

**17<sup>th</sup> Convention**

**June 1983**

**S.C.I. CONVENTION XVII**

**JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 1983**

**LA MANSION DEL RIO**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX**



**Master Steinologist: Lotti Lopez**

**Jack Heimann Service Award: Vera Christy**

**Miss Beer Stein: Marie Schroeder**



Vicki & Pat Manusov



Lotti Lopez & Larry Beckrndorff



Rose & Fredlein Schroeder



The Durbans!: Joe, Mary, & Mark







Rose & Franz Kirshland







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# PROSIT

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Miss Beer Stein 1983: Marie Schroeder, Sr., with son Fred and Convention Chairman Lawrence Beckendorff.



Mettlach Chapter president Uwe Oswald presents watercolor of the Concord to Lawrence B., to celebrate 300 years of friendship.



"Most authentic costume" contest winner, Rose Ferchland, and husband Franz.



Lotti Lopez, our newest Master Steinologist, with our Convention Mastermind.



## Only in San Antonio The All-American City

*Well, y'awl, we had the durndest tom in San Antone! It was the most sighting Convention y'awl ever saw. We'd barley got to the hotel and them Lone Star boys let 'er rip, riot as rain. So hep us, it dint stop 'till Sunday. It was just one "heidy, neighbor" after 'nother—with lots of fun an lots of drinking stuff. Ah tell y'awl, when we were threw, we was tarred. But one thang: They shore talk funny in Texas, yew can't hardly unnerstand a ward!*

**Translation:** Our 17th Annual stein and beer fest in San Antonio was another winner, another event described only with superlatives. The Lone Star chapter went all out to prove that Texas hospitality is alive and well! Not only the chapter members, but the hotel staff and all San Antonians went out of their way to make us feel welcome and right at home.

All activities and events were exciting—after all, how many people have ever raced armadillos (yes indeed, they were alive) or been in a buffalo-chip throwing contest? When the conventioners weren't gazing at steins, buying steins, selling steins, talking about steins . . . they were well-fed and beautifully entertained. To say nothing about a never-ending torrent of Lone Star and Miller beer—mostly consumed out of honest-to-goodness steins, thanks to Les Paul and Frank Poppie.

Our Texas hat is off to **Lawrence Beckendorff** and his tireless helpers: David Cantwell, Ken Armke, Bob Fiesler, Don Gillis, Ken Griffin, Hugh Erwin, Pam Beckendorff, Barry Parker, Gary Kirsner, Fred Schroeder, Jr. and Fredlein Schroeder, Sr., Jim Widener . . . and all the other Lone Star members and

spouses. Like typical Texans, you excelled—and done good!

Likewise, our thanks to cousin Glenn Beckendorff, who not only kept an eye on the rice crop, but also ran an auction of distinction (including at least one new record—or was it?).

We're certain that all of our readers want to know who won our annual contests and awards. Here goes:

Master Steinologist: **Lotti Lopez**

Jack Heimann Service Award: **Vera Christy**

Miss Beer Stein 1983: **Marie Schroeder**

A special award, in the form of a hand-painted "illuminated" plaque, was presented to **Howard Blitz** of California for "being one of the nicest persons anywhere"—obviously a well-deserved recognition, as all of Howie's friends know. The beautiful plaque, as well as the one presented to Master Steinologist Lotti Lopez, was expertly and imaginatively done by Jim Gruhl—a man of many talents!

Chug-a-lug contest: **California's Erste Gruppe** (we'll just have to wait another year for an upset).

Team Talent contest: **West Germany's Mettlach Stoneware Collectors**

Best Armadillo Racer: **Les Whitham** (he admitted he talked "turtle talk" to his armadillo: "Run, you little \*!#!@, or by tonight you'll be soup stock!")

Elected SCI officers for the coming year are:

Chairman: Les Whitham  
President: Johanna Scott  
Vice-President: Therese Thomas  
2nd V-P: Jim DeMars  
Treasurer: Pat Clarke  
Secretary: Terry Hill  
Exec. Director: Jack Lowenstein

(If you've wondered, the new position of 2nd vice-president has the responsibility



Yup, winners again: Durban, Wilson, Poppie and Dietlein, EG champs!

of membership acquisition and retention.)

Appointments: Parliamentarian—Deszo Ladanyi; Chairman, Credentials Committee—Ron Fox.

For additional contest winners, scan the many photographs of Convention #17 in this issue—courtesy of John Mertz of Pennsylvania.



Talent Contest Winners: Die deutsche Mannschaft.

## Conventions 1985 and 1986

And now the news you've been waiting for: Following the 1984 Convention in Germany, convention states have been volunteered by host chapters, **New York in 1985** and **California in 1986**. Interestingly, these dates are close to, or actually are 10-year anniversaries. After all, who will ever forget New York City in 1974, or Los Angeles in 1976?

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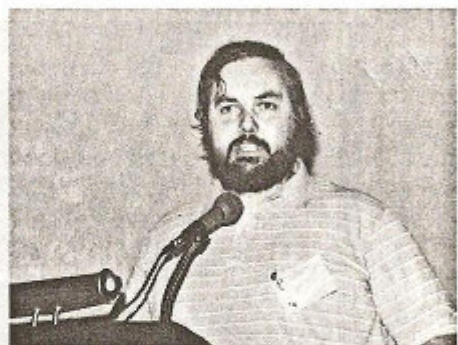
Convention 1983



What the well-dressed Bavarian wears in Texas.



Therese Thomas invites us to Trier in 1984.



Jim Gruhl exploring the world of Westerwald steins.



Chairman Bruce Holderbaum



Yes, that's the Oregon Kid, Bill Bosworth, behind that spinach.



A special award to Irv Johnsen from Lawrence Beckendorff.



# San Antonio



Ridge Scott telling us all about next year's travel plans.



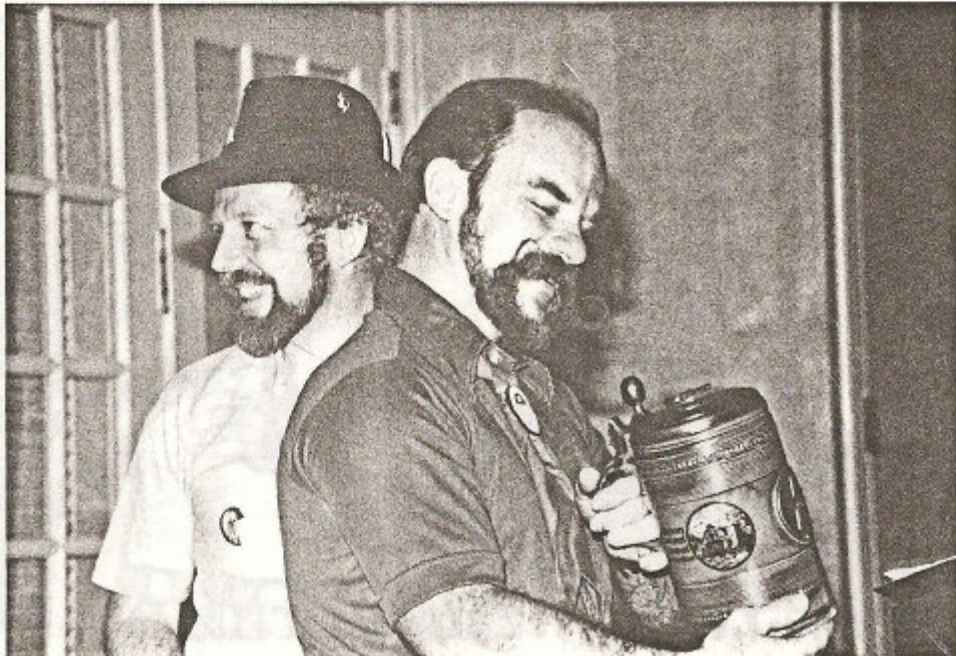
Floyd Diellein, Ridge Scott and Jack Lowenstein wind up their armadillos



"Bo" Boresch explains the workings of the new SCI slide library.



Rosie Sahn describes the stoneware artist of Duemler & Breiden.



The P.R.O.S.I.T. twins, Les Paul and Frank Poppie



"Ein Prosit der Gemuetlichkeit" in Ne Braunfels



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The Lucky Winners!



One of our hosts, Fredlein Schroeder, Sr.



An attentive audience . . .



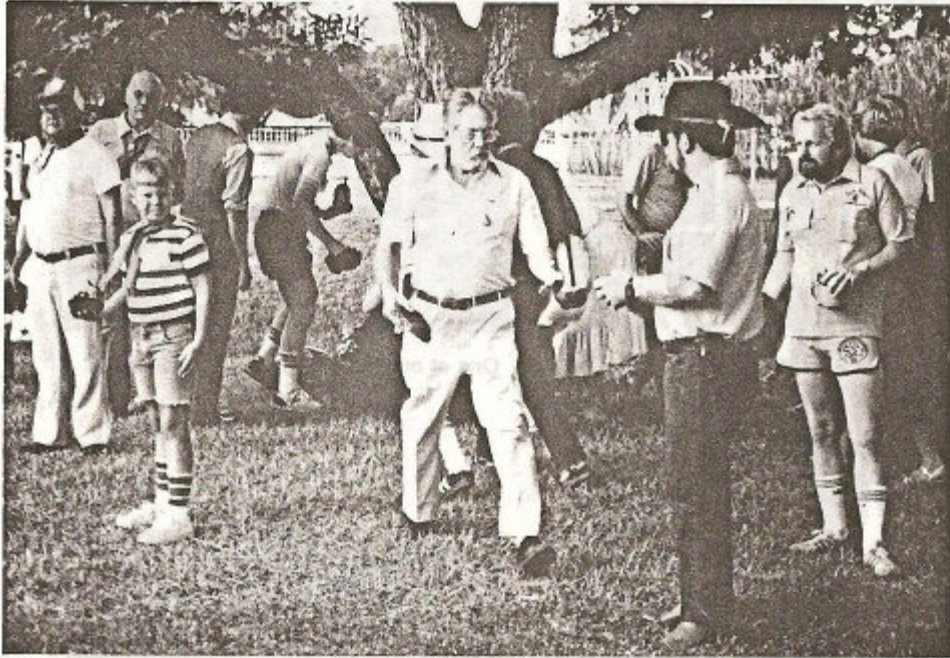
Mark Durban holding forth about something or other.



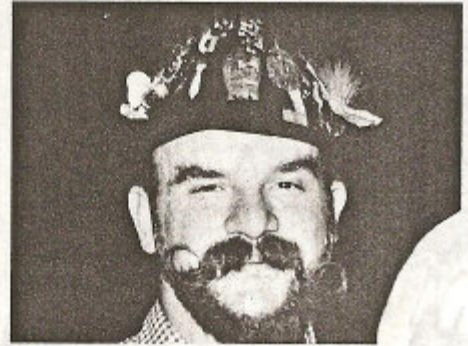
New SCI president Johanna Scott accepts the official gavel from new chairman Les Whitham.



Texas



Dr. Scott gets ready to throw his buffalo chip—something not entirely new to Ridgel



King of the chug-a-luggers: Frank Poppie



Don Daugherty toasts San Antonio: A su salud!



A happy fiesta crowd



The East-Munich "Goasslschnalzer"—ready to entertain you in '84



Nowhere else but  
**San Antonio**

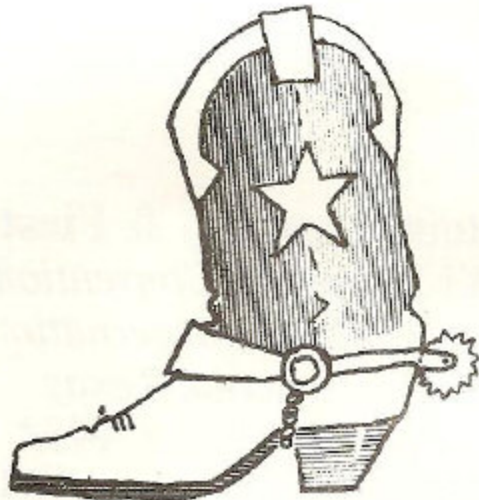


**Stein Roundup & Fiesta**  
*XVII Annual Convention*  
*Stein Collectors International*  
*San Antonio, Texas*  
*June 29 - July 3, 1983*



Officers of the  
*Lone Star Chapter*

Lawrence Beckendorff - *President*  
Ken A. Griffin - *Vice President*  
David Cantwell - *Treasurer*  
Jim Widener - *Secretary*



*The Responsible Parties*

*Convention Chairman:* Lawrence Beckendorff

**Committee Chairmen**

*Auction*  
Gary Kirsner

*Registration*  
R. E. Fiesler

*Displays*  
Barry Parker

*Convention Stein*  
Ken Armke

*Finances*  
& *Pre-Registration*  
David Cantwell

*Security*  
Hugh Erwin

*German Night*  
Fred Schroeder, Jr.

*Texas Night*  
Fred Schroeder, Sr.

*Hospitality Suite*  
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*Transportation*  
*Arrangements -*  
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*Logistics & Direction -*  
Jim Widener

*Publicity & Publications*  
Ken A. Griffin





"PROSIT" MEANS: PLEASE REMEMBER OLD STEINS IMPROVE TASTE.

Your convention stein is pretty to look at and a great souvenir, but it is also a handy drinking vessel. Put your next beer in it. After all, that's what steins were made for. The way we love our beer steins and our beer, we shouldn't be running around any club meeting drinking our favorite brews from plastic cups. Beer stein artists and craftsmen have captured the comraderie and celebrations of our ancestors best times; yet we seldom USE these delightful objects for their intended purpose. Why spend a lot of money on beer steins and then drink from a waxy paper cup? It's crazy if you stop to think about it.

It's time we all FEEL the steins and the times they represented in a new way: by drinking from them. We who are already using our steins know that this is truly the best way to enjoy the humor of a character stein, or to really appreciate the age of an 18th century faience. When you drink from an old brewery stein, you think about the hundreds of our German ancestors (and maybe even one of your own relatives) who drank from the stein years ago. Surely this is the best way to experience the brewer's golden nectar. It puts a common water glass to shame.

Maybe you're afraid to let a bartender handle your delicate Royal Vienna or you don't feel rich enough to drink from your most expensive Mettlach stein. That's certainly understandable. We don't want you to get a bit tipsy and click these steins together in an overly hearty toast. The chip of crack you could put in fine porcelain ware would ruin more than the taste of the beer. Surely a bit of care and discretion is called for, but you will be amazed how durable most steins are. If you drop a heavy piece of old stoneware, you are more likely to break your toe than the stein.

Your new convention stein is the perfect stein to start drinking from. Use it to quaff a couple of brews with your old collector freinds and new acquaintances. The stein was meant as a souvenir of your good times in Texas. The more you USE it, the better of a souvenir it will become for you. Make this the most memorable convention stein ever by drinking from it.

NOW FOR THE FREE "PROSIT" GOODIES!

Your friends the Poppies and Les Paul have contributed their time and money to kick off this year's "PROSIT" campaign and membership drive. All you have to do to join is to drink from any beer stein. That qualifies you to enter the raffle for an incredible piece of hand made silver jewelry. There are two prizes. One for the Mr. and one for the gentler sex too, so join in ladies. Bottoms up! "PROSIT"! and good luck in the drawing. Till then, "Please Remember Old Steins Improve Taste." We have just created a new meaning for the word "PROSIT".



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1983

## The 1983 SCI Convention Stein

A beautiful art rendition of San Antonio's famous Alamo. An armadillo wandering amid prickly pear cactus. A wreath of bluebonnets. The emblem of the Lone Star Chapter of SCI. A Texas-style boot. A pistol.

The 1983 SCI convention stein has been well designed to perform its intended mission to provide a lasting tribute to the 17th Annual Convention in San Antonio this summer. This stein is a true Texan, right "up" to its boot!

But this stein is much more than a convention souvenir. It's a collector's showpiece in its own right, a stein that can stand with pride in the finest collections. This is because of the care, skill and pride that went into its preparation.

If plaudits are to be handed out for this creation, the first should go to Ken Griffin, its designer. Others should go to Francee DeMarco, who illustrated Griffin's designs, and to the artists at Gerz GmbH, who faithfully carried out the designs and illustrations in West Germany. Griffin is a partner in McNay, Griffin & Gage, a Houston advertising agency, and an active and enthusiastic member of the Lone Star Chapter of SCI.

Gerz, one of the premier Westerwald stein manufacturers since its founding in 1862, was very aware that this was the firm's first creation for SCI. It endeavored to leave a good impression.

The highlighted saddle-brown background color for the stein was contributed to the design by Gerz sales manager Erich Kraemer. The boot figurine, the focal point of the stein, was modeled by Gerz master designer Edwin Breiden. The pistol thumblift was fashioned in the firm's own pewter workshop. And the three transfers, very true to the Griffin-DeMarco artwork, were prepared on premises by Gerz artists and printers.

The overall result is a combination relief-and-transfer stein, one-half liter in capacity and 8-1/2 inches in height. The body and lid figurine are made of true stoneware, with the body being divided into three distinct panels by relief arched columns. Transfers are fitted into these panels to tell the story of the 1983 convention.

The bluebonnet wreath forms the outside border of artwork in the center panel. (The wild bluebonnet is the state flower of Texas). Inside it are the emblem of the Lone Star Chapter, the host chapter for the convention, and the wording: "Stein Collectors International...Seventeenth Annual Convention...July 1983...San Antonio, Texas."



# STEIN COLLECTORS INTERNATIONAL

## Minutes of Board Meeting June 29, 1983—San Antonio, Texas

The eleventh Annual Board Meeting of Stein Collectors International was called to order at 8:45 A.M. by Board Chairman, Bruce Holderbaum.

1. Chairman Holderbaum asked for a report from the Credentials Committee so as to ascertain the correct membership of the Board of Directors prior to the conducting of business. Les Whitham, in the absence of Credentials Committee Chairman Spencer House, indicated that the following were the designated voting members of the SCI Board:

Chairman of the Board—Bruce Holderbaum  
President—Les Whitham  
Vice-President—Lawrence Beckendorff  
Recording Secretary—Terry Hill  
Treasurer—Pat Clarke  
Executive Director—Jack Lowenstein  
Alle Germanen (Germany)—Anton Post  
Buckeye Stein Verein (Ohio)—William Seifert  
Buergermeisters (New Jersey)—George Misch  
Erste Gruppe (California)—Mary Durban  
Gambinus (Maryland)—Spencer House  
Lone Star (Texas)—Mike Croskery  
Lustigen Steinjaeger (Milwaukee)—Elaine Pandl  
Meister Steiners (Chicago)—Ridge Scott  
Mettlach Stoneware Collectors (Germany)—Therese Thomas  
Michisteiners (Michigan)—Don Limpert  
Schnapps & Hops Kameraden (Madison)—Ron Gray  
Studenten Prinz Gruppe (New England)—Frank Pociadlo  
Sun Steiners (Florida)—Jim DeMars  
Thirsty Knights (New York)—Ron Fox  
Upper Midwest Soc. of Steinologists (Minnesota)—Earl Christy  
Director-at-Large—Bill Bosworth  
Director-at-Large—Leo Cashatt  
Director-at-Large—Jim Talley

Members not in attendance were: Beckendorff, Clarke, Post, Seifert, House, Pandl, Gray, Christy and Cashatt. Jeannette Seifert represented *Buckeye Stein Verein*, Don Daugherty—*Gambinus*, Arnie Prochep—*Lustigen Steinjaeger*, and Gertrude Prochep—*Schnapps und Hops Kameraden*.

2. Chairman Holderbaum instructed Secretary Terry Hill to circulate a roll sheet. Those members recognized by the Credentials Committee were asked to sign.

3. Inasmuch as the Minutes of the 1982 Board Meeting had been distributed to all members with the Meeting Agendas by Secretary Hill prior to the meeting, the Board accepted the 1982 Minutes without a reading.

4. In the absence of Treasurer Pat Clarke, the Treasurer's Report was delivered by Jack Lowenstein. As of June 24, 1983, SCI showed a balance of \$54,365 with no bills outstanding. In the report Lowenstein detailed SCI's accrual system of accounting, possible dues increases in future years, and how potential expansion of membership could offset such dues increases. Lowenstein also summarized *Prosit* production costs. The average issue for 1982/83 cost \$6880. After a motion by George Misch, the Board voted to accept the report as read.

## 5. Committee Reports

A. Ron Fox, Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Jack Heimann Service Award, reported that his committee last year had unanimously selected Vera Christy as its nominee. With Fox making the motion, the Board approved the Committee's selection.

B. The Chairman of the Conflict of Interest Committee, George Misch, presented their report on the "Conflict of Interest" amendment to SCI's bylaws that was proposed at last year's Annual Meeting in St. Charles. Subsequent to the initial proposal, a committee had been formed to study the matter. The seven member committee, headed by Misch, concluded: "After considerable thought, discussion and correspondence, this committee recommends a NO vote on the proposed amendment to the bylaws of SCI known as "Officers" (Conflict of Interest)." The committee's recommendation was put in a motion by George Misch, seconded and approved by the Board.

## 6. Old Business

A. Chairman Holderbaum relinquished the Chair to Secretary Hill so that he could present a newly revised set of *Bylaws of Stein Collectors International*. Holderbaum prefaced the proposed bylaws, that appeared on page 1067 of the June issue of *Prosit*, with the remark that his appointed task was to work with an outside professional to revise the bylaws of the organization with respect to form without changing the content. The need to revise and clarify the language of the bylaws was recognized last year at St. Charles when Holderbaum's job was created. While form changes were successful, Holderbaum did find instances where additional sections and descriptions were needed. He explained that these added portions were only based on current practices. After discussion, Bruce Holderbaum moved that the proposed bylaws as published in *Prosit* be accepted. Ridge Scott provided the second and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

B. Therese Thomas, 1984 Convention Chairman, presented a detailed plan of the 1984 Convention to be held in Trier, West Germany, from July 31st to August 5th, 1984. Headquarters for our stay in Trier will be the Dorint and the Europa Park Hotels. In order to provide a quality convention in Germany, the host chapter has decided to limit the convention attendees to 350. Considerable discussion followed with focus on family restrictions (dependent children only), postmark priority, and years of SCI membership. Jack Lowenstein proposed a collecting procedure that would, "Permit Vera Christy to collect 1984 Registration deposits and payments in dollars, deposit these in a bank in Minnesota, and transfer accumulated monies (in German Marks) to the Mettlach Chapter on December 1st 1983 and March 1st, 1984." Mary Durban seconded Lowenstein's motion and the Board approved it without any dissenting votes.

C. Ridge Scott, Convention Coordinator, presented flight plans for those attending the 1984 Convention. Ridge explained the many options from the various U.S. gateway cities to Europe via KLM. The entry port will be Amsterdam with connecting transportation and lodging until the Trier destination is reached. A stopover in Wiesbaden with a Rhine River cruise are also included. An alternative package with Icelandic Airlines was also described. Ridge finished his report with a listing of the prices and methods of payment. Board

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Chairman Holderbaum thanked Ridge for his thoroughness in preparing the report.

D. Jack Lowenstein presented a report on the Jack Heimann Memorial Fund as submitted by Norman Medow, Committee Chairman. On September 17, 1982, \$4311.85 was transferred to the Regional Kidney Disease Program at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis to establish the *Jack Heimann Memorial Fund*, which will be utilized to underwrite the cost of an annual lectureship in honor of Jack. Dr. Shapiro, Director of the Regional Kidney Disease Program, hopes to be able to allow the principal to remain intact and utilize just the interest from the fund to support the lectureship. With the transfer of funds, Norman Medow's duties have been fulfilled and the ad hoc committee is finished with its work.

E. In regards to the computerization of the SCI mailing, Jack Lowenstein reported that this was accomplished. The list is now recorded on Apple II floppy disks run by a computer company. The last two issues of *Prosit* were efficiently mailed with the aid of the computerized list. The project was completed for \$137, well under the \$185 budget.

F. Additionally, Jack Lowenstein reported on the Fine Arts Insurance Program. An explanatory mailer will be sent out to all SCI members in September from the agent. Key features include a cost of \$0.30 per hundred (substantially below the usual price of \$0.50 per hundred), steins less than \$1000 in value can be grouped rather than listing individually, and the use of Stevenson and Kirsner's price guides in determining values. In addition to normal coverage, this policy protects against breakage, damage at exhibitions and conventions, vandalism and malicious mischief, flood and earthquake, burglary, robbery, and theft.

## 7. New Business

A. Sites for future SCI Conventions were considered. After a general discussion over the "two year" limitation on granting chapters national conventions, Mike Croskery moved, "that Executive Director Jack Lowenstein keeps a Convention Calendar for a minimum of 5 years from the current convention. Dates will be received and approved at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting." Following a second by Les Whitham, the Board approved the expanded calendar. Subsequently, bids by the Thirsty Knight Chapter (Ron Fox) and Erste Gruppe (Mary Durban) for the 1985 and 1986 SCI Conventions, respectively, were approved.

B. Les Whitham and Jim Gruhl presented a proposal to establish a new office of Vice-President in Charge of Membership. After the Board discussed the merits of such a position, Jim Gruhl moved, "that Membership Vice-President be added to the list of Officers of SCI with duties including the conduct of membership drives and the aiding of the Executive Director in various membership activities. He is to work with a budget specified by the Executive Director." With a Jeannette Seifert second the motion was passed. Ron Fox moved, "that the Bylaws be amended to accommodate the Vice-President in Charge of Membership position." Frank Pociadlo seconded the motion after which the Board gave its unanimous approval.

Les Whitham presented another proposal that