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FUTURE MEETINGS

There will be a virtual meeting the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm ET. All members are invited to attend.

Next Meeting:
January 8, 2019

The Association of Consulting Chemists & Chemical Engineers (ACC&CE) is a network of senior-level consultants with a broad range of functional expertise and many years of experience in the chemical and allied industries.

The purposes of the organization are:

To offer prospective clients a “clearing house” which they can use to find the most qualified consultants or team of consultants whatever their particular problem may be.

To furnish support to its members as they conduct their consulting practices.

This newsletter is intended to support those purposes as well as to educate prospective new members and prospective client organizations about ACC&CE, and how we can be most helpful to them.

The ACC&CE has an interactive website – www.chemconsult.org that allows prospective clients either to input their problem or to search for those consultants most skilled in their area of concern.

IN THIS ISSUE

This newsletter begins with a letter from our President, David Manuta, which appears on pages 2 and 3.

On page 5 is a message from your editor.

I am again repeating my request for comments and articles from our members. This has been a very busy season for all of us, but I hope to bolster the contents of the newsletter in 2019.

Also, I am once again asking for help from any of our members who are relatively expert in LinkedIn.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. David M. Manuta, (Certificate #882), President of ACC&CE

The Association of Consulting Chemists and Chemical Engineers, Inc. (ACC&CE) is entering its ninety first year as one of the premier US-based organizations dedicated to independent chemistry and chemical engineering consulting practices. From 1928 to the present, the emphasis has been on the proper (discreet, ethical, and professional) handling of client assignments and projects. Our membership covers virtually all of the specializations in the chemistry and chemical engineering disciplines plus our member's business locations cover much of the land mass in the Lower 48 and Hawaii.

In recent months several of us (Steve Duerr, Bernie Ennis, Richard Goodman, Charlie Leonard, Joe Porcelli, Dick Schauer, Tom Vichroski, and me) have been working on revising the Constitution and Bylaws of the ACC&CE. This document has stood up well in its decades of guiding multiple generations of independent consultants.

The language used throughout this document noted male pronouns in its description of the ACC&CE. Bringing this operating document into a more gender neutral framework had been long overdue. Attracting talented women to be independent consultants is just as important to me as ensuring that we encourage/mentor women to pursue university studies in the physical sciences. This educational training enables these women to pursue professional employment in academia, government, and industry. The lifetime of professional achievement attained by these women then enables their success when they embark on their respective journeys in independent consulting.

By updating the language and by stream-lining a rather long document, we have nearly completed something that is more applicable to our 21st century consulting practices. When a colleague reads the "new and improved" Constitution on the chemconsult.org website, the relevance to a colleague considering joining the ACC&CE should be apparent. In the early part of 2019, the revised Constitution will be rolled out. If additional changes to the Constitution are necessary, then we are certainly interested in implementing these changes as quickly as possible.

The eight (8) of us who have been working on the Constitution are pleased to have done so. It was/is an important task to complete the right way. What I am always looking are for our members to step up and for these members to tell Council, "there is a better way to do this task." Since the older that I get, the less that I know, I've learned through experience about the importance of this kind of engagement. Members tend to become more active in an organization when they are listened to and when their good ideas are implemented (often to the betterment of the organization).

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT (Continued)

An example of a member stepping up is Tom Vichroski on the increasing membership and attracting new client brochures. At the 2017 Chem Show, several of us noted that the existing brochures had (charitably speaking) "seen better days." Tom is a talented consultant with much expertise in this space. The application of these skills would have been costly to my independent consulting practice, but Tom did the job for the ACC&CE in a highly professional manner [and the price was right (free!)].

With the advent of the Go To Meeting platform for meetings and planning sessions, we are able to cohesively work together on-line and to also save on travel expenses. Much of the work on the Constitution revision and on the "new and improved" brochures was carried out in this manner.

As we move forward in 2019, I'd like our members to think about what we are doing well, what we can do better, and what are your ideas for doing better. It is your input that I want to cultivate/encourage. The implementation of member ideas demonstrates an organization that is alive, fresh, and growing. A happy, healthy, and prosperous 2019 to all. Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dr. Joseph V. Porcelli (Certificate #906)

In the President's Letter on pages 2 and 3, President Manuta described the highlights of 2018, and in particular the efforts of a number of individuals in accomplishing some of the goals we had set for ourselves this last year. We hope that we can inspire others of our members/readers to participate in our efforts to guarantee a profitable and productive organization into the future.

In these last months of 2018 we held a number of GoToMeeting (GTM) efforts, including a presentation, some council meetings and working meetings particularly regarding the review and development of proposed changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. The first quarter of 2019 will begin with a GTM council meeting on January 8, with a major effort to review and agree on the proposed changes. We expect to revert to the monthly council meetings to complete this task and to organize our modified council for 2019.

The membership in our LinkedIn ACC&CE Group was unchanged since the last newsletter standing at 43. We will continue our effort to add our current Association members to this group. At the same time, I would like to repeat our request for assistance from those ACC&E people who are savvy in the ways of LinkedIn and who would be willing to help us make the group more valuable to our members.

Please communicate with me at jvpji@jvporcelli.com with your ideas and/or to volunteer.

I would like to add my personal greetings to all our readers for a happy and healthy 2019 and for much success.

Sincerely

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