minimum number of attendees. Also, Leonard pointed out that the talk would be recorded for future use. Goodman questioned why the dates of the Council meeting should limit the speaker. Porcelli suggested Richard discuss all dates with the speaker, not limited to the second Tuesday in each month.

Porcelli expressed concern that we are not getting additional people calling in and Duerr suggested that they may be reluctant to join a Council meeting. On the other hand, we have 14 directors on the Council, and at least they should realize that they are expected to attend.

Manuta asked about status of Newsletter, and Leonard said it would be sent out in groups over the next few days, and he confirmed that all the new contacts will receive it as well.

Schauer, the Membership chair, said there were no new applicants this month – these usually come into our website and then are sent out to the membership by Leonard.

Manuta asked about any new CHIs and Porcelli asked Manuta about the latest CHI about which he had spoken at length with the prospect, Mr. Gu, who explained that they are setting up a flavors and coatings plant in Armonk, and are looking for two experts, one as a full-time employee and the other as a consultant. This became a long conversation as to whether ACC&CE could be a headhunter (who ordinarily ask high fees). It was decided to look into whether this type of service was prohibited by our By-laws. Vishroski asked what our tax status was, and about the legalities, and whether this apparently large opportunity could be pursued. Further discussion was deferred to a later date.

A discussion began on the draft “tri-fold” brochure that Vishroski had submitted to some of us, and he put one of his three proposed drafts on the screen. He offered to print up 250 copies of the chosen draft, on card stock, for no charge. After some discussion, it was decided that Vishroski would print out one for each and send it to all the attendees on the call. Porcelli volunteered to print the labels if Leonard could send the names and addresses to him. We would review the text of the brochure and then we could go forward. There was discussion as to hard copy versus email. It will depend upon whether most of the contacts are email or mailing addresses. Porcelli and Leonard will work out the address situation.

Manuta asked about status of website, and Leonard said that Frankie Canova, our web designer, was available but has not done too much recently. Ennis asked Leonard some technical questions.

The next meeting will be on February 13, 2018, starting at 7 pm EST.

Porcelli moved to close the meeting at 8:02 pm EST, seconded by Vishroski and unanimously accepted.