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## Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

**FOHBC General Membership Breakfast Meeting Minutes**  
**FOHBC Houston 2024 Expo, Hotel ZaZa Grapevine**  
**August 2, 2024, 7:30 am CST**

President Michael Seeliger called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 am CT.

**Present:** Michael Seeliger, President  
Alice Seeliger, Secretary  
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager/Membership Director  
Stephen Jackson, Second Vice President  
Kathie Craig, Treasurer  
Craig Cassetta, Conventions Director  
Brian Bingham, Historian  
Ferdinand Meyer V, Director-at-Large  
Richard Siri, Director-at-Large  
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director  
Henry Hecker, Midwest Region Director  
Charlie Martin, Northeast Region Director  
Tom Lines, Southern Region Director

**Absent:** John O'Neill, Director-at-Large

1. Michael Seeliger welcomed those in attendance. He presented a brief report of the accomplishments over the last two years, the excellent financial stability of the organization and more frequent financial reports being presented to the board, the increase in membership, additions to the Virtual Museum, and new initiatives including successful monthly webinars.
2. Michael then presented planned projects for the next two years including: an update of the website, updating the Auction Price Report, continued additions to the Virtual Museum, especially including the Masterpieces and Barber Bottles Exhibitions to be unveiled at the Houston Museum of Natural Science in conjunction with this FOHBC Houston 24 Exposition, continued monthly webinars, and capturing the life stories and collections of our long-time members for historical purposes.
3. Michael provided a brief overview of the activities for the FOHBC Houston 2024 Antique Bottle & Glass Collectors Exposition which are included in the Houston 24 Souvenir Program provided at Registration.
  - Attendees must wear their lanyards at all times to gain entry to the various activities.
  - Seminars are being presented today and Saturday.
  - Sales of the 250 commemorative cobalt blue Drake's bitters bottle, on a first-come basis, available only one to a full member, will begin at 2 pm. Vouchers will be handed out at 1 pm that must be redeemed and paid for by 5 pm Friday.
  - There will be a record attendance at the Dining with Dinosaurs Banquet and some tickets are still available.
  - There are over 120 items in the Bayou City Sunset Auction on Saturday night, and everyone is encouraged to attend.
4. Alice Seeliger, as Secretary, introduced each current member of the Board of Directors. She announced that all have agreed to stay on for another two-year term. Because there were no contested positions, the slate of officers was presented for a vote by the membership. All those in attendance accepted the slate of officers for the 2024-2026 term as presented.

Michael thanked the board members for all of their efforts in the last two years and appreciated that they will continue to serve another term.

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5. Michael gave an overview of the proposed bylaws revisions which will be posted to FOHBC.org. The revisions are necessary to bring the bylaws into the electronic age, allowing for online meetings, presentations, voting, etc.

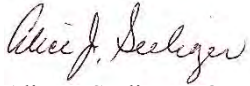
A restructuring of the board, following the revised FOHBC bylaws, from 19 members to 15 members will allow for the defining of responsibilities of each position and help the board be more efficient with a smaller number of members. (See attached "Bylaws-New Board Positions" chart.)

Michael invited discussion from the members present. There being none, he called for a motion.

Alice presented the motion to accept the bylaws revisions as presented. Charlie Martin seconded. All voted yes, and the motion carried.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice J. Seeliger, FOHBC Secretary

*The foregoing conveys our understanding of items discussed and decisions reached during this meeting. The FOHBC will assume these notes correct and a matter of record unless notice to the contrary is received within one week of the issue date of these meeting notes.*