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MINUTES

Virtual Council GTM Meeting of January 8, 2019

Attendees (all on-line) – David Manuta, Joe Porcelli, Charles Leonard, Bernie Ennis, and Marvin DeTar.

Proxies – Richard Goodman, Tom Vichroski

Meeting called to order by President Manuta at 7:04 pm EST.

The minutes of the last Council Meeting, which was our Annual Meeting on November 19, were summarized by Porcelli. The information was vast, and Porcelli made the point that Leonard had included a link to those minutes on his announcement email, and it was stated that for future meetings, Porcelli would assume that all participants had read them and would ask for comments, changes and approval. Ennis moved to accept the minutes and DeTar seconded.

There was no Treasurer's report due to absence of Treasurer Duerr.

In his President's remarks, President Manuta focused on two items;

1. The need for Back-up for Key Members/Succession Planning, and
2. Necessary revisions to Constitution and Bylaws.

The group then moved onto a review of the latest draft of the proposed revised Constitution (ConstitutionBylaws8). Given the small number attending, and the complexity of the review process, it was agreed to focus on noting items needing further discussion while trying to settle as many questions about the proposed changes as possible. (NB – Leonard will distribute the most recent version for general membership comment.

Some important points were discussed –

1. The new document would integrate the Bylaws into the Constitution, forming a single document rather than two. There appeared to be full agreement among the attendees.
2. The new document is gender-neutral and replaces the position of "Director" with "Councilors", or advisors to Council. The 15 Director positions would become 6 Councilor

positions with three year terms. Since we have been remiss on holding elections the last two years, most of the Director terms have expired as of October 2018. It has been proposed that members interested in serving as Councilors will be asked to identify themselves, for six slots, with two being for three years, two for two years and two for one year. From this point, the last four would be asked to service three years after their first terms had expired in the future. Also, there will be a requirement that every Councilor attend a certain number of our GTM Council meetings each year.

3. There was a long discussion on qualifications for membership, with some attendees express concern about a (slightly) possible hostile takeover of ACC&CE. This matter was deferred for further discussion and language agreement.
4. There was discussion on procedures and responsibilities in setting up elections, and other matters.

(NB It is suggested that all members read the most recent version carefully and comment on anything of concern, and to propose language to deal with concerns so that the document can be expeditiously approved.)

The next Council GTM meeting will be held on February 12, at 7 pm EST and there may be another working group GTM meeting earlier, to finalize the version of the Constitution to be ready for a vote.

The important matter of advertising in chemical journals was deferred due to time and Mr. Vichroski's absence.

The meeting was closed at 8:37 pm EST.