



## **The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors Board of Directors Conference Call April 9, 2015, 8:00 pm CST**

Ferdinand Meyer V, called the meeting of the FOHBC Board of Directors to order at 8:00 pm EST.

**Present:** Ferdinand Meyer V, President  
Sheldon Baugh, First Vice President  
John Pastor, Director at Large  
Steve Ketcham, Director at Large  
James Berry, Secretary  
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager  
James Bender, Membership Director / Historian  
Valeri Berry, Merchandise Director  
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director  
Andrew Vuono, Northeast Region Director

**Absent:** Bob Ferraro, Director at Large  
Gene Bradberry, Second VP  
Gary Beatty, Treasurer  
Martin Van Zant, Bottles and Extras Editor  
Rick DeMarsh, Public Relations Director  
Ron Hands, Southern Region Director  
Matt Lacy, Midwest Region Director

### **Agenda 1: Open Board Positions - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand talked about the open positions of Conventions Director and Membership Director. At this time, he is presenting for approval, Louis Fifer as Conventions Director and Linda Sheppard as Membership Director. A brief discussion was held regarding the candidates.

Action Taken: A motion to approve the nomination of Linda Sheppard as Membership Director was made by Sheldon Baugh. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the nomination of Louis Fifer as Conventions Director was made by Sheldon Baugh. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

### **Agenda 2: Membership Next Generation - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Discussion on the re-institution of FOHBC Life Memberships was held. As reported in the minutes of the meeting held in Baltimore, the types of Life Membership and levels were approved by the board. Information will be made available to all FOHBC members per the by-laws. A vote by the membership will be taken at the membership meeting in Chattanooga.

Action Taken: If approved, Ferdinand stated that the By-laws would be amended by Gene Bradberry. Changes would be effective September 1, 2015.

### **Agenda 3: Update on Shows:**

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**2015 Chattanooga National Update - Ferdinand Meyer V**

A brief update was given by Ferdinand. He reported that at this point in time, there are:

Tables: 124; 88 dealers  
Banquet tickets: 85  
Early Admissions: 16  
Displays: 8

Advertising for the program is going very well; as a result, the program is expected to have more pages than last years.

Updated show information is continually put on the website.

**2016 Sacramento National Convention and Expo Update - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand reported that Richard Siri continues to work on the show. He is planning a trip to the event center soon. Again, all information is updated continually on the website.

**2017 National Convention Research (Northeast) - Jim Bender and Bob Strickhart**

Jim Bender explained the issues that had occurred regarding the Northeast show. Member clubs were not interested in being host clubs. Rather than skip the Northeast, Jim enlisted help from Bob Strickhart. Together they canvassed the northeast looking for an appropriate location for the show (over 30).

Information regarding the several locations they looked at has been sent to board members via e-mail. After considering the options, it was determined that the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Mass. was the best choice. Based on information given to him by Tom Phillips, Jim prepared several reports, which were also e-mailed to board members. The reports included the site (Springfield) including location, hotels, nearby attractions, pros and cons. He also prepared a draft budget and show schedule. The Springfield people were very accommodating to Jim and Bob as they explained the many aspects of the hotel and convention center as well as the financial component and how his numbers were estimated.

Action Taken: Based on information given, Sheldon made a motion to approve Jim Bender and Bob Strickhart to continue their efforts to procure the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA. Motion was seconded by Andrew Vuono. All were in favor.

Jim and Bob were thanked for their efforts in working on this. Jim Bender and Jim Berry will travel to Springfield tomorrow, April 10<sup>th</sup>, for further information. Andrew Vuono was invited, however, due to his work schedule, he is unable to go. In the future, Louis Fifer, Conventions Director, will be included on e-mails and information regarding upcoming shows.

**The conference call was ended at 10:07pm EST**

Respectfully submitted,  
James Berry, Secretary