

# Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

## FOHBC Board Meeting Minutes

### Board of Directors Conference Call / Zoom Meeting

16 August 2022, 7:00 pm CDT

President Michael Seeliger called the video conference call to order at 7 pm.

**Present:** Michael Seeliger, President  
Jim Berry, Treasurer  
Ferdinand Meyer V, Director-at-Large  
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director  
John O'Neill, Director at Large  
Alice Seeliger, Secretary  
Jake Smith, Southern Region Director  
Henry Hecker, Midwest Region Director

**Absent:** Jeff Wichmann, First Vice President  
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager  
Richard Siri, Director-at-Large

**Guests:** Richard Kramerich

Michael Seeliger welcomed those in attendance to this first FOHBC Board meeting with the 2022-2024 Board. Roll call of board members was taken and included 8 board members. An agenda had been issued prior to the meeting and was used to conduct this meeting.

- Candidates for bylaws revision committee.** Michael indicated Steve Jackson has agreed to be on the committee. Michael asked for other volunteers. Jim Berry and Henry Hecker agreed to serve on the committee. There may be others added. The board acknowledged the bylaws require a major overhaul and will require some time. The goal was set to have the committee present their recommendations to the board well in advance of the August 2023 Annual Membership meeting. The board's recommendation will be presented to the FOHBC membership at that Annual meeting with voting to take place.
- Update on Reno 2022.** Ferd reported that attendance was approximately 600, early admission was about 200. Some disputes are being sorted out with the hotel. He noted it will take 2-3 months to get final financial details.
- Formalize Houston 2024.** Ferd explained that he and Elizabeth have established a new book publishing and design consultation business under the name of Peachridge Collections, LLC. They will be working under this entity as well as the FOHBC for the Houston 2024 event. The board had previously approved going ahead with this.
- Hall of Fame Plaques.** Michael pointed out that he is now storing the duplicates of the plaques and is willing to continue doing so, but a better solution should be found. Ferd indicated the awards for the past few years need to be digitally documented and included with the already existing media. Jim Bender will call Phil Benard to see if he has that so we can retrieve it and put it in a current format. Jim will also contact the Museum in New York again to see if they are interested in displaying them. Some other ideas were to send the duplicates to the award recipients, their families, or the clubs they belonged to. In the future, only one plaque will be made and given to the recipient after it has been digitally documented.



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5. **Magazine advertising rates update.** Ferd noted that the goal is to have each magazine self-sufficient through paid ads. A committee of Jeff Wichmann (Chair), Ferd, and Elizabeth will review the rates and present suggestions to the board. If Jeff is not able to serve, Michael will appoint another person. The committee will report back to the board in 30-60 days. Ferd noted that those who have reserved full page ads would require a personal call or email to announce and explain the rate changes. The rates would be published in the magazine as the notification to other advertisers.
6. **Dues Increase.** A committee was set up consisting of Ferdinand Meyer V, Michael Seeliger, Elizabeth Meyer and Jake Smith. Dues changes need to be incorporated into the bylaws update. The committee will make a recommendation to the President and then the full board. No deadline was set for this recommendation, however, it would need to be approved with the bylaws to be presented to the Membership in August 2023.
7. **Confirmation of Richard Kramerich as a new board member in the position of Public Relations Director.** Richard gave a brief description of his background which includes degrees in Journalism and Radio and Television. He works for a printing company in Pensacola. He has done gratis graphic design and printing for some clubs/bottle shows. He has lists of contact people from shows and is willing to have face-to-face meetings with them to encourage FOHBC membership. Jim Berry made a motion to accept Richard Kramerich as Public Relations Director. Alice seconded. Unanimously accepted by board members present.
8. **Confirm Charlie Martin as NE Regional Director.** Michael talked with him today. He noted that he is a member of the Merrimack Bottle Club and is very interested in working with regional clubs. Michael and Ferd described Charlie's background and experience. Jim made a motion to approve Charlie Martin as NE Regional Director, Alice seconded. Board members present voted unanimously to approve. Ferd and Michael will request bios and photos for Richard and Charlie to put in magazine and website.
9. **2022-23 Budget project.** Jim and Michael will work together to present a draft to the board.
10. **Results of June 2022 audit.** Jim indicated the audit is not yet complete but he will check on this again this week.
11. **Transfer of merchandise and show packets to Chi Chi.** Michael will contact Jeff to make sure he is still in agreement with this arrangement. He would be paying for Chi Chi's time. Elizabeth, Jeff, and Michael will have a conference call to iron out details if Jeff agrees to support this.
12. **FOHBC on-line seminar debut.** Ferd said a bitters seminar is ready to go. Michael also has programs ready to go. Ferd and Michael will put one together and record as a sample in the next 60-90 days.
13. **Publicity/membership committee.** Michael indicated Bill Taylor is interested in working with Richard Kramerich on this.
14. **Virtual Museum Update from Reno.** Alan DeMaison reported great success at Reno 2022 where he did a lot of imaging. He has recovered from his illness and has found new techniques to speed up the editing process.
15. **Membership Survey.** Tabled

**Other Items.** Alice noted that everyone should go the Federation's Facebook page, Like it, Follow it and Share it.

Ferd will be updating the website to include Reno 2022 and the November-December issue of AB&GC will highlight Reno 2022 with extensive coverage.

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**Adjourn.** Henry Hecker made a motion, seconded by Michael, to adjourn the meeting at 8 pm. Unanimous approval. 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,

Alice J. Seeliger, FOHBC Secretary