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## **MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF ACC&CE**

### **HELD ON JULY 14, 2020 VIA GTM**

**ATTENDED BY:** David Manuta (President), Steve Duerr (Treasurer), Koki Doshi (Secretary), Charles Leonard, Dick Schauer, David Morse, Bernie Ennis, Cathy Byrne, William Hoffman, John Wetzel, Al Sagarese and Arthur Finkle. No proxies were received.

**AGENDA AND CHANGES:** Meeting was called to order by David Manuta at 7:02 PM EDT. Charlie made a suggestion that at some point we need to start talking about new officers. David responded that this will be addressed in course of the meeting. The agenda as written was accepted by everyone present. Acceptance motion was moved by Charles Leonard and seconded by Dick Schauer.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** The Minutes of March meeting were approved after a change suggested by Steve Duerr under Treasurer's Report that "Heather Wahab is not a new member and that her business card will appear in the next newsletter". The June 2020 Minutes will reflect this change. The motion to approve was moved by Steve, seconded by Al Sagarese and Bernie Ennis. The motion carried and the Minutes were accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** by Steve Duerr: The bank balance is \$29,100. Our total membership is 38 including 1 honorary. All bills are paid. We have 11 paid ads in the newsletter. Upon being asked who the honorary member was, Steve replied that he was Peter Lantos. Treasurer's Report was accepted after the motion was moved by Arthur Finkle and seconded by Charlie with no objections.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** David Manuta

David talked briefly about the prevalent COVID-19 scenario and the fly by night CHI experience he and Koki had with the clients exhibiting unwillingness to pay. He said there needs to be some early assessment to filter CHI's from potential clients to avoid similar experiences by the Consultants. Joe Porcelli has a very good Newsletter out. A potential new member will be discussed. And as Charlie mentioned, new councilors for office will be discussed. Richard will come up for President's chair. Steve will continue as Treasurer. It is a collective effort to contribute and run this Organization.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**PROGRAM:** Richard Goodman

Richard is not here tonight on the call. There was no discussion on the Program. Steve said we got to have a Presentation in September. Bernie Ennis talked about Peter Sibiliski's presentation about the Texas explosion which initiated the Chemical Safety Board CSB. P. Sibiliski could also be called upon to give a Presentation on Ethics governing the professional work of Engineers and Chemists. If he is ready for September it would be nice. CSB faces uncertain future as it has been denuded with 2 employees left. David mentioned that many standards were developed for safe operations based on the CSB findings and recommendations. Bernie will talk to P. Sibiliski for a suitable September date, 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> for either of his Presentations.

**NEWSLETTER:** Joe Porcelli

David observed that Joe is not with us here tonight. He is quarantined for 4-5 months and may be Tom Borne is in similar situation too.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dick Schauer

Dr. Wang's membership application was discussed and some issues needed to be addressed. The votes cast in the candidate's favor will be tabled until the issues raised are resolved.

**WEBSITE:** Charles Leonard

Updates on the theme and background are done. A few more items need to be done which will render the website good for the foreseeable future. The website has Captcha which filters the spam, but some spam emails do sneak in. Latest versions have hidden features that filter live applicants from robots. Visibility on search engine is good.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

David welcomed David Morse on board and Charlie also appreciated his Presentation last month. The presence of nearly third of membership on the call at this meeting was also appreciated by David. Officers and Councilors have to be discussed. Dick and Tom would have to be replaced on the council on September 30, being end of fiscal year. Dick suggested new members to be on the Council, like David Morse and Art Finkle. David Morse asked what he may have to do as a Councilor, and was directed to the Constitution by David Manuta. Koki suggested that some new members can be substitute Secretary to get a grasp of the responsibilities of the Council even if not as an executive committee member. David Manuta suggested a reference to the bylaws.

No report on the Chemical Engineering issue discussed in previous meetings as David Manuta has not been in touch with J. Rose.

The Constitution is available to Members on the website when they log in.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next council meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7:00 PM EDT.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by A. Finkle and seconded by Charlie. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM, EDT.

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