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MINUTES OF THE ACC&CE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON FEBRUARY 09, 2021 VIA GTM

ATTENDED BY: Richard Goodman (President), Steve Duerr (Treasurer), Charles Leonard, David Manuta, Koki Doshi, Dick Schauer, Joe Porcelli, John Wetzel, Al Sagarese, Art Finkle and Bernie Ennis.

AGENDA AND CHANGES: The meeting commenced at 7:01 EDT. No changes were proposed to the agenda and the motion to accept the agenda was moved by Koki and seconded by Charlie. The agenda was accepted as proposed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: The Minutes of the January 2021 Meeting were approved after the motion was moved by Charlie and seconded by David Manuta. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Steve Duerr:

Bank account has \$ 31000. 10 Ads of the expected 10 are paid up. Of 37 membership dues, 36 are paid including 1 honorary. C. Massey's dues are outstanding; his business email is closed down and changed on the website. Charlie said he will check as to when it was changed. Invoice sent to his business email address bounced but worked on his personal email address which he is not answering. Charlie will call him to resolve this. Treasurer's report was accepted after the motion was proposed by Art Finkle and seconded by David Manuta.

President's Remarks: Richard Goodman

Richard reported that some members had received scam emails purporting to have been sent by him to buy gift scratch cards and relay the code numbers with a pledged donation to veteran's fund. He hoped that nobody fell for the scam. Richard's computer does not seem to have been hacked. Only his name was probably picked up from the website. The ad hoc committee formed to look into the requirements for accepting membership from large consulting firm stands is dissolved now.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Programs: Al Sagarese

Thursday, 11th February-M. Zimmer's presentation is confirmed. It will be under the Al Sagarese' ZOOM platform and start at 7:00. Charlie requested a login and password link to join future meetings. Al's granddaughter will facilitate the meeting logistics. An upcoming presentation in May 2021 will be on a third Tuesday as against Al's idea of having it in tandem with the regular Council meeting and the one after will be in September 2021. The expected speaker will be from the Institute of Management Consultants.

NEWSLETTER: Joe Porcelli

The next newsletter will be going out towards the end of March and Joe is also looking at receiving inputs from other members. Koki said she sent an edited version of the last newsletter for Charlie and Joe to comment on. Apparently Joe has not received it and Koki will resend it.

MEMBERSHIP: Dick Schauer

The response to Dick's email from Len Anderson was gibberish, possibly due to auto triggered identity protection features and Dick believes he would be contacted by phone to regularize his application formally.

WEBSITE: Charlie Leonard

Periodic website plug-in updates were accomplished without incident, the Address Book was sent to a few senior members for review. One name has been identified to drop.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marvin was not present at the meeting. Charlie is aware that some work was done on LinkedIn and shared an email with details. Koki mentioned that she was getting finance marketing feed on the association's web page. Charlie said that the two web pages for the Association as seen on LinkedIn are different. One is as a Company and the other as an Organization.

Succession planning:

1. No development in the succession planning.
2. ACS and AIChE meetings are now conducted virtually. Local section meetings are free. Some of the presentations are interesting. Virtual meetings are not bound by geographical boundaries and ACC&CE have a head start on it as this way more people can be made aware of our organization. A discussion followed suggestions from Richard if presentations are broadcast to attract more speakers. Al agreed saying that this does certainly help. David mentioned that the Chem Show at Javits Centre will be affected by the ongoing pandemic and its use as a mass vaccination center. Javits Centre may not be open to other functions for 4-6 months.
3. Al wanted to know the role of the Council as he did not receive an orientation to the functions. Richard explained the responsibility of the Council as representing the membership regarding important issues concerning the legislature and running of the Council, including the ChemShow and decision making. Dick said that it is a group of advisors for accountability.
4. Charlie talked of LinkedIn administrators. As many as are willing to carry the torch are good. Currently Marvin, Richard and David are admins. Richard wanted to know what he had to do as an admin, to which Charlie said that active participation will be appreciated which can also be part of succession planning. Steve added clarification with "Curate" as is done in a museum,

saying that Richard would, as President, decide or participate in deciding on content, effectively curating the content. The external team currently working on it would expect us to maintain the content.

5. Dick Schauer said that the ChemShow website mentioned October 21-24, but Richard said it could have been listed prior to the pandemic related issues. David Manuta will follow up with inquiry and Richard will be the contact person for any further information. David also said the travel and quarantine restrictions were not relaxed in NYC.
6. Joe volunteered to be an admin for the LinkedIn page. A discussion followed this about the effectiveness of the Organization page to post project news by the consultants. The company page would need LinkedIn fees for advertisement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM EST. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9th, 2021.

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