



Stein Collectors International, Inc.

2025 First VP (Conventions) Report

2024 Convention Report. David and Sharon Bruha did a fantastic job planning a truly outstanding and successful convention. They skillfully navigated the challenge of hosting the event during the July 4th holiday week—often seen as a scheduling hurdle—and still delivered an experience that was both enjoyable and memorable. Let’s give them a well-deserved round of applause and our heartfelt thanks for making it such a fun and rewarding event!

2025 Convention. As of this writing, it appears that the convention this year in Pittsburgh will be a success and well attended. We are on pace to meet our contractual obligations and the response to the program we have planned has been very positive.

2026 Convention. Join us in Williamsburg, Virginia, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence! Our convention will take place September 1–6, 2026, at the Williamsburg Lodge—a Marriott Autograph Collection property—offering attendees an excellent group rate of \$149 per night with complimentary parking for hotel guests.

A highlight of this year’s educational program will be a focus on Early German stoneware, inspired by pieces unearthed through local archaeological excavations. These artifacts are currently showcased in one of the Colonial Williamsburg museums, and a brand-new Museum of Archaeology is scheduled to open in spring 2026—just ahead of our event—providing an exciting opportunity for exploration and discovery.

2027 Convention: ??? A chapter has not hosted a convention since 2019. We’d love to see a chapter step forward and host the 2027 event. If you’re interested in hosting, please contact me and I’ll guide you through the process. If you’re interested in going to a particular city/location, please let me know and I’ll submit a request for proposals. Ten years ago, we knew two years in advance where we were going for a convention. We can make that happen again with your input. Please know that as our membership and convention attendance has shrunk, so has our ability to be attractive to tier one destinations. Our most financially successful recent conventions have been in tier two locations such as Dayton and Madison.

Respectfully submitted,

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