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MINUTES OF THE ACC&CE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MAY 11, 2021 VIA GTM

ATTENDED BY: Richard Goodman (President), Steve Duerr (Treasurer), Koki Doshi (Secretary), Charles Leonard, David Manuta, Marvin De Tar, Bernie Ennis, John Wetzels and Art Finkle. Steve had Cathy Byrne's proxy.

AGENDA AND CHANGES: The meeting commenced at 7:02 EDT. No changes to the agenda were proposed and it was accepted after the motion was proposed by Marvin and seconded by Charlie.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: The Minutes of the April 2021 Council Meeting were approved by all. The motion proposed by Bernie was seconded by Charlie.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Steve Duerr

Bank balance is \$31,727. Bookkeeping is reconciled as of 5/11/21. Finances are in good shape with a bottom-right spreadsheet number of -\$213 (\$2,000 remains available to spend on Website and Marketing. Of 10 expected newsletter ads, all 10 are paid. Of 36 expected members including 1 honorary, all 36 are paid. The Treasurer's report was accepted after proposed motion by Marvin was seconded by Charlie.

President's Remarks: Richard Goodman

- 2021 Chem Show is cancelled as per the notification received from the organizers. There is no hint of it being held in 2022 either. Apparently either Javits Centre was aiming at more profitable events or the Chem Show organizers do not have enough lead time to properly run it this year with a limited time window.
- Richard had submitted an abstract related to Small Chemical business for the ACS Small Chemical Business symposium coming up in Atlanta, yet no word if the paper was accepted for Presentation. This is in anticipation of advertising the ACC&CE to both, the virtual as well as live audience. The event is expected to be a hybrid event with a virtual audience and live speakers with limited visitors from the Atlanta area attending.
- The company which had last submitted a CHI is apparently a reputable company working in the field of green chemistry. Marvin mentioned that he did respond as a chemist with a proposition. The venture will need to have a chemical engineer for the scaling up operation. Bernie said the subject matter of the inquiry was not in his field although he is a chemical engineer so he did not respond. The project like this would have to actually be managed by a team comprising chemists as well as engineers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Programs: Al Sagarese was not present at this meeting. Subject matter of the Presentation which is scheduled for May 25 is available for publicity. We may not have a meeting in July - August.

NEWSLETTER: Koki requested the present members to submit their memoirs based on interesting takeaways from the projects that they had worked on. The deadline for receiving these is at the end of May such that the formatting can be finished by mid-June for publication at the end of June.

MEMBERSHIP: Dick was not present at this meeting. No membership applications have been received.

WEBSITE: Charlie Leonard

General monthly updates without problems. It is Renewal time for website expenses, which we will probably see within a month.

Linkedin: Marvin De Tar

First advertisement for the upcoming talks on 25th May and June 15 will be put up on LinkedIn. Marvin asked if members would like their edited bios on LinkedIn, to which Charlie suggested that it would be better to point to the ACC&CE web pages where all details are available. It was explained that links leading to and from have value. Marvin suggested that we could list consultants with links to their profiles on LinkedIn. The question of any inquiry through this channel circumventing the 5% commission to the organization was also discussed. Any CHI through LinkedIn would be directed to the organization. It all eventually boils down to the ethics of each consultant and the work taken on, subject to the ethics document signed. Listed consultants will appear on posts.

New Business

An open discussion took place to increase diversity in the organization and suggestions were invited to alleviate the dilemma of those consultants who were faced an uphill task in having their expertise and credentials recognized by prospective clients. John, Charlie and Bernie presented helpful insights.

Charlie displayed a couple of pages showing what could be used to promote and advertise the organization following the previous meeting. Since there won't be a Chem Show this year, other possible venues that could be explored were discussed. One of them could be the Corrosion show where Jim Divine could be approached as he had previously proposed to bring some flyers. Other suggestions were to be represented at specialty shows like Plastics, Toxicology or Professional women's and other faculty groups in private organizations or academia. David Manuta asked if we could be at the national or regional meeting of the ACS in 2022. Bernie suggested advertising in magazines for petrochemicals and chemical industry in general.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM EDT after motion to do so was moved by Charlie and seconded by all.

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