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MINUTES

Virtual Council Meeting of June 9, 2020

ATTENDEES: David Manuta (President), Steve Duerr (Treasurer), Koki Doshi (Secretary), Joe Porcelli, Charles Leonard, Richard Goodman, David Morse, Bernie Ennis, Cathy Byrne, Marvin DeTar, Jacob Bertrand, Heather Wahab, and Arthur Finkle. Al Sagarese and Tom Borne also attended through phone call-in. There were no proxies.

AGENDA AND CHANGES: Meeting was called to order by David Manuta at 7:03 PM EDT. The agenda was accepted without any change by everyone present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: The Minutes of May meeting were approved after Steve Duerr requested that the initial "J" not be included with his name. The motion to approve as amended was moved by Richard and seconded by Steve and Charlie. The motion carried and the Minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Steve Duerr: The bank account balance is \$29,800. Our total membership is 38 including 1 honorary. Heather Wahab has submitted her business card for the next newsletter. Treasurer's Report was accepted after the motion to accept was moved by Marvin De Tar and seconded by Bernie Ennis.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: David Manuta

David Manuta had spoken again with the widow of late member Tom Vichroski and she did take some of the advice about working with an attorney and an accountant. She was considering an endowment for a local graduating student. The Association's expression of some such action discussed in the last meeting was in tandem with this idea. After extensive discussion by members present about modalities of expressing our appreciation, it was agreed that Tom Vichroski's services to the Association were outstanding and possibly his professional work in marketing and brochure creating saved the Association thousands of dollars. It was finally decided that to commemorate Tom's service to the Association and as a token of appreciation to this regard, a nicely worded courtesy letter will be sent to Mrs. Vichroski. This motion of sending this letter was passed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PROGRAM: R. Goodman

David Morse's very interesting presentation on June 2, 2020 was well attended and well received. Our new members were requested to make a presentation at their convenience on a topic that would interest the Association. Bernie suggested that if David Morse could make same presentation to the AIChE, it would be well received. David responded that he will.

NEWSLETTER: Joe Porcelli

There was no report on the Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP: Dick Schauer

Since Dick was not present at this meeting, David reported that one recent application for membership will not go through since the applicant will not qualify for it as required.

WEBSITE: Charles Leonard

Charlie welcomed Arthur Finkle and requested his short bio for inclusion in the newsletter. The Association seems to be doing well on the CHI front. Lot of background updates are in place. Additional work is done in the background which seemingly has resulted in increased CHI's.

OLD BUSINESS:

Improved attendance at presentations and the council meeting tonight is appreciated. Those present make almost a third of our total membership. Back-ups for leadership positions, as discussed in prior meetings for successful transitioning was emphasized. Merits of privacy setting on Zoom was discussed. Apparently, the paid-up version of Zoom has more security features than free version. ACS- San Francisco, cancelled their meeting as well. A virtual meeting was proposed. O* Net participation project is still on hold.

NEXT MEETING

There being no new business to discuss, it was decided that next council meeting is scheduled on Tuesday July 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM ET. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard and seconded by Charlie. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM, ET.

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