The Meeting was called to order at 8:36 am on Thursday, August 18, 2022, in the Colonial Ballroom of the Downtown Francis Marion Hotel in downtown Charleston, South Carolina.

Fred Ellis, President welcomed the group and asked for a moment of silence for those who have gone into stein heaven before us. He then asked for all first timers to please stand and welcomed them to the Stein Collectors International, Inc. organization and the convention.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes as submitted, for the 2021 Annual General Membership Meeting of October 7, 2021**.** **Motion carried.**

**The next item of business was a huge Thank you and appreciation to**

Crosskeys Welch who generously stepped up to receive the convention steins, store them and bring them to the hotel, it was an absolute godsend to Steve Steigerwald. Steve Steigerwald stated the past two conventions have been done remotely, - Delaware by Dick and this year by me due to Dick Strom’s health issues. It is very difficult and very important to have a member in or near the convention city to be able to check out various logistics and items that come up.

Steve Steigerwald, Executive Director discussed Stein Collectors International, Inc. discussed future needs:

* We need convention sites (in different locations-Madison, Dallas, Atlanta, Long Island have been mentioned). We need Chapters to host and people willing to help with the conventions.
* We need NEW BOARD MEMBERS, some are on there 6th or 7th year (it was only meant to be a 2 year term with a two term limit.
* We need a new webmaster (our current webmaster has been volunteering and keeping it running out of the goodness of his heart). We need someone with knowledge to redesign it so it will interface all formats.
* We need Prosit authors, editors and a Managing Editor of Prosit trainee.

**Please look among yourselves and chapter members.** There are so many ways you can become more active with Stein Collectors International – **WE NEED YOU!**

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**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 as he has much time and effort invested in the Dayton, OH site. 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 Approved by the 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 for one year of the two year term for John Strassberger.

**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. The bank account balance is $129,125.35.

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

**Old Business -** Dick Strom reported the 2021 convention 112 people attend and a $3,807.81 surplus. 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. Steve Steigerwald and Celia Clark are working on getting this extra expense refunded to the club. The September issue has already been mailed and received by some of the members, so a decision was made not to use 1st Class Mail as had been suggested.

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The 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. Our Thursday evening dinner will be at the museum and we will be able to view his collection. Other choices to tour are the Wright Museum, US Airforce Museum, the Dayton Art Institute, and the Historic District. The afternoon tea will be at the President’s Home of the National Cash Register Corporation.

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.

**Officer Reports:**

Mark Maceria gave a big Thank You to Eric Salzano who has now set up the Museum and Library in his home. Mark only had two requests this past year.

John Strassberger, who is completing his seventh (7th) year as Membership Database Manager gave some data for us to ponder. Some of the statistics of our Prosit magazine there were 415 mailed issues, including four to Canada, and 16 to the rest of the world and 121 members who receive eProsit. Another interesting statistic is of the last 100 members who joined SCI 50 chose printed Prosit and 50 chose eProsit. Other statistics we have 27 overseas members which include three Russians, three from England and two from Australia. We have members from the Netherlands, Slovakia, and Germany. We have lost sixteen (16) total members in 2021 and gained twenty-six (26) new members since the beginning of 2022.

**A BIG SHOUT OUT TO** *Stein Collectors International, Inc. Stein Identification and Valuation Group* and those who continually post and reply to inquiries, especially George Felty, Bob Hurley and Jack Clark. Comments were made that Local Chapters are not as active as in the past.

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Walter Swett is encouraging Chapters to get involved with their local German Clubs or breweries to gain new members.

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 and others, please take a moment to sign the cards and write a note of encouragement.

**Awards:**

Steve Steigerwald’s favorite part of the year is the time for the awards. Steve talked about the three awards to be given out this year. This year’s Master Steinologist Award and Jack Lowenstein Editor’s award was given to Ron Gray. Ron was an active member of SCI for 54 years. Over the past 22 years, Ron authored 46 articles for Prosit and the SCI web site. He was also the most prominent voice on Stein Talk as “Ron”. Ron and his wife, Jean frequently hosted their local chapter meetings in their homes.

This years’ Service Awards were given to John Strassberger, Membership Database Manager and Allan Fogel, Chapter Development and Support for their Executive Committee years of Service.

A round of applause was given to Executive Committee and to Claire Hill for all of their work given to Stein Collectors International, Inc.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:33 a.m.**

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

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Joann Ellis**

**SCI Secretary**