



Stein Collectors International, Inc.

1st Vice President-Convention Report

The 2022 convention was held in Charleston, SC, where we had planned to hold the 2020 convention that was cancelled because of the covid pandemic. It was not simply a matter of renewing our cancelled 2020 contracts with 2022 dates -- we eventually contracted with only one of our 2020 vendors. But the convention hotel was in the historic district, a much better location. Convention attendance was 97.

We began working on the 2023 convention in early 2022 with considerable involvement by Roger Glass, an SCI member who lived in Dayton. Roger was helpful in getting favorable rates at what travel sites call the best hotel in Dayton. Unfortunately, Roger died unexpectedly the week after the 2022 convention. Attendance will probably be in the 90's again this year.

A 2024 convention in Wisconsin is being explored. However, a hotel contract has not been signed as this report is being written.

I am concerned about the future of conventions. SCI's membership has been declining, as has attendance at conventions. Lower attendance gives us a weaker negotiating position, and fixed convention costs are spread over a smaller number of attendees. Finally, we urgently need chapters to host conventions. Just one local member who is familiar with the area can make a tremendous difference.

I am now completing six years as First Vice President, Conventions. I would like to thank all those who helped with conventions during those years. They are too numerous to list by name.

Respectfully submitted,

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First Vice President