

Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

FOHBC Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Conference Call / Zoom Meeting

July 16, 2022

President John O'Neill called the video conference call to order.

Present: John O'Neill, President
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager
Richard Siri, Director-at-Large
Ferdinand Meyer V, Director-at-Large
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director
Michael Seeliger, Second Vice-President

Absent: Fred DeCarlo, Eastern Region Director

1. John O'Neill welcomed those in attendance. Roll call was taken for board members. There were no guests present.

The majority of the meeting focused on creating the agenda for the FOHBC Bi-Annual Board Meeting (See Final attached and made a part of these minutes.)

2. The following was also discussed/decided:

-John O'Neill will take photos

-meeting will be recorded with Microsoft Teams

-no input will be solicited from non-board-member attendees

-Alice Seeliger, as Secretary, will announce the uncontested Board of Directors for 2022-2024 for board confirmation and will also present it at the Membership meeting. The new slate will be instated as of the end of Reno 2022.

-O'Neill and Seeliger will decide how topic of Board structure and Bylaws revisions will be presented with O'Neill asking for approval by the board of a motion to set up a committee to take on this task

-O'Neill will seek board approval for FOHBC 2024 Houston National Antique Bottle Expo

-If required, O'Neill will request board approval for not having a national show in 2023

-since Jim Berry, treasurer, will not be attending the meeting, O'Neill will present the Treasurer's reports and notes

-Siri updated us on the Reno 2022 show indicating that there are 74 banquet reservations and 155 tables reserved for sales, security has been arranged for and will be significant including an armed security guard on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Some hotel security personnel will be used.

-E Meyer will send certificates of insurance for the show to Siri



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- Since Siri will not be able to be in attendance for the entire Reno 2022 Board meeting, he will give his proxy vote to O'Neill.
- Ferd will post notices on Facebook, etc. asking for volunteers to help Team Reno during the event
- Auction Price Report is in final testing stage and will be available to all members very soon
- There are no new award recipients at Reno 2022. Since the previous awards to F Meyer and W. Van den Bossche were not presented due to show cancellations, they will be presented at Reno 2022. Mention will be made that Jerry McCann has submitted Joe Colson as an award recipient candidate. This process will be completed and announced within the next few months. Michael was asked to look for the plaques and documents for Meyer and Van den Bossche among the items sent to him by Jim Bender in order to bring them to Reno 2022.
- a committee needs to be set up to explore future events...frequency, format, location--there needs to be discussion and a decision about what to do with the show tablecloths. Siri is no longer able to clean and store them after the Reno 2022 show
- all financial records of the Federation, Virtual Museum, and Magazine need to be audited. Question if Treasurer is bonded. Question if show treasurer is bonded
- in conjunction with the bylaws review, board positions and responsibilities will be updated and membership categories and dues structure will be reviewed
- magazine ad costs and subscription prices need to be reviewed and updated
- compensation of paid positions needs to be reviewed
- A Seeliger noted that both the Board and Membership Meetings are a function of FOHBC operations and therefore the cost of food and refreshments for these meetings should rightfully be paid for by FOHBC rather than seek sponsorship. Any monetary contributions offered will be gratefully accepted and recognized, however.
- J Berry, Treasurer, will be sending financial reports to O'Neill for review and then they will be forwarded on to Board members

Respectfully submitted,
Alice J. Seeliger, FOHBC Secretary