

Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

FOHBC Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Conference Call / Zoom Meeting

30 March 2022, 7:00 pm CST

President John O'Neill called the video conference call to order at 7pm CST.

Present: John O'Neill, President
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager
Jim Berry, Treasurer
Richard Siri, Director-at-Large
Ferdinand Meyer V, Director-at-Large
Steve Lang, Midwest Region Director
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director
Jake Smith, Southern Region Director
Michael Seeliger, Second Vice-President
Jeff Wichmann, 1st Vice President

Absent: Fred DeCarlo, Eastern Region Director

1. John O'Neill welcomed those in attendance. Roll call was taken for board members. There were no guests present.
2. From "The New FOHBC" presentation now published online at FOHBC.org, Ferdinand reviewed Step 10 (Restructure the Board) and Step 12 (Restructure our Regions). The intent was to:
 - a. Obtain board vote for approval of seven (7) vote holding FOHBC officers for the Aug. 2022 to Aug. 2024 candidate slate. Proposal based on Michael Seeliger filling president role and Jim Berry remaining on board.
 - b. Post slate in our May-June 2022 publication (due to printer 31 March 2022) and online (in the month of May).
 - c. Conduct membership voting and tabulate election results (May-June 2022).
 - d. Obtain board vote for approval to assist Elizabeth Meyer who is acting as Business Manager, Membership Director, overseeing Magazine Merger and fulfilling some roles as PR Director such as providing material to show chairs and regional directors.
 - e. Obtain board vote for approval to establish non-voting Ambassadors and Representatives to fill many of the work-roles for the FOHBC.
 - f. Obtain board vote for approval to increase FOHBC regions from four (4) to seven (7). Get more people involved with our hobby and FOHBC. Multiple representatives from regions. Non-voting positions.
 - g. Once (or if) all this occurs, our Bylaws must be amended, and board approved. This entire package would then be formally presented at the Reno 22 Membership Meeting Breakfast. On floor membership vote would be taken.
 - h. With membership approval and at the conclusion of Reno 22, the new proposals would take effect.



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3. Much discussion occurred with many questions and no consensus. No vote or action was taken on any of the above with the proposal to reconvene in one (1) week to try again. John O'Neill will now take over the effort.
4. Michael Seeliger would assume his presidency at the conclusion of the Reno 22 convention. This happens if the new slate and his position are voted in. John O'Neill would step down. John, as president, will emcee the Reno 22 banquet. Michael Seeliger will be introduced.
5. Ferdinand noted that he favors Nuclear Option A as no feasible or realistic solutions may be forthcoming and fears publishing a slate of only eight candidates (out of nineteen) is not good.
6. Elizabeth was asked to provide list of all her responsibilities to help assess if a paid and/or donated help can ease her workload.

The conference call ended at approx. 8:00 pm CST. The next conference call date is undetermined.

The foregoing conveys our understanding of items discussed and decisions reached during this meeting. The FOHBC will assume these notes correct and as a matter of record unless notice to the contrary is brought to our attention within one (1) week of the issue date of these meeting notes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ferdinand Meyer V, Director at Large