



## **The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors Board of Directors Conference Call December 03, 2015, 9:00 pm EST**

Ferdinand Meyer V called the conference call of the Federation to order at 9:00 pm EST.

**Present:** Ferdinand Meyer V, President  
Steve Ketcham, Director at Large  
John Pastor, Director at Large  
Bob Ferraro, 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  
Andrew Vuono, Northeast Region Director

**Absent:** Sheldon Baugh, First Vice President  
Gene Bradberry, Second Vice President  
Rick DeMarsh, Public Relations Director  
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director  
Ron Hands, Southern Region Director  
Martin Van Zant, BOTTLES and EXTRAS Editor

### **Agenda 1: BOTTLES and EXTRAS - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand reported that the next issue of the magazine (Jan-Feb 2016) is ahead of schedule and will be delivered on time. Magazine to be mailed on 10 December 2015.

Action Taken: No action taken.

### **Agenda 2: FOHBC 2018 National Antique Bottle Convention and Expo, Cleveland, Ohio – Louis Fifer, Conventions Director and Matt Lacy, Midwest Region Director**

Proposal information regarding the 2018 convention at Cleveland, OH, was sent to board members via email prior to tonight's call. In the past few months, Louis and Matt (among others) have investigated several locations to hold the convention in the Midwest region. They gave an informative overview of their research. After review, they decided to settle on Cleveland, OH. Louis and Matt explained the basic information regarding the convention center, centrally located in Cleveland, the hotel, room number and rates, number of vendor tables, parking, other attractions within walking distance, etc. Ferdinand also noted that he was able to stay at the hotel and witnessed firsthand that it was a great facility.

Action Taken: Board members are asked to review the information packet from the Cleveland Convention Center. Questions/comments can be directed to the 2018 committee (Louis Fifer, Matt Lacy, John Fifer, Alan DeMaison, Jim Bender, Elizabeth & Ferdinand Meyer). The committee will provide an official proposal to board members so a final decision can be made and approved before the end of this year.

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The 2018 committee was commended for doing a great job on this proposal.

**Agenda 3: FOHBC ByLaws - Ferdinand Meyer V**

On August 1, 2015, the FOHBC members present at the general membership meeting, approved the proposal of increased membership rates. Also approved was the re-institution of Life Membership in three levels. Due to these changes, the ByLaws were required to be revised to reflect the amendments.

Ferdinand revised the ByLaws as necessary with review done by a committee. A copy was sent to Board Members prior to tonight's call. Per the ByLaws Article IX-Amendments, the revised ByLaws must be approved by the general membership at the annual meeting - provided a copy of the proposed change(s) is made available to each member in advance. A discussion was held regarding how to disseminate this to all the membership. Suggestions were given such as - mailing the bylaws, publish in BOTTLES and EXTRAS, notice put in the magazine and on the website to view them online, or contact Elizabeth Meyer if they cannot receive them electronically; she will then mail them.

Action Taken: No action taken; however, the board will be updated as this progresses.

**Agenda 4: FOHBC 2016 Elections - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Election of offices is scheduled for 2016. As required, the President of the FOHBC has appointed a Nominating Committee to be chaired by Alicia Booth. They will begin to proceed with the responsibility of providing the board and general membership with a slate of officers. This information will then be published in the March/April issue of BOTTLES and EXTRAS (changed from February issue, fixed in bylaw update).

Additional nominations for positions on the Board can be received by the Federation until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ballots are to be disseminated to FOHBC members whose dues are current as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Member clubs are entitled to one vote per club.

Action Taken: Jim Bender has agreed to prepare and mail out the ballots in a timely manner; when returned, they will remain unopened until the annual convention meeting (Sacramento, CA). Jim and Val Berry will help.

**Agenda 5: FOHBC Club Contests - Valeri Berry**

Val reported on the minor revisions made to scoring on the four contests (Newsletter; Show Poster/Flyer; Writer's Contest and Club Website). Entries are due by June 1<sup>st</sup> with judging to follow and announcements/awards will be presented during the banquet at the FOHBC National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo in Sacramento, California on Friday, August 5, 2016.

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Val will begin to notify all members clubs of the contests by early January and anticipates getting a lot more submissions. Information is also included on the website. Last year, only 8 clubs submitted 22 applications - there are over 85 member clubs of the FOHBC. Many wonderful show posters/flyers are posted on the websites or in the magazines but not submitted for the contest, as well as well-written/informational articles, newsletters and websites. We are asking clubs/members to "show off" and enter the contest.

**Agenda 6: Update on the 2017 Springfield National Antique Bottle Convention - Jim Bender**

Jim Bender briefly discussed progress on the convention. He is expecting to have a good amount of tables sold as people are asking for contracts already. Jim is putting together a good group of people in different capacities to help with seminars, auction, shoot-out, etc.

Jim sent a questionnaire/survey to the Northeast members in an effort to see what they would like or not like and if they had any suggestions/comments. He has received approximately 100 back at this time. Jim will prepare a summary of the survey to report on at the Baltimore meeting.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 7: Other - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand gave a brief update on the 2016 Sacramento National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo - table reservations continue to come in, although slowly at this time.

**The conference call was ended at 10:00 pm EST**

Respectfully submitted,

James Berry, Secretary