



**The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors
Board of Directors Conference Call
December 29, 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
Sheldon Baugh, First Vice President
Steve Ketcham, Director at Large
John Pastor, Director at Large
Bob Ferraro, Director at Large
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
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director
Ron Hands, Southern Region Director
John Fifer, FOHBC 2018 Cleveland National Committee
Alan DeMaison, FOHBC 2018 Cleveland Committee

Absent: Gene Bradberry, Second Vice President
Gary Beatty, Treasurer
Rick DeMarsh, Public Relations Director
Martin Van Zant, BOTTLES and EXTRAS Editor

Agenda 1: FOHBC 2016 Elections - Ferdinand Meyer V

FOHBC election of officers is scheduled for 2016. As required, the President of the FOHBC has appointed a Nominating Committee to be chaired by Alicia Booth. Alicia will be contacting current officers for their interest in continuing as Board members. If a message is left by her, please call her back as soon as possible. Upon completion of her interviews, information will be given to the full Elections committee. The slate of FOHBC recommended officers will be published in the March/April 2016 issue of BOTTLES and EXTRAS.

Action Taken: No action taken.

Agenda 2: 2018 Cleveland National Antique Bottle Convention and Expo - Louis Fifer, Conventions Director and Matt Lacy, Midwest Region Director

A proposal information packet regarding the 2018 convention at Cleveland, OH, was forwarded to board members via email prior to tonight's call. Ferdinand briefly explained the process of selecting this site. Included with the packet are pros and cons, projected costs, projected income, a preliminary schedule of events, and the Group Sales Agreement. The location for the 2018 convention is at the Cleveland Convention Center and the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Action Taken: Based on information given and reviewed, a motion was made by Bob Ferrero to accept the proposal to approve Cleveland, Ohio, which includes the Cleveland Convention Center and the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center, as the host city and venues for the FOHBC 2018 Cleveland National Antique Bottle Convention and Expo. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Baugh.

Discussion:

Brief discussion was held regarding meeting the projected 525 room nights. Matt and Louis explained that this number covers a 10-day period, 3 days before the show, the 4 days of the show and 3 days after the show. We will have to meet at least 80% of this number without a penalty. Members believed this to be achievable.

Although the cost of the hotel rooms (\$149) sounds high at this time, it was noted that this is a 3-year projected rate and should be considered reasonable in 2018. There are other hotels in the area and rates will likely be higher. It was suggested that events/activities be promoted within the hotel so as to keep people interested and remain there.

Having co-chairs who are already running two major shows in Ohio, could be a pro versus a con. With their activity in several shows, they have the opportunity to promote the national show enthusiastically. Alan DeMaison mentioned that there is a potential to have many people through local clubs interested in volunteering to help at the show and want to be involved.

It was noted that the projected income as a profit to the FOHBC is not our priority. Having a quality show in a great location and the ability to bring many collectors/friends to the same venue is worth much more than realizing a profit.

Following discussion, a vote was taken on the proposed motion to approve Cleveland, Ohio, which includes the Cleveland Convention Center and the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center, as the host city and venues for the FOHBC 2018 Cleveland National Antique Bottle Convention and Expo. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

The 2018 Midwest National Committee was commended for doing an excellent job on this proposal.

The conference call was ended at 10:00 pm EST

Respectfully submitted,

James Berry, Secretary