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MINUTES

Virtual Council Meeting of April 14, 2020

ATTENDEES: David Manuta (President), Steve Duerr (Treasurer), Koki Doshi (Secretary), Charles Leonard, Richard Goodman, David Morse, Al Sagarese. David Manuta has Dick Schauer's proxy.

AGENDA AND CHANGES: Meeting was called to order by David at 7:03 PM EDT. No changes to the agenda were called for and it was accepted. Acceptance motion was moved by Steve and seconded by Richard.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: The Minutes of March meeting were approved. The approval motion was moved by Charlie and seconded by Richard.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Steve Duerr: The bank balance is just short of \$30K. Our total membership is 38 including 1 honorary. As of 3/31/20, Dave Armbruster (long-time member) and Tom Snyder have resigned. Mike Blumenthal has paid and Bill Swartz has a check in the mail. Treasurer's Report was accepted after the motion to accept was moved by Charlie and seconded by Koki.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS-David Manuta

David commented on the absence of Bernie Ennis, presumably due to the AIChE meeting going on concurrently. The issue of scheduling or re-scheduling our meeting was touched upon too. Additionally he remarked that the present high level of emergency due to the pandemic COVID-19 may be relaxed and that there would be a little more freedom of movement. He gave example of his recent visit to Idaho and the difficulties faced during return by air. David also mentioned that he has communicated with the officer from the Department of Labor regarding their project for creating definition and data of chemical engineers referred to in the previous meeting. He said that the officers are working from home and the project is still on, currently building a framework for job description of chemical engineers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PROGRAM-R. Goodman

Richard has reached out to a couple of new members and is hopeful tentatively that there will be a presentation from one of them probably in May or June. He will try to get a commitment on a date for the presentation soon.

NEWSLETTER- Joe Porcelli

David noted that Joe is not with us here tonight and if anybody has talked with him. Al Sagarese said he had, and that he is in good health and homebound like the rest of us. David appreciated the nice job Joe did with the last Newsletter. Another newsletter may have to be brought out probably in June. A short discussion took place describing the local effect of the current pandemic in New Jersey.

MEMBERSHIP- Dick Schauer

David asked about the recent inquiry for membership to which Charlie said that it was more a request to join the LinkedIn group, but he could still be a potential member of ACC&CE. Another inquiry was from Verdi Enterprise, a Bridgewater, New Jersey based firm; from their URL it appeared that they were more into medicine and David asked Tom Vichroski and Michael to see if these fit well into our organization.

WEBSITE: Charles Leonard

Charlie mentioned that we have 7 CHI's this year and 12 since October, of which two were international, which is remarkable. Charlie now has found somebody who will work on the website currently due to the quarantine. The work involves upgrading the website to more secure and faster software versions. This will be finalized in coming couple of days. All are requested to check out the website to see if everything works well.

OLD BUSINESS:

David remarked on attendance at Presentations. There was a short discussion on the efficacy of GTM over ZOOM as a meeting platform, which was rumored to violate privacy. The consensus was that GTM was a better platform. Charlie said that we have a commitment with GTM till this year end when we can evaluate other options since GTM has been bought out by LogMeln. Al Sagarese commented that he was familiar with ZOOM which kind of works same as GTM. Charlie also remarked that most of these platforms are remarkably similar.

David said that we need new members to get more interested in the operation and governance of what we are doing. Succession to executive positions need to be laid out such that no official is alone. Al Sagarese said that he will talk to Joe Porcelli regarding doing the newsletter.

AIChE and ACS council meetings: David said that the recent ACS meeting was cancelled, probably for the first time in history including regional meetings. Charlie said that this was a great opportunity for us to capitalize on this situation by sending out word to ACS to partner with Consultants and attend our virtual meetings. Richard said he will follow up on this before the next meeting. David Morse mentioned that AIChE Meeting is rescheduled to 16-20 August in Houston, Texas.

David said that the O*Net project is still on.

NEXT MEETING

There being no new business to discuss, the next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday May 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM EDT.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Charlie and seconded by Al Sagarese. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM EDT.
