



**The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors  
Board of Directors Conference Call  
December 01, 2016, 7:00 pm CST**

Ferdinand Meyer, V, called the conference call of the Federation to order at 7:00 pm CST.

**Present:** Ferdinand Meyer, V, President  
Sheldon Baugh, First Vice President  
Steve Ketcham, Director at Large  
Ron Hands, Director at Large  
Gary Beatty, Treasurer  
James Berry, Secretary  
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager  
James Bender, Historian  
Linda Sheppard, Membership Director  
Valeri Berry, Merchandise Director  
Louis Fifer, Conventions Director  
Matt Lacy, Midwest Region Director  
Bob Strickhart, Northeast Region Director  
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director  
Brad Seigler, Southern Region Director

**Absent:** Gene Bradberry, Second Vice President  
John Pastor, Director at Large  
Alicia Booth, Public Relations Director  
Martin Van Zant, Bottles and Extras Editor

**Agenda 1: FOHBC Finances – Ferdinand Meyer V, Gary Beatty**

Gary explained that financially the Federation is doing well. However, in keeping up with expenses, the checking account will need more money in order to make payments for the next issue of BOTTLES and EXTRAS (printing, postage, editor).

Bob Strickhart reported to the Board that the checking account balance for the 2017 Springfield National Convention is at approximately \$12,000 which includes \$5,000 in seed money given to help start the Springfield account. Bob and Jim Bender both agree that the \$5,000 amount can be returned to the Federation's treasury.

Action Taken: With Board approval given, the \$5,000 seed money will be forwarded to Treasurer, Gary Beatty.

Ferdinand also reminded the Board that the FOHBC had previously agreed to help cover the printing cost of newly designed brochures for the National Bottle Museum. This amount will be paid when the invoice is received. [Editor note: \$279 invoice received from printer and paid by FOHBC]

The Federation has also donated \$2,500 to the Mount Vernon Glassworks project.

**Agenda 2: FOHBC 2016 Sacramento National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo Closure Report – Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand reported that he has been working on preparing a 'Profit/Loss Statement' for the 2016 Sacramento National finances. There has been a hold-up regarding the auction proceeds. Ferdinand reported that co-chairs, Richard and Beverley Siri, will donate their share to the Virtual Museum.

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Action Taken: When issued, the Profit/Loss Statement will be official.

**Agenda 3: FOHBC 2017 Springfield National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo Update – Jim Bender and Bob Strickhart**

Bob Strickhart reported on the status of the convention as follows:

Tables – 124

Banquet reservations – 69

160 guests for the Sheridan

Jim Bender said initially he 'under-booked' rooms at the Springfield Sheridan Monarch Place Hotel and, therefore, had the number increased. The Springfield Marriott (across the street) may be available when needed to help cover any overflow. The Marriott communication must happen ASAP as most recent conventions and shows had a back-up hotel.

Jim also confirmed once again that he had asked Ferdinand to plan and organize an event for the first day of the convention (Thursday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>). The Springfield Armory Reception has been scheduled and announced.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 4: FOHBC 2018 Cleveland National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo Update – Louis Fifer and Matt Lacy**

Matt and Louis continue to work on the convention by working with current show chairs to gather all information to help them.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 5: 2019 FOHBC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo – Southern Region Update – Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand has been communicating with Louis Fifer, Brad Seigler and Alicia Booth regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the FOHBC. They will reconvene to discuss further. It is hoped that information will be ready for the Baltimore board meeting. At this time a location will be selected.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 6: BOTTLES and EXTRAS and Web Posts – Ferdinand Meyer V**

The next issue (Jan/Feb 2017) is in the final stages of editing and should be ready to be sent to the printer within the next few days. [Editor note: Issue will be ready to mail by 13 December 2016]

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 7: Baltimore March Board Meeting – Ferdinand Meyer V**

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Ferdinand reminded Board members that LaQuinta is under renovation this year, therefore, the FOHBC Board meeting will be held at the Country Inn and Suites, Rosedale, MD. Information previously sent to board members.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 8: Virtual Museum Update (Filming) – Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand stated that the organization of the Virtual Museum continues to progress. Alan DeMaison has been working on filming and doing well. It was mentioned that Alan may raffle a bottle as a fundraiser at the Springfield convention and has approval to do so.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Other Discussion:**

Bob Strickhart briefly talked about concerns he has heard people regarding the tax information for Massachusetts, particularly doing it online. However, it really does only take a short period of time to complete. Suggestions were given to possibly create a video for the FOHBC web site. We will help however we can. It was also noted that this process does not need to be completed until just before the convention.

**The conference call ended at 8:06 pm CST**

Respectfully submitted,  
James Berry, Secretary