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

### **HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2020 VIA GTM**

**ATTENDED BY:** David Manuta (President), Koki Doshi (Secretary), Charles Leonard, Joe Porcelli, Richard Goodman, Dick Schauer, David Morse, Marvin deTar, Cathy Byrne, John Wetzel Bernie Ennis and Al Sagarese. David has received Steve Duerr's proxy.

**AGENDA AND CHANGES:** Meeting was called to order by David Manuta at 7:01PM EDT Acceptance motion was moved by Richard Goodman and seconded by Dick Schauer.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** The Minutes of March meeting were approved without any change. The motion to approve was moved by Dick Schauer and seconded by Charles Leonard. The motion carried and the Minutes were accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** by Steve Duerr: (as received by e-mail)

Current bank balance is \$28,500 and current membership is 38 incl 1 honorary. Income this year has been somewhat higher than budgeted for CHIs and ads. Expenses this year have been somewhat higher than budgeted for the website in order to improve its operation and stability. ACC&CE is in great financial shape, although we have used \$500 of the \$2000 cushion in our FY20 budget to date.

Steve

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** David Manuta

David remarked that Peter Sibiliski's presentation is coming up in a few weeks. He also brought into focus the devastation caused by  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  explosion in Beirut, where safety considerations for a large quantity stored may have been overlooked or storage protocols may have been absent. David also talked about one of his previous CHI client from Louisville, Kentucky, who wanted his support for an initiative in developing a portable desalination device. David had worked out the thermodynamics and a prototype was developed with help of an engineer friend. This project is now in Phase 1 and 2 with the F6S, and the proponent may have his first grant. This development and news gives immense satisfaction and is gratifying when you get a serious client who genuinely accepts the consultants' inputs and improves. David also mentioned his input toward recent exposure of a scandal in a government agency which resulted in a positive response whereby a \$160 Million contract was cancelled and contract was re-awarded to another.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### **PROGRAM:** Richard Goodman

Peter Sibiliski's presentation on chemical safety is coming up in a few weeks and may be the last program for the year with Richard as Program Chair since the new constitution takes effect in October with new council members. Favorable responses received from one person for position on the council. David mentioned that Steve, Charlie were communicated and only 3 positions are coming up. Richard said that the person he is communicating with is interested in Vice President's position (the VP generally act as program Chair too). Confirmation will be received by end of the week. Steve has shown interest as Treasurer and Koki will continue as Secretary. In the first group of councilors, Dick Schauer and Tom Borne are coming off who will be replaced and everyone else moves up. David will take one position so we need only one volunteer as replacement which bears well for continuity. Volunteers for positions is requested from the membership in general.

### **NEWSLETTER:** Joe Porcelli

Joe Porcelli requests Newsletter items by September 12.

### **MEMBERSHIP:** Dick Schauer

Dr. Wang rescinded his application as he continues working at his company.

### **WEBSITE:** Charles Leonard

Nothing to add at this moment.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

New members needed to be more pro-active. ACS and AIChE news not available since Bernie is not on call tonight. ACS are having elaborate virtual meetings with complicated schedules as reported by Richard. No report on the Chemical Engineering issue discussed in previous meetings as David Manuta has not been in touch with J. Rose about the DOL initiative on chemical engineers.

About the election: since Richard will ascend to the post of President, the replacement for vice presidents chair may be known by end of the week. The voting can be done by mail. The Sibiliski presentation will be on September 8, 2020. A council meeting will be held in September only if needs be. Newsletter will be discussed with Joe by e-mail.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next council meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM EDT.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Dick and seconded by Koki. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM, EDT.

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