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## Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

### Board of Directors Meeting Conference Call

**December 5, 2023, 7:00 pm Central**

President Michael Seeliger called the conference call to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

**Present:** Michael Seeliger, President  
Alice Seeliger, Secretary  
Ferdinand Meyer V, Director-at-Large  
Kathie Craig, Treasurer  
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager/Membership Director (joined at #6)  
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director  
John O'Neill, Director-at-Large  
Richard Siri, Director-at-Large  
Craig Cassetta, Conventions Director

**Absent:** Tom Lines, Southern Region Director  
Brian Bingham, Historian Director  
Henry Hecker, Midwest Region Director  
Charlie Martin, Northeast Region Director  
Steve Jackson, Second Vice President

**Guests:** None

1. Michael welcomed those board members present.
2. No other FOHBC members were in attendance.
3. **Treasurer's Report**

Michael displayed a recap of the FOHBC account standings. It was accepted by the board as presented.

Our investments continue to do well.

Expenses and income for the month were reviewed.

Elizabeth has prepared a mailing of 400 letters to those who have not renewed since 2022. They will be sent out in a few days. Michael offered to send out emails also.

Kathie reported that the tax return has been sent in. A copy will be sent to Michael.

Kathie will begin preparing the 1099s and will coordinate with Alan DeMaison regarding the VM 1099s.

4. **Webinars**

Michael showed a chart of the upcoming webinars. December 12 is on Warner advertising, January 9 will be on John Wolf's collection, February 13 Ferd will do a presentation on Houston 24, March 12 is Promising Cures with Andy Rapoza, April 9 will feature Jerry Phelps' Museum, and May 14 Brandon DeWolfe will do Digging Galveston.

Other ideas for Webinars are being solicited. Michael has suggested jars, target balls and the cola wars.

Michael mentioned that John Feldmann passed away a few days ago. Ferd will put the information on the FOHBC website. Richard Siri noted that Jim Dennis from Oregon recently passed away. He suggested that Eric contact Julie Dennis for information to include in his regional report.

Michael is putting together a tribute to members we have lost in the last year for the Houston 24 banquet. He will include a note in his next president's column asking to be made aware of those who should be included.

**5. FOHBC representation at upcoming shows**

Michael noted he will be attending the Jackson, MS show in January, the Tampa show in February and the Chattanooga North Georgia show in March.

Ferd will attend the Houston show in January and the Baltimore show in March.

Posters, magazines, Houston 24 info packets, promotion cards, and posters are available from Elizabeth for other officers who are attending shows. Show chairs have been giving a table to FOHBC representatives to display these materials. Please let Michael know if you are attending any shows.

Ferd presented the floor plan for the Houston 24 Antique Bottle and Glass Show and Sale on the main floor of Hotel ZaZa. There will be room for about 150 tables and about ten displays. This set up will be unique in that it will be in numerous rooms including the lobby. Tables are 6' and tablecloths will be rented. Several events including seminars and an auction will be held on another floor.

**6. Proposed Bylaws Revisions**

Ferd presented a chart of the current 19 member board and another chart of a proposed 15 member board. He explained the rationale behind the suggested changes. After some discussion, the board approved presenting this at the membership meeting at Houston 24.

The process will require that the proposed slate of officers for 2024-2026 be voted on by the membership. Then the proposed revised bylaws will be presented for a vote. The proposed bylaws will reflect the new 15 member board. After the acceptance of the proposed bylaws and the closing of the membership meeting, Michael will rearrange directors into the newly adopted 15 member board positions. All of this information will be presented to the membership before Houston 24 so that they are informed before a vote is taken.

Michael asked for a motion to accept the 15 member board positions as presented and approve that the bylaws committee should prepare revised bylaws to reflect the revised slate of officers. Alice made the motion, Kathie seconded, all present voted unanimously. Motion carried.

**7. Unauthorized use of mailing list**

The board was informed by Michael that a person joined the FOHBC and then copied the on-line membership email list into an excel spreadsheet, and then into a mailing list, and sent emails out to everyone on the list about a bottle she was selling on ebay. She referenced being a member of FOHBC and noted that the recipient had approved the use of their email by having it on the membership list on line. She had earlier sent an email to Michael indicating she had numerous bottles to sell from an estate. So it became apparent she was going to send this notification email each time she put a bottle on ebay. He discussed this with Steve Jackson and presented Steve's ideas to the board. Ferd added that the FOHBC Code of Ethics clearly prohibits this use of personal information. After much discussion it was decided that Michael and Ferd would work together to formulate an email to this person explicitly stating that what she did goes against our Code of Ethics and request that she destroy the list.

There was discussion about whether the membership list should be removed from the website. Ferd noted that it is very out of date and was really not very useful in its current state. Michael has taken on the project of updating the membership list but has not yet started doing that.

Ferd noted that the new website will have updated security that will better prevent this from happening again.

**8. Adjournment**

Elizabeth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Alice seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alice J. Seeliger, Secretary