

Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

FOHBC Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Conference Call / Zoom Meeting

19 April 2022, 7:00 pm CST

President John O'Neill called the video conference call to order at 5pm PST.

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

Absent: Fred DeCarlo, Eastern Region Director

1. John O'Neill welcomed those in attendance. Roll call was not taken for board members. An agenda was not displayed. There were no guests present.
2. John O'Neill presented his appointment of Alice Seeliger to the position of Secretary. Eric McGuire seconded the appointment and the Board was in unanimous agreement. She will also appear on the 2022-2024 slate of FOHBC officers which will be presented at the 2022 Reno Board of Directors meeting and General Membership Meeting.
3. Richard Siri presented an update on the Reno 2022 National Show which is back on track. He and Ferd are working with the hotel to make sure all requirements are met. Ferd said the Souvenir program is 75% complete, printing will be 750-1,000, and ad sales are going very well.
4. Much of the remainder of the meeting centered around the 2022–2024 slate of FOHBC officers. There were no FOHBC members requesting to run for a position. Past board member Val Berry joined the conference call and reminded the board that she led a committee to update the bylaws regarding uncontested elections and referenced all to the [FOHBC Membership Meeting notes at the 2019 Augusta, National](#). At that time, a bylaws Amendment Vote was taken by then president Matt Lacy. This included a vote to change the ballot process. “We've had to send out ballots for an uncontested slate of officers for the past two elections. We would like to make the changes to the bylaws as indicated in the document that was distributed (allowing the FOHBC to make a singular vote for an uncontested slate of officers.)” Motion made and seconded. Motion unanimously passed. This protocol will be followed for the 2022-2024 slate of officers.
5. F. Meyer to update bylaws as they were never updated after the Augusta meeting. Meyer to note online and in AB&GC. (Further ByLaws updates are needed and a committee will be set up to do so after the Reno 2022 show.)
6. Alice Seeliger, as Secretary, will report and ratify unopposed slate of officers to membership at the Reno 2022 Membership Breakfast Meeting. Many positions remain open. New officers take their positions at the end of the Reno 2022 show.
7. Two award recipients never formally received their awards since the last two National shows were cancelled – Ferdinand Meyer V and Willy Van den Bossche. These will be announced at the 2022



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Reno show. They already have their plaques and nomination folders. Michael has the duplicate of Willy's and will bring it to the show and then place them with all of the other duplicate awards he is storing. A decision needs to be made as to what to do with all of the duplicate plaques. In the future, only one plaque will be made and will be given to the recipient after a photo has been taken of it for our historical records. The video of past recipients needs to be updated and put into an updated format so that it can be presented at future shows. Elizabeth will research where the TV and screen are located.

8. Richard Siri noted that they have been storing all of the table cloths which FOHBC purchased some years ago after they were shipped to him. Bev has washed, folded and re-boxed them. Discussion about how to handle this in future. It was decided that they should be given to the dealers after the Reno 2022 show, encouraging them to use them at future shows. This will save shipping costs and all the handling that goes along with keeping them in storage. In the future, dealers will need to rent table cloths from the venue. Richard has "shoot-out" case and will bring that to Reno 2022. He and Bev are beginning to prepare name tags and lanyards and they need a list of dealers, etc. Elizabeth will get those to them.
9. Michael Seeliger has completed the review and culling of historical stuff shipped to him from Jim Bender, previous Historian. He asked what to do with all of the duplicate plaques. No decision made at this time. There is a need for storage space for FOHBC items. No decision made at this time.

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,

Alice J. Seeliger, Secretary