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## MINUTES

### Virtual Council Meeting of June 18, 2019

Attendees (all on-line) – David Manuta, Steve Duerr, Richard Goodman, Koki Doshi, Charlie Leonard and Joe Porcelli. [Proxies – Bernie Ennis]

Meeting called to order by President Manuta at 7:01 pm EDT. He stated that there was only one agenda item for discussion, the document describing the requirements for Councilors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, after a motion by Doshi and second by Porcelli.

Treasurer Duerr reported that there were no changes other than the fact that Armbruster was reinstated to membership.

President's remarks – preparation for next ChemShow, taking place in late October, is proceeding. Manuta suggested that with the success of our use of GoToMeetings, we might be able to organize remote presentations at our seminar, for those who could not travel to New York, but who wanted to participate in our seminar at the show.

In addition to the ChemShow, Manuta described a new project he is involved, regarding the discovery of rare radionuclides at a school in Ohio, the source of which cannot be explained. This serious situation has attracted media attention, particularly because children are involved, and Manuta has become the "go-to-guy" for the investigation. He has suggested that other members of the association who have relevant knowledge might be able to get involved.

Programming Chair Goodman discussed our June 11 GoToMeeting Presentation about Mars. All the audience agreed that the talk was excellent and interesting, and it was noted that, in addition to the presenter, three people who do not usually attend our presentation meetings attended, they were [Mike@MichaelErnst.Pro](mailto:Mike@MichaelErnst.Pro), [burtontodd@fastgcchromlab.com](mailto:burtontodd@fastgcchromlab.com), and an unidentified phone caller (possibly Bill Hoffman who was present and listening). They will be followed up with suggestions that they may be interested in further interaction with the Association.

Goodman reported that his presentation at the ACS Green Chemistry meeting in Washington, DC on June 13 went well and he would consider making that presentation for a GTM perhaps in September. Manuta suggested that it might be made remotely at the ChemShow. Duerr pointed out that Goodman might be

able to give his presentation at both an ACC&CE meeting and the ChemShow as the audiences are completely different. Leonard commented that the Mars presentation illustrated the wide range of interests of the association members.

Newsletter Editor Porcelli said that the next issue would be sent out about the end of June, and he would be seeking contributions from any members with material of interest. Manuta promised a "President's Letter", and Goodman committed to write up something on the Mars GTM presentation. This newsletter will note our latest new member, Koki Doshi.

In the absence of a report from Membership Chair Schauer, Leonard reported that there had been two recent inquiries about membership on our website, but no applications for membership. One was from Australia and it was agreed that we should encourage international membership, given the "virtual" nature of our operation. Manuta and Leonard both described their successful experiences with international consulting.

Manuta asked Leonard about status of our website, and Leonard described solving a problem with our CHI page, but he mentioned that our website is five years old, and some of its software is dated. He is seeking someone who might help with updates.

The Councilor Duties document was discussed with respect to forward actions leading to an election of Councilors at the next annual meeting. It was concluded that the document that was sent to all members, was not adequate to generate volunteers. This led to a long, complex discussion of how to proceed in a way that was consistent with the requirements of the new Constitution. Basically, a Nominations Committee should be appointed by the President 3 months before the Annual meeting so that candidates for Officers and Councilors can be found and recommended.

Our newest member, Doshi, who has attended our last two meetings, was asked whether she would volunteer. She said she was willing but would need guidance from other members. Porcelli suggested that perhaps we should write out the list of open slots, but in fact, all slots might be open if the current officers were willing to step down. He gave as an example that he is an officer as Secretary, and a "chair" as Newsletter Editor, and he is willing and eager to resign from either or both, if someone were interested. Doshi expressed interest in the Secretary slot, after some guidance from him for a month or two. She also mentioned that she felt qualified to take any slot except Webmaster, with an appropriate overlap to learn the details.

The current chair of the Nominating Committee, Porcelli, having declared his decision to step down as Secretary, will continue as chair of the Nominating Committee, and will seek to find two other members who have no interest in running for officer or councilor to join the committee. The committee will find willing candidates for all positions and councilors. Duerr has indicated his interest in continuing as Treasurer, and Manuta has no immediate desire to leave the Presidency, so the only critical officer slots to be filled are Vice President and Secretary. (Any member interested in any of the four officer positions can volunteer to be on the slate).

The next Council business GTM will be on July 9.

A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was closed at about 7:52 pm EDT.