



**The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors  
Board of Directors Conference Call Minutes  
February 13, 2013, 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  
Bob Ferraro, 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Jamie Houdeshell, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Gene Bradberry, Director at Large  
John Panek, Director at Large  
John Pastor, Director at Large  
James Berry, Secretary  
Pam Selenak, Public Relations Director  
Sheldon Baugh, Merchandising Director (part-time)  
Richard Watson, Historian (part-time)  
Tom Phillips, Convention Director  
James Bender, Membership Director  
Martin Van Zant, *Bottles and Extras* Editor  
Alan DeMaison, Business Manager  
Dave Maryo, Western Region Director

**Absent:** Gary Beatty, Treasurer  
Ranee Kaiser, Midwest Region Director  
Ed Kuskie, NE Region Director  
Jack Hewitt, Southern Region Director

Tonight's conference call was scheduled to review the proposed agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held in Baltimore on March 2, 2013 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The polycom phone system will be utilized for those members wishing to participate by phone if unable to attend in person.

Dick Watson requested time to discuss the issue of an article, which was to be published in *Bottles and Extras*. Ferdinand stated to the group that we need to stick to the agenda as sent out. There will be time to discuss this article at the Baltimore Board.

**Proposed Agenda for Baltimore:**

**Agenda 1: Call to Order**

State of the FOHBC - Ferdinand Meyer V

**Agenda 2: Business Report Update - Alan DeMaison**

Discussion will include old and new business, overview, raising dues, business cards, flowers.

At this time, a discussion was held regarding the sending of flowers for a deceased member.

Action taken:

Alan DeMaison made a motion to reimburse Pam Selenak for cost of flowers sent in memory of Ken Lawler. Motion was seconded by Bob Ferraro and all were in favor.

Discussion: Pam stated that she is not asking for reimbursement; however, motion was approved and Pam will be reimbursed.

A motion was made by Alan DeMaison that no further purchase of flowers will be done for any FOHBC member until guidelines are completed by a committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Motion was seconded by Bob Ferraro and all were in favor.

Action taken:

Members are asked to e-mail Pam Selenak with their suggestions or ideas on this topic. Pam Selenak will prepare a report based on members' responses and present at the Baltimore meeting.

**Agenda 3: Financial - Gary Beatty, Alan DeMaison, Dick Watson**

Treasurer's Report, Expenses, Projections, Budgets, Goals, Investments

Reports will be given on the above items and concerns regarding investments will be discussed. Alan will get information on our current investments for discussion at Baltimore.

**Agenda 4: Membership - Jim Bender, Alan DeMaison, Ferdinand Meyer V**

Updates and Initiatives, Procedure, Membership Directory

Discussion will include the 2,000 membership goal and methods to help us reach our goal.

### **Agenda 5: Regional Directors**

More information and participation is needed from our Regional Directors, especially since regional news/information was removed from *Bottles and Extras*. Regional Directors act as liaisons between their region and the Federation. They also need to help with promoting memberships in their respective regions.

### **Agenda 6: FOHBC Bylaws - Gene Bradberry**

Based on changes with the Federation's means of communication, i.e., the internet, minor revisions were needed to bring the bylaws up-to-date where applicable. Also, Gene reported that there was nothing that addresses the consequences to an FOHBC member or member club if they have done something "unethical" and/or against the Code of Ethics.

Gene Bradberry explained the process to amend the bylaws. Per Article IX, A, the Federation Bylaws may be amended by the membership at the annual general membership meeting. Ferdinand said that once the bylaws are amended and approved, they will be published on the website.

#### **Action taken:**

Board members are asked to review the proposed revisions, (as well as #7, page 14). Be prepared to discuss at the Baltimore meeting.

### **Agenda 7: 2013 National Antique Bottle Show, Manchester, NH - Tom Phillips**

There are no concerns at this time for the Manchester Show. Detailed discussion will be held at Baltimore.

### **Agenda 8: 2014 National Antique Bottle Show, Lexington, KY - Tom Phillips, Sheldon Baugh**

Discussion will be held at Baltimore.

### **Agenda 9: 2015 National Antique Bottle Show, Southern Region - Tom Phillips**

Tom explained the issue regarding the Charlotte Concord proposal, which is no longer in consideration. He has been looking at other cities, however, dates for some

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venues is questionable. The board reviewed the reasons for keeping the Federation national show dates the first weekend in August. Further discussion will be held at Baltimore.

**Agenda 10: Merchandise - Sheldon Baugh**

Sheldon will present a complete report on the Federation's inventory, budget, prices, how/where merchandise will be sold.

Sheldon would like to know if and what merchandise you may have. Please e-mail Sheldon with the information. He is not interested in magazines at this time, just merchandise.

**Agenda 11: FOHBC Archives - Dick Watson, Ferdinand Meyer V**

A complete inventory of historical items, papers, articles, plaques, etc., should be done. A large quantity of items and information is currently being held. Gene Bradberry continues to store the Hall of Fame material. Determination must be made on what is important to keep and maintain. The board needs to know exactly what is being maintained by the Historian with a plan in place to work on this project.

**Agenda 12: Bottles and Extras - Martin Van Zant, Alan DeMaison, Ferdinand Meyer, V**

Review of latest issue, future, expenses, etc.

**Agenda 13: Internet - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Updated report will be prepared for the meeting.

**Agenda 14: Virtual Museum - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Updated report, contributions, new design, etc. Graphics will be used to show progress of contributions.

**Agenda 15: Hall of Fame / Honor Roll / Awards - Alan DeMaison**

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Review of process and voting. Nominations have been received. Alan will forward the information to board members for their review. Final discussion and voting will be held at the Baltimore meeting.

Awards will be added.

**Agenda 16: Board of Directors - All Board Members**

Members will be given the opportunity to discuss their thoughts/ideas on how to help the Federation. The future of the Board of Directors will also be discussed.

**Final Discussion:**

Jim Bender and Alan DeMaison will be working on a 'better plan' for notifications of those memberships who will be expiring. Jim Bender mentioned that some procedures are not in place; people are just doing things. This needs to be addressed, worked on, and then followed.

Pam Selenak continues to send packets out to shows that are coming up – cost of postage is getting expensive. Is this still practical to do? To be discussed further at Baltimore.

**The conference call was ended at 10:14 pm EST**

Respectfully submitted,

James Berry, Secretary