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## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF ACC&CE

### HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2020 VIA GTM

**ATTENDED BY:** Richard Goodman (President), Steve Duerr (Treasurer), Koki Doshi (Secretary), Charles Leonard, David Manuta, Joe Porcelli, David Morse, Marvin DeTar, Dick Schauer and Al Sagarese. There were no proxies.

**AGENDA AND CHANGES:** Meeting was called to order by Richard Goodman at 7:02 PM EDT. No changes were proposed and the motion to accept the agenda was moved by David Manuta and seconded by Koki. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** The Minutes of both meetings, the closing and opening for the September 2020 were approved after the motion was moved by David and seconded by Koki. The motion carried and both the Minutes were accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** by Steve Duerr:

1. The filing of IRS 990 was done on time.
2. The current bank balance is \$ 30,239.00
3. Members paid (of 38 expected ) - 14 incl. 1 Honorary and 2 of the 7 who previously paid the introductory \$25
4. Ads paid – 4 of expected 10

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was moved by Koki and seconded by Charlie. The report was accepted and the motion for approval carried.

**President's Remarks:** Richard Goodman

Richard corrected himself to use the term "committee Chair" and not Chairman". He was interviewed by a company retained by the company hired by ACS seemingly to follow up on the training and support services that the ACS offers. His views were communicated regarding the ACC&CE members providing support in entrepreneurship and consulting programs of the ACS. Upon question raised by David as to

whom in the ACS will this information be conveyed, Richard replied that the CEO of the ACS has initiated this contract and he will be directly receiving the contractor's feedback. Apparently nothing much is expected possibly until spring. The reasons for this initiative seems to be declining ACS membership and the CEO and board are possibly looking for new program initiatives to encourage more and newer membership and at the same time to see that members not leave or resign from the ACS. David commented that the way things are going on in the country and deindustrialization, traditional positions in chemistry and chemical engineering no longer exist. Referring to his talk with Tom Connelly (ex-DuPont), he surmised that the older generation is the main body of current membership in ACS just as in the ACC&CE and who are not employed for wages or affiliated with universities, industry, government plans etc. Richard had raised an issue with the interviewer about SciFinder software that only allows 25 free searches to the ACS members but charges around \$7000 per annum for full access. After inputs from council members it was agreed that a request be made to the ACS to have an intermediate category of membership for the ACC&CE as an organization whereby all its members can have full access to the database. Motion to propose this was moved by Koki and seconded by Marvin and unanimously carried.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

### **Programs:** Al Sagarese

Al talked about the upcoming presentation by Joe Pillaro on November 17, 2020 which is already announced. Joe will talk about his 3 years in Saudi Arabia with Mobil's joint venture projects. The meeting will be on ZOOM platform. Al also proposed if the board meetings could be time limited to include a speaker included.

### **NEWSLETTER:** Joe Porcelli

Next newsletter awaits contributions and may not go out till the end of the year. Koki will assist Joe as required.

### **MEMBERSHIP:** Dick Schauer

No new membership applications requests.

### **WEBSITE:** Charlie Leonard

Nothing to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Marvin De Tar made a good PowerPoint presentation highlighting the goals and way forward for the association's LinkedIn account project. He also called for input from all members for ideas, for example potential members can find us or that it can act as a bulletin board for CHI's.

**Succession planning:** David Morse was invited to be on the council to fill the vacancy. He agreed to do so for a few months.

Richard asked Steve about the application by a company proposing a marketing person to represent them and their advertisements. It was decided that David Manuta can contact Ed Richman informally to

get the correct perspective of their request and the association's requirements. Ed Richman has been a long time member and supported through his company advertisement.

The meeting was closed at 7:58 PM EST. Motion to adjourn proposed by Koki and seconded by Richard.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020.

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