

**FBICC OPEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
21 JULY 2017
CROWNE PLAZA COLUMBUS NORTH
COLUMBUS OHIO**

Called to order at 1:00 PM by John Provine, President.

John welcomed all attendees to the 31st annual FBICC convention. A particular welcome was extended to the first time participants, past Presidents, and convention chairs. Dick Sutherland was also noted as a charter member in attendance at this year's convention. John noted that all members who attend the convention are directly contributing to making the club successful through their participation.

The 2016 secretary minutes of the general membership meeting were included in the convention registration package and a motion was made by Bob Hohl and seconded by Nancy Ferriani to approve the minutes; approved.

John reported that per the membership chairman, Marilyn Holm, there are currently 614 members (385 memberships) with 136 registered to attend the convention. It was noted there were 16 first-timers registered.

Ray Schomas, Treasurer, presented a brief synopsis of the club's financial status. Ray described the multiple ways the financial report is presented and reviewed including the annual report, publication in the BBNs and quarterly report to FBICC board and financial committee. He also noted he will discuss any aspect individually with any member who requests information. Ray noted there is a reserve of approximately \$36,200 from 2016 and anticipates a similar reserve for 2017. Ray emphasized that the board and membership must continue to closely monitor costs/expenditures to ensure the financial stability of the club. Ray noted the ongoing effort of the board and membership to adjust membership and convention cost accordingly.

John thanked the outgoing board members for their dedication over their tenure. It was noted that Heather Hearn, Secretary, Eric Lee, Region 2, and John Houserman, Legislative Liaison would be leaving the board.

The slate of officers for 2017-2018 was presented to the membership and additional nominations were solicited; none from the assembled membership. (John Kirk moved approval of board, Winifred Tuschen seconded). Slate of officers approved by membership as follows: John Provine (President), Janet Guthridge (1st Vice President), Joyce Murden (2nd Vice President), Brenda Meyer (Past President), Ray Schomas (Treasurer), Laurel Provine (Secretary), Dave Crumb (Region 1), Christine Waller (Region 2), Winifred Tuschen (Region 3), Rosalie Ingle (Region 4), Susanna Pickle (Region 5), Kim Boyer (Region 6). Board Appointed – Marilyn Holm (Membership Chair), Judy Boyer (Newsletter Editor), Phil Murden (Webmaster), Helen Swan (Education Chair).

Bob Hohl, Managing Director of FBICEF, presented an overview of the Educational Fund (501C) status. Bob reported this is the 11th year of the separate committee that supports the club through color pages in the Blueberry Notes, educational materials including education booklet associated with annual convention presentation, and special projects. The fund has raised to date almost \$80,000 through donations, annual raffle, annual baskets/auction seat, and silent auction. Bob stated continued appreciation for the membership's enthusiastic support of FBICEF.

John Houserman, Auction Chairman, presented an update on the annual auction. The 2017 convention is the first year with reduced jury time and multiple reprints of auction item changes. These adjustments were made to increase efficiency and reduce cost to the club related to multiple reprints of the auction list, cost for security, and room costs. John noted the number of auction items was limited to 300 items (from 370 in 2016) with this year having 28 consignors. Photos of many of the items were posted on the club website prior to the convention. This year will also introduce a door prize opportunity during the auction time before and after the auction dinner. Membership must be present at the auction to win. Judy Boyer was instrumental in this initiative.

The William Miller Service Award was announced with two winners selected by the FBICC board this year. The board and membership extends great appreciation to the winners for the continued dedication and exceptional support to the club over a number of years. Without their dedication and commitment the club would not be what it is today. The 2017 winners are Frank and Ginny Mueller and Phil and Cindy Neff.

The theme for the 2018 Convention at the Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf IA 26-28 July 2018, is "4 Times the Fun". Christine and Peter Waller will be the convention chairs. Christine presented an overview of the convention location as well as preliminary plans for the Thursday tour.

A motion to close the annual FBICC annual membership meeting was made by Jan Schomas and second by Barbara Kamerance; adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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Heather Hearn, Secretary
30 July 2017