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MINUTES OF ACC&CE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING OF 2017

Oct. 25, 2016 Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting.com

The meeting was called to order by President David Manuta at 8:34 EDT.

All attendees; on-line, telephone and proxies were the same as for the 2016 Annual Meeting.

President Manuta began by summarizing his goals for 2017. This included continuing virtual meetings, consider joint meetings, look at states with concentration of members, increasing membership and increasing the number of and income from CHIs. Porcelli said he would include an item on the membership by state. Borne suggested a web-based map that we could use to show population of consultants. Porcelli and Leonard will try to resurrect their discussion about the possibility of replacing this acronym, standing for "Clearing House Inquiry" was discussed, and getting this done was approved as an action item).

Treasurer Duerr presented the budget for 2017, and explained the basis for the new budget. cA motion to approve were made by Leonard and seconded by Blumenthal.

Given the new virtual environment, the question of whether ACC&CE should have any live meetings came up. The possibility of joint meetings with local sections and other organizations was discussed as was having a virtual meeting with a speaker who would present virtually. Ennis has had preliminary discussions with Pete Sibilski of North Jersey AIChE, who has expressed interest in learning about our virtual meetings. He and Tom Borne, and anyone else who is interested, will discuss the various ideas with Sibilski, and Borne will seek speakers from universities and other sources as well as from our members, who might be interesting in making virtual presentations.

Currently, Manuta is acting as our Membership chair until a permanent chair is found, leading the vetting process for potential new members. It was suggested that another important membership function is the finding of new members, and we discussed various ways to accomplish this. The Chem Show in 2017 is one opportunity, with arrangements for a booth and

for ACC&CE presenting a seminar already underway. Blumenthal suggested the use of Linked In and its feature allowing “papers” to be posted as a way to publicize the Association and its members. He said he has a number of presentations that might be updated for this purpose, and it was agreed that this avenue should be followed.

In summary, it was agreed that we should be pursuing the ideas of joint virtual meetings, soliciting members and others as potential speakers, and soliciting members as newsletter authors should be pursued vigorously. Motion to work with Mike on this initiative made by Charlie with Bernie second.

Bernie volunteered to take the lead on joint virtual meetings.

As we have a one-month subscription for GoToMeeting which will allow as many uses as we wish for the month ending November 21, it was suggested that we should have another virtual council meeting before that date. Time permitting, this GTM software is available for smaller meetings. Bernie’s and Mike’s initiatives could be subjects for smaller meetings in November. A new name for CHIs was also a possible subject.

Porcelli suggested thanking all involved in getting the virtual meetings to this point.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.