



**The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors  
Board of Directors Conference Call  
October 06, 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  
James Berry, Secretary  
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager  
James Bender, Historian  
Linda Sheppard, Membership Director  
Valeri Berry, Merchandise Director  
Bob Strickhart, Northeast Region Director  
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director  
Brad Seigler, Southern Region Director  
Alicia Booth, Public Relations Director

**Absent:** Gene Bradberry, Second Vice President  
John Pastor, Director at Large  
Gary Beatty, Treasurer  
Louis Fifer, Conventions Director  
Matt Lacy, Midwest Region Director  
Martin Van Zant, BOTTLES and EXTRAS Editor

**Ferdinand welcomed new board members Brad Seigler, Bob Strickhart and Alicia Booth.**

Ferdinand noted that conference calls are held periodically and/or as needed to keep all board members up-to-date with Federation activity and news.

**Agenda A: Update on the 2016 Sacramento National Convention - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand reported that the FOHBC website has been saturated with pictures and articles about the convention. He stated that this convention was the biggest bottle show on earth. Having our four-day convention jam packed each day with events was an outstanding team achievement.

Ferdinand has written an article for the October issue of John Pastor's *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector* magazine covering the convention. Our magazine, BOTTLES and EXTRAS will feature widespread coverage of the convention as Ferdinand has been working on that for the November/December issue.

The Sacramento financial statement is not yet ready as the auction information has not been finalized; however, it is expected that this should be rectified shortly.

The Sacramento team did hold a very productive conference 'closure' call regarding the show.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda B: Update on the 2017 Springfield National Convention - Jim Bender, Bob Strickhart**

Bob reviewed the current status for the show; 96 tables sold with 60 different dealers, 45 for the banquet; ads are coming in; 91 guests registered with 49 rooms reserved for the hotel.

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Jim and Bob plan on doing a mailing of contracts to dealers; however, Jim does not have addresses for dealers that attended the 2013 Manchester National Show, which he would like to focus on at this point. Ferdinand may be able to help and develop a list of names and addresses.

Steve Ketcham noted that sometime in the past, names and addresses of dealers were published in the Souvenir Program, but has since stopped. Ferdinand did not recommend as this would need to include assistants too. Many folks have become more private about listing their address and contact information.

Jim noted that he would welcome anyone's help at Springfield.

Action Taken: Elizabeth will forward an updated membership list to Jim.

**Agenda C: Springfield National VIP Event and Springfield Armory Tour - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Jim Bender explained that he was impressed with the turnout at the General's House reception in Sacramento and determined that we need an event in Springfield on Thursday to kick-off the convention. Jim had asked Ferdinand to help set up some options.

Ferdinand explained the event he is most likely going to propose involves the historic Springfield Armory Museum and adjacent Springfield Technical Community College. This event would be catered for the guests.

Action Taken: Ferdinand will review further with Jim and Bob, then the Board.

**Agenda D: 2018 Cleveland National Status - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand briefly went over the 2018 Cleveland National Convention. Louis and Matt were absent from the call as they were headed to northeast shows.

Ferdinand reported that Louis and his fiancée Lindsey went on the Nautica Queen which is a two-hour cruise where you eat within the first hour and the second hour you mingle around the ship and can go on the upper deck on take in all of the surroundings. This event is being considered for the opening event.

Jim Bender noted that Louis is working on a guitar centerpiece for the banquet.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda E: 2019 Convention Status - Ferdinand Meyer V**

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the FOHBC. Ferdinand and Bill Baab are working on a commemorative bottle to be blown to commemorate the anniversary.

Ferdinand noted that Louis Fifer had sent out RFP's for host clubs with little interest shown for a club to host the convention in the Southern region. There seems to be a fear of the unknown with local clubs. Both will be working on proposals for the board. Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and Florida were mentioned as possible opportunities.

Action Taken: No action taken.

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**Agenda F: Regional Directors Role - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand discussed the role of the FOHBC Regional Directors. He explained that they need to keep an active role within their region - keeping an FOHBC presence at shows and clubs (attending meetings if possible), have membership forms available. He stated that Jim Bender is a model Federation board member who attends many shows and is constantly feeding information, articles and pictures to the FOHBC web site. It is important to keep the Federation in the forefront of everyone's minds.

When you attend shows or other bottle events, take pictures, try to capture something unique and make sure you have the names of those in the pictures. A brief article will be sufficient and if you need assistance with writing, the FOHBC editor team can help you.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda G: FOHBC Show Packets - Alicia Booth**

Alicia explained her new role as Public Relations Director. Alicia, Elizabeth and Ferdinand met in Houston to discuss role responsibilities and opportunities.

Alicia has sent Federation packets to about four clubs at this time, as well as the FOHBC Most Educational and Best of Show ribbons. She will be sending to more clubs as their shows come up.

Information packets also include flyers for the Springfield National Convention, membership applications, and a couple example issues of BOTTLES and EXTRAS. This helps keep our presence on the entry table at all shows.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda H: National Bottle Museum Assistance - Ferdinand Meyer V**

The president of the museum contacted Ferdinand to help them with their brochure, which needed some redesigning. Ferdinand did the redesign it and sent it back. It is with the museum board members for approval.

The Federation may help in other ways in the future. Jim Bender said he did reach out to them to have a table at the Springfield National Convention.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda I: Mt. Vernon Glassworks Project Assistance - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand was approached regarding funding for a research project at Mt. Vernon. Those involved are in danger of losing this property unless they can obtain a one-year lease.

Ferdinand suggested a "Go Fund Me" page for this project. He did include an article about this in the next issue of BOTTLES and EXTRAS.

Action Taken: Ferdinand will send more information to board members.

**Agenda J: International Perfume Bottle Association - Ferdinand Meyer V**

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The ex-president of the IPBA who is spearheading an effort to take their magazine digital had contacted Ferdinand. Ferdinand reviewed the process that the FOHBC went thru and expanded on digitally archiving material for members.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda K: Virtual Museum Status - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Alan DeMaison continues to work on photographing bottles for the Virtual Museum. Alan and Ferdinand had recently met in Houston. Jim Bender reported he did meet with Alan as well and was impressed with his work.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda L: BOTTLES and EXTRAS Status - Ferdinand Meyer V**

The first draft of the November/December issue is almost ready – waiting for a couple last minute additions. There is a 32-page Sacramento National feature story including comments, pictures, etc. The next draft goes to the proofreaders. Ferdinand is looking for an additional proofreader. Steve Ketcham volunteered to help.

Action Taken: No action taken, other than adding Steve Ketcham as a proofreader.

**The conference call was ended at 8:08 pm CST**

Respectfully submitted,

James Berry, Secretary