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## **FOHBC Board of Directors Meeting August 11, 2025, 7 pm, via Zoom**

**Attendance:** Michael Seeliger, President  
Alice Seeliger, Secretary  
Craig Cassetta, Marketing Director  
Doug Simms, Special Projects Director/Webmaster  
Steve Jackson, Director at Large  
John O'Neill, Director at Large  
Richard Siri, Director at Large  
Charlie Martin, Northeast Region Director  
Henry Hecker, Midwest Region Director  
Tom Lines, Southern Region Director  
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director  
Kathie Craig, Treasurer

President Seeliger called the meeting to order at 7 pm CT.

### **July Financial Review, Expenses and Donations**

Seeliger presented a review of the financial statements for July 31st, where it was noted that \$10,000 was withdrawn from investments to cover website fees, printing costs, and Editor services, as well as some other expenses. Our investments are doing well. Memberships and donations fund most of the FOHBC activities.

The Virtual Museum's finances were reviewed, with Doug explaining that he had already billed for hosting fees through September which were considerably less than previous costs. Doug addressed his concerns about the high maintenance costs incurred for the past several years and his actions that have reduced that considerably.

The Virtual Museum has lost an anonymous donor donation of \$500/month and the board discussed the need for a promotional campaign to reinvigorate donations.

### **FOHBC Houston 24 Budget and Funds Dispute**

The Houston 24 account has been closed. Michael explained that a chair stipend was withdrawn from the H24 account. It was noted that the convention should adhere to a percentage of the net, but since there is no net, there should not be a stipend payout. It was noted that it was an FOHBC event and should follow established stipend guidelines. It was also noted that Joel Bartsch paid for items, including banquet-related expenses, that the Federation had paid in advance so the Federation should have been reimbursed. There is a discrepancy of approximately \$8000. A formal letter of request/invoice for repayment needs to be prepared and sent. Charlie made a motion which Alice amended that Michael and Steve consult with an attorney to determine the appropriate actions to take and the

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cost to write a letter regarding the intellectual property and funds. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Michael and Steve will seek consultation from an attorney in anticipation of pursuing legal action noting that it is the Board's fiduciary responsibility to address this issue.

**FOHBC Reno 2025**

Richard Siri and Craig Cassetta were congratulated on a very successful Reno 2025 National Event. Richard continues to sell the Reno Red Drake's Commemorative bottles.

**ADJOURN**

Tom Lines made a motion to adjourn which Richard seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice J. Seeliger, Secretary