The room was opened at 6:30 a.m. for a Continental Breakfast for the Board of Trustees.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 am on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, in the Poinsette Room of the Downtown Francis Marion Hotel in downtown Charleston, South Carolina. Current Officers in attendance included Steve Steigerwald, Executive Director, Fred Ellis, President, Dick Strom, 1st Vice President, John Kelly, 2nd Vice President, Celia Clark, Chief Financial Officer, John Strassberger, Membership Database Manager, Mark Maceira, Museum Director/Librarian, Roy Kellogg, By Laws Committee Chairman, Fred Irtz, Parliamentarian, and Joann Ellis, Secretary, John Strassberger, Membership Database Membership. Tom Levenson, Membership Database Manager nominee was also in attendance.

Officers not in attendance were: Steve Breuning, Managing Editor of Prosit, Allan Fogel, Chapter Development/Support, and Pat Jahn, Ethics Committee Chair.

Fred Ellis, President welcomed the group and asked that John Strassberger and Joann Ellis take the roll call. Board of Trustees Members in attendance from the following chapters: Rich Walters, Burgermeisters; Jerry Berg, Carolina Steiners; Les Paul, Die Golden Gate Zechers; Fred Ellis, Die Lustigen Steinjaeger; Walter Swett, Dixie Steiners, Roy Kellogg, Erste Gruppe; Eric Salzano, Gambrinus Stein Club; Mike Hogan, Meister Steiners; Lyn Ayers, Pacific Stein Sammlers; Chuck Keiser, Pennsylvania Keysteiners; Tom Levenson, Pittsburgh Stein Society; Rich Cress, Rocky Mountain Steiners; Barbara Burner, Sun Steiners; Lee Oberhausen, Thoroughbred Stein Verein; John Strassberger, Member at Large Representative. Including the Executive Committee voting members (1st and 2nd Vice President, CFO and Secretary); there was a total of 20 voting members at the meeting constituting a quorum to carry out the business of Stein Collectors International, Inc.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes as submitted, for the 2021 Annual Board of Trustees Meeting of October 6, 2021**.** **Motion carried.**

**The next item of business was Future Conventions:** Steve Steigerwald as he has learned from the past two years, remote convention planning is difficult. Crosskeys Welch who generously stepped up to receive the convention steins, store them and bring them to the hotel was an absolute godsend in Charleston, SC. Those who plan future conventions should be able to physically visit the hotel to check out logistics of rooms

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we would be using, (as this year the loading dock for the auctioneer was unavailable for the live commercial auction and all boxes had hand carried through the construction area at the main entrance of the hotel and use two separate elevators to get to the ballroom.

Burgermeister Chapter, (JoAnne Steigerwald) has been checking out sites in Long Island, with a trip to the Long Island Winery, a trip into the City and Sagamore Hill, the home of Teddy Roosevelt. Lone Star Chapter, (Jack and Celia Clark) a convention in Dallas and have offered a tour to their home as a pre-convention trip; other chapters and cities mentioned were: Die Lustigen Stein Jaeger Madison – Dave Bruha; Dixie Steiners (Walter Swett).

**Current Officer Positions whose terms Expiring this year are** Steve Steigerwald, Executive Director; who is willing to run for another term. Dick Strom,1st Vice President (Convention Coordinator), is willing to continue through the next convention if it is Dayton, OH as he has much time and effort invested in the Dayton site; Steve Steigerwald mentioned that if JoAnne Steigerwald is retired in 2023, she is interested in being the 1st. Vice President; Joann Ellis, Secretary is willing to continue as there are no nominees; Allan Fogel. Chapter Development/Support Officer. Note that we still have no nomination for the Director of Internet and that Walt Vogdes has continued on a voluntary basis with the work of keeping our website up-to-date.

**The Slate of Nominees for expiring terms of officers Submission to Board of Trustees were:** Steve Steigerwald, Executive Director; Dick Strom, 1st. Vice President for one year only, Joann Ellis, Secretary for another term; Walter Swett, Chapter Development/Support Officer. Tom Levinson for Membership Database Manager. As there were no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was approved by a vote of acclimation.

**We need Nominations from the Chapters for new Board Members next year!** **We are still looking for a Director of Internet! Our current director is going on six or more years of volunteering his time! Please look among yourselves and chapter members.**

**We also need help with Prosit** **in the** **writing and editing of articles!** (Note: Walter Swett has been assisting with proofing and editing articles and Rich Cress will be asked).

**Our Website also needs to be redesigned** to be able to interface with all formats. Are you or anyone in your chapter able to assist – contact your executive committee. Get Active with SCI

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The September issue of Prosit was sent out early. If you have received your issue, please don’t spoil the announcement of awardees for Master Steinologist and Jack Lowenstein Editor Awards.

**Financial Report -** Celia Clark, Chief Financial Officer gave a review of the past year. Our main income is from dues. Our main expenditure is the printing and postage for Prosit, ($2,080/qtr.); membership postcards; speaker fees; and the ZOOM Membership. Comments on the Financial Reports handed out were noted. The bank account balance is $129,125.35. A motion by Eric Salzano to put $75,000 into a CD, was second by Barbara Burner. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**THERE WERE NO BY LAW/STANDING RULES CHANGES MADE THIS YEAR.**

**Old Business -** Dick Strom reported the 2021 convention had a $3,807.81 surplus (this includes an adjustment of the hotel bill due to problems with the final dinner). He also noted that $300 was spent on convention steins. The convention surplus fund is now at $21,032.11

**New Business -** The March issue of Prosit was lost by the Post Office. This created an additional $4,000 expense as they were all sent out 1st class after we discovered the error of the Postal Service. There was a desire to have all printed Prosit magazines sent 1st class after the mix up of mailing of the June issue. Both Steve Breuning, Managing Editor of Prosit and Walt Vogdes, Assistant Editor of Prosit are both dead set against mailing of Prosit First Class. Jack Clark would like Stein Collectors International to pursue this postal snafu. Perhaps write a letter to the Postmaster General, Steve Steigerwald said he would work on it.

Stats for the June Issue: 409 printed and 120 were E-Prosit. There are 60 members without email. Also, of the last 100 new members 50 chose printed Prosit and 50 chose E-Prosit.

The proposed location for the 2023 Convention is Dayton, Ohio. We are looking at the dates of the last week of July (26-29), Roger Glass, a longtime stein collector and customer of Ron Fox, has a huge collection and has built a museum to house his steins. We will be able to tour his stein museum as well as choices to tour the Wright Museum, US Airforce

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Museum, the Dayton Art Institute and the Historic District. Les Paul is excited we are going someplace new. With the Board of Trustees approval, Dick Strom will move forward

and get Pre-Convention tours and hotel contracts signed. Motion to accept Dayton, Ohio as our 2023 convention site was made, seconded and passed. **Motion carried**

There are no scheduled stein conventions beyond 2023. Proposed sites are: Madison, WI -2024 (Die Lustigen Stein Jaegers-Dave Bruha); Atlanta, GA (Dixie Steiners-Walter Swett), no year established; Long Island, NY (Burgermeisters-JoAnne Steigerwald) no year established.

Joann Ellis mentioned there will be get well cards in the hospitality room for all the members who are sick or hospitalized. Walt Vogdes, knee surgery; Karen Cress, gall bladder surgery; Cheryl Griffen, impending back surgery; Ravi Patel, back surgery; Steve Breuning, hospitalized back and heart problems.

**Other New Business** –We have probably seen our last live auction due to the cost of travel and the amount of work. Ron Fox may be retiring. When choosing a convention hotel, we need to be close to the loading dock! This hotel was a not good for Ron Fox to get his steins into the Ballroom. He had to use the front entrance which was under construction and use two elevators! We need to find a way to say Thank YOU or come up with an idea to Thank Ron for all the years he has been our convention Live Auction company.

Tom Levinson wished to Thank the Executive Committee for all their work this past year.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 a.m.**

**Disclaimer: Technical difficulties ensued in that my tape recorder was not working.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Joann Ellis**

**SCI Secretary**