The Meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm on Tuesday, August 16, 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. 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.

Addition to Agenda was the Website Overhaul request for hearing by Fred Ellis.

Motions and seconds were made to approve the minutes as submitted, for the 2021 Annual Executive Committee Meeting October 5, 2021 and the 2nd Executive Committee Meeting, October 8, 2021**.** **Motion carried.**

**The next item of business was Future Conventions:** Steve Steigerwald noted we need to work as a group on future conventions. Dick Strom had done a lot of the preconvention planning for Charleston when we were going to hold the 2020 convention in Charleston. However, the original hotel would not honor the previous arrangements. Remote convention planning is difficult. Although the Francis Marion Hotel has been very cooperative, we really had no one in Charleston area to receive and accept the convention steins, and do the leg work of preconvention planning in person. Steve and JoAnne Steigerwald had to do all the contracts remotely not only for the hotel, but also for the pre-convention tours and transportation. Thankfully Crosskeys Welch generously stepped up to receive the convention steins, store them and bring them to the hotel. JoAnne also contracted to have the hotel serve the Afternoon Tea.

Dick Strom has done a lot of the preconvention planning for Dayton, but again we have only Roger Glass, (a non-SCI member) in the area. JoAnne Steigerwald has been checking out sites in Long Island, Memphis and Nashville (these cities have major airports). Other cities mentioned and local chapters were Atlanta, GA (Dixie Steiners & Carolina Steiners local chapters), Dallas (Lone Star local chapter and the Clarks have offered a home tour), other cities mentioned were: Milwaukee and Myrtle Beach. Frankenmuth, Michigan which was mentioned last year is off the table as it does not have a nearby airport and is a very small town with few amenities. We need to offer a convention in a city where we have a couple of members who are in the convention city or very close by most of the year.

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The 2024 convention needs to be started early this coming spring as hotel contracts need to be signed very soon. A reminder for convention planners transportation is very expensive for a group our size, therefore any out of hotel arrangements need that expense added into the cost. (i.e. preconvention tours, afternoon tea offsite from hotel, dinner at German Restaurants). Another suggestion was to ask the Chapter Membership if they are interested in attending conventions.

**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, 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 for 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. The slate of officers was approved to be given to the Board of Trustees.

Information to be noted is that Walter Swett has been assisting with Prosit production and Ravi Patel has talked to Walt Vogdes about the Director of Internet position. This prompted Celia Clark to mention the information she received in the mail about web page builders. The flyer will be given to Walt and Ravi. Steve Steigerwald will chat with them both about updating our website.

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.

Celia Clark, Chief Financial Officer gave a review of the past year. Our main expenditure is the printing and postage for Prosit. 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. We discussed the idea of sending all future issues First Class but it was decided there really wasn’t the need. Comments on the Financial Reports handed out were noted – currently SCI has $120,000 cash on hand; the report was confusing as the numbers didn’t match from profit and loss to carryover starting number. The

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loss from the post office that lost the June Issue of Prosit needs to be shown. John Kelly questioned if we had a Museum/Library Fund. It was also noted that we should continue with the subscription to ZOOM as we still have clubs who hold meetings with that format.

Mark Maceira, Museum/Library Director, who had not turned in an Annual Report stated he only had two requests for information this past year.

There was a question as to if there was a limit on the amount of income a non-profit organization can maintain. Our Convention Contingency Fund has a balance of $21,032.11. Fred Irtz, suggested SCI maintain a maximum balance of $250,00 for the purpose of potential future liablity- - - - this item was tabled.

Dick Strom reported the 2021 convention had a $3,807.00 surplus. He also noted that conventions run approximately $30,000+. A discussion ensued about cost cutting measures for future conventions. We might think about cutting down the number of days we schedule speakers for as well as the members stein sales room being open. It was also noted that 20 people signed up for the hotel that did not attend the convention. (Some of those twenty were due illness.)

New Business – Ron Fox may be retiring.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:03 p.m.**

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

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Joann Ellis**

**SCI Secretary**