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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF ACC&CE

HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2020 VIA GTM

ATTENDED BY: Richard Goodman (President), Al Sagarese, Koki Doshi (Secretary), Charles Leonard, David Manuta, Marvin DeTar, Dick Schauer, John Wetzel and Bernie Ennis. Richard has Steve Duerr's proxy.

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: The Minutes of November 10, 2020 meeting were approved after the motion was moved by Marvin and seconded by David and Koki. The motion carried and the Minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Steve Duerr:

1. Current Bank balance is \$31,057
2. Members paid- of 37 expected (Greg Sherman has taken a full time position) - 25 incl. 1 Honorary and 2 of the 7 who previously paid the introductory \$ 25
3. Ads paid – 8 of expected 10

Greg Sherman has resigned. Dues by members are expected to be paid up by the end of December. David requested that Steve send out the spreadsheet.

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

Mrs. Marlene Vichroski sent an email appreciating the ACC&CE and Richard said that we appreciate her comments. Richard also was appreciative about the committee chairs who "hit the ground running" and activities that are lined up for the future. Referring to a

recent CHI from an Indian company, Richard narrated his experience as a Consultant with another one which was professionally rewarding and concluded well by the retaining party. There being easy international payment transfer facilities available, outright rejection of a foreign company should not be done. John Wetzel added his positive experience with timely payments received from Korea and China when all requisite contract documentation was in order, especially from China. David also added his experience with someone from Gujrat, India where the intellectual property issue needs to be checked prior to taking up a project and that payment must be guaranteed for the same. Richard suggested that the issue of Richman Chemical will be taken up under the heading of New Business.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Programs: Al Sagarese

Next program is scheduled for February 17 as reported by Al. The speaker is a professor at the Penn State University and Al will email the details to everyone. Koki referred to the admission hitch at the last presentation. David suggested that the future Zoom meeting invites are properly set up so that another person does not miss the talk. The last presentation was recorded after it reached halfway. Charlie will edit it and make it available on the website. The next presentation scheduled for February will be on Zoom platform. Bernie said he has a speaker in mind for spring. June and July events will depend on how easily people will be able to resume normal activities after vaccination for Covid-19.

NEWSLETTER: Joe Porcelli

Koki has not heard from Joe since last meeting and Richard would try to contact him.

MEMBERSHIP: Dick Schauer

An application for membership was received by Dick Schauer from a Nigerian gentleman fully employed as professor at a university. Having once been subject to a hacker before, Dick requested recommendation for a way forward with this application. Richard suggested that Dick find out more about the applicant's credentials and then send the request around to the council with his views for voting as is the formal procedure. John Wetzel remarked that the constitution be re-visited for the requirements of professors to be eligible for membership.

WEBSITE: Charlie Leonard

The website now has an updated list of past meetings, site map and some settings were cropped .

OLD BUSINESS:

Marvin De Tar made a good PowerPoint presentation following the previous one highlighting the goals and way forward for the association's LinkedIn account project.

The responses from David Morse, Charles Leonard and Richard Goodman including himself were presented. He also requested more inputs from members before creating a budget for getting help in setting up a more active and visible page. Apparently he has a possible helper who would charge \$60 an hour and for about \$240 can create a good quality product for the project. David asked if this person had testimonials. Marvin will send out the products from this lady for evaluation of her competency by the members and try to get some testimonials too. Richard suggested Marvin send out his suggested improvement procedure for the ACC&CE LinkedIn profile for acceptance by the members.

Succession planning: David Morse was invited to be on the council to fill the vacancy at the last meeting. Bernie who was present tonight was asked to be back on the council but declined.

New Business: Richard invited the council's view about making consultancy firms like Richman Chemicals (with chemists and chemical engineers) members through some sort of agreed upon arrangement. Bernie suggested that we can make these organizations a member without voting rights to avoid losing control. Richard mentioned that we could make them members but the organization gets only one vote. A discussion on the constitution and the Article IV on membership was followed by Richard's suggestion to form an ad hoc committee to rephrase the wording to take care of the anticipated situation of possible collective membership as against single individual membership as it reads now. David Manuta, Charlie Leonard and John Wetzel are part of the ad hoc committee with Bernie Ennis to review the membership eligibility and make recommendations for a collective membership request by any organization.

The meeting was closed at 8: 05 PM EDT. Motion to adjourn was proposed by Koki and seconded by John Wetzel.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2021.

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