



# Stein Collectors International, Inc.

## 2025 Executive Committee Reports

### Reports attached:

1. Executive Director Report - Eric Salzano
2. First VP Conventions Report - John Kelly
3. Chief Financial Officer Report - Celia Clark
4. Secretary Report - Chris Gatz
5. Membership Report - Tom Levenson
6. *Prosit* Managing Editor Report - Steve Breuning
7. Internet Activities Report - Bob Hurley
8. By-Laws & Standing Rules Report - Roy Kellogg
9. Museum / Librarian Report - Harry Gruss, Jr.
10. Nothing to Report - Ron Fox, Walter Swett, Frank Glazer  
No Reported Matters – Pat Jahn, Fred Irtz



# Stein Collectors International, Inc.

## 2025 Executive Director Report

Dear Members,

As we reflect on the past year, I am pleased to share with you the remarkable progress and initiatives that Stein Collectors International (SCI) has accomplished under the guidance of our dedicated leadership team and the support of our passionate members.

### **New SCI Website Launched**

One of the most significant milestones this year was the successful development and launch of a brand-new SCI website (<https://stein-collectors.org>). Rebuilt from the ground up, the new site provides a modern, user-friendly platform that better represents the spirit and depth of our organization. Many thanks to Bob Hurley for overseeing the transition of our organization's legacy website to a modern, user-friendly platform.

With improved functionality, mobile responsiveness, and a revitalized look and feel, the new website serves not only as a digital hub for existing members but also as a compelling point of entry for potential new collectors and enthusiasts from around the world. The website can be displayed in over 100 languages from the pulldown menu on the main screen. We continue to enhance content and features, and we welcome member feedback to ensure it remains a valuable tool for the entire community.

### **2025 Convention – Pittsburgh, PA**

Preparations are well underway for our 2025 Annual Convention in the vibrant city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The dedicated convention committee - led by First Vice President, Conventions, John Kelly—has crafted a rich and engaging agenda designed to resonate with both longtime members and those newer to our community. This year's program highlights the region's deep ties to glassmaking, with a special keynote presentation by Dr. Anne Madarasz on the "*History of Pittsburgh Glass.*" From educational sessions to dynamic speakers, the convention promises to reflect the wide-ranging interests of our collectors while honoring the cultural legacy of our host city. We look forward to coming together in Pittsburgh to continue our tradition of camaraderie, learning, and shared passion.

### **2026 Convention – Williamsburg, VA**

The 2026 SCI Convention will be held in historic Williamsburg, Virginia, during a momentous year that marks both the 250th anniversary of the United States and the 100th anniversary of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Founded in 1926, the Foundation is a world-renowned living history museum dedicated to preserving and interpreting 18th-century American life in the restored colonial capital of Virginia. With

costumed interpreters, historic trades, and beautifully preserved buildings, Colonial Williamsburg offers a uniquely immersive experience that will enrich our convention and connect our passion for history and craftsmanship with America's founding era. This unique convergence of milestones presents a powerful opportunity for SCI to align our celebration with the historical significance of the location, offering attendees a once-in-a-generation experience surrounded by colonial charm and deep-rooted American heritage.

## **Growing Membership and Outreach**

As we look to the future of SCI, one of our most important goals is to expand our membership base and bring new energy and perspectives into our community. In the coming year, we will be rolling out a multi-pronged strategy to increase visibility and attract potential new members, which includes:

- Launching targeted social media campaigns that spotlight member collections, stein history, and educational content.
- Partnering with other potential collector organizations, museums, and historical societies to cross-promote events and resources.
- We will be coordinating with our Chapters to promote SCI at regional and national antiques and breweriana shows to introduce our organization to interested attendees.

This effort will require the collective energy and creativity of all our members. I encourage each of you to share the SCI story and help us bring new collectors into the fold.

---

## **In Closing**

As Executive Director, it is an honor to support the mission of SCI and work alongside such a knowledgeable and enthusiastic group of collectors. The accomplishments of this past year reflect a strong foundation for future growth, and I am confident that with your continued involvement, SCI will thrive for generations to come. Thank you for your support, your passion, and your commitment to advancing the knowledge and appreciation of beer steins and related drinking vessels.

Sincerely,

Eric Salzano

Executive Director  
Stein Collectors International, Incorporated



# 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,

John L. Kelly  
910-814-7848

[johnlacykelly@embarqmail.com](mailto:johnlacykelly@embarqmail.com)

# Stein Collectors International

## Financial Report for 2024

Remaining earnings on the CD at maturity on February 17, 2024 of \$453.95. A percentage was allocated to the convention contingency funds.

### Convention Contingency Funds – Update

<b>Funds</b>	<b>Description</b>
\$ 20,170.48	Contingency Funds after 2023 Convention
\$ 65.46	% CD interest January & February 2024
\$ 1,530.97 *	Surplus funds to bring back contingency fund to \$20,000
<hr/> <b>\$ 21,766.91</b>	<b>Convention Contingency Funds needs to be at \$20,000</b>

### Surplus - 2024 SCI Convention

\$ 1,530.97 *	
\$ (1,020.00)	Funds distributed to 25 couple's attendee's - (Each share of \$40.80)
\$ (510.00)	Funds distributed to 25 single attendee's - (Each share of \$20.40)
<hr/> <b>\$ 0.97</b>	<b>Surplus - balance</b>

\$ 20,170.48	Beginning balance from 2023
\$ 65.46	CD interest
\$ 0.97	Surplus - balance
<hr/> <b>\$ 20,236.91</b>	<b>Convention Contingency funds thru December 2024</b>

Looking forward to the future and to continue to be an asset to the SCI Community.

*Celia Clark*  
Chief Financial Officer

# Stein Collectors International

## Balance Sheet of Revenue and Expenses

January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024

### REVENUE

Cash on Bank Accounts		
Checking	55,184.88	
Savings	8,601.64	
Savings - Interest	16.20	
CD	70,000.00	
CD Interest January & February	453.94	
Membership subscription & renewals		134,256.66

### 2024 Convention Revenue

Convention Registration Fees	28,608.50	
Convention Refunds to Members Unable to attend & Overpayments	(232.50)	
Member Auction - Consignment & Bidder fees	2,355.00	
Complimentary rooms contributions	645.00	
Payment from Fox Auctions	1,393.00	
Board of Trustee meeting - Breakfast	-	
First Timers Reception	-	
		32,769.00

### **TOTAL REVENUE**

**167,025.66**

### EXPENSES

#### Convention Expenses

Convention Steins	3,787.00	
Convention Stein - Buy back	330.00	
The Edgewater Hotel - Afternoon Tea	1,402.37	
Wollersheim Winery & Distillery & Frank Lloyd Wright Tours	1,270.71	
Entertainment	1,450.00	
First Timers & Hospitality room	876.95	
Insurance	265.00	
Marriott Hotels Dayton - Board of Trustees meeting, Breakfast buffet,		
Thursday & Saturday dinners	19,308.76	
Miscellaneous supplies	303.76	
PayPal Fees	469.28	
Postage - Mailing cost to members that purchase steins	-	
Printing - Programs	173.20	
Transportation	1,600.00	
Surplus refund	1,530.97	
		32,768.00

#### Operating Expenses

Prosit Publication Cost	10,635.00	
Prosit Mailing Cost	2,100.19	
Stipend	1,500.00	
Prosit software renewal	274.54	
Web Expenses	345.16	
Bank Fees	-	
Breakfast - Board of Trustees meeting	-	
Entertainment - ASCAP	159.00	
First Timer Reception	-	
Electronic filing fees - 2024 Taxes	50.00	
Gifts & Awards	380.91	
Library Expenses	883.70	
PayPal Fees	534.37	
Postage expenses	182.49	
Speaker Program - Reimbursent to Chapters	800.00	
Supplies - Voucher checks	-	
Zoom - Conference meetings	204.48	
Advance Deposit - 2026 SCI Convention	350.00	
		18,399.84

### **TOTAL EXPENSES**

**51,167.84**

### **TOTAL CASH ON HAND - YEAR END OF 2024**

**115,857.82**



# Stein Collectors International, Inc.

## 2025 Secretary Report

As Secretary of Stein Collectors International (SCI), I am pleased to present this report for the 2025 calendar year.

Since our last annual meeting held in Madison, Wisconsin in July 2024, the Convention Committee has convened several times, led by John Kelly, via Zoom to conduct the necessary business of organizing the 2025 Pittsburgh convention.

In addition to supporting those meetings, the following administrative duties were carried out on behalf of SCI:

- Prepared and distributed the official meeting minutes for the Madison, WI convention :
  - 2024 Executive Committee
  - 2024 Board of Trustees Committee
  - 2024 General Membership
- Received and recorded a proposed Standing Rule amendment from Roy Kellogg, to be presented to the Board at the 2025 annual meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Sent a Board nomination request to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees via email in June 2025.
- Requested annual reports from the Executive Committee for compilation—initially in June, with a follow-up in July 2025.
- Compiled submitted reports and the proposed By-Law amendment and uploaded all documents to the SCI members only website.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chris Gatz**

Secretary

Stein Collectors International, Inc.



# Stein Collectors International, Inc.

## 2025 Membership Database Manager Report

≈ 2025 SCI CONVENTION - CHAPTER CERTIFICATION ≈					DATA AS OF JULY 02, 2025
<i>I CERTIFY, THE CHAPTERS LISTED BELOW HAVE A MINIMUM OF 6 SCI MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND, THEREFORE, MEET THE SCI REQUIREMENTS TO BE GRANTED A CHARTER.</i>					
<i>Thomas R. Levenson</i>					
<i>Stein Collectors International Membership Database Manager</i>					
CHAPTERS	MEMBER COUNT	CHAPTER PRESIDENT	CHAPTER REP.	RESPONDED	CHAPTER REP. ATTENDING CONVENTION
1 ARIZONA STEIN COLLECTORS	7	KEVIN KUSS	?	DID NOT RESP	?
2 BURGERMEISTERS	12	DENNIS RAMSHAW	DENNIS RAMSHAW	✓	YES
3 CAROLINA STEINERS	16	JOHN KELLY	JOHN KELLY	✓	YES
4 DIE GOLDEN GATE ZECHER	17	JULIE HUGHES	LES PAUL	✓	YES
5 DIE LUSTIGEN STEINJAEGER	14	DUKE BEHNKE	DAVE BRUHA	✓	YES
6 DIXIE STEINERS	6	WATER SWETT	WATER SWETT	✓	YES
7 ERSTE GRUPPE	9	ROY KELLOGG	ROY KELLOGG	✓	YES
8 GAMBRINUS STEIN CLUB	13	GARY SCHAIBLE	GARY SCHAIBLE	✓	YES
9 LONE STAR CHAPTER	14	LAWRENCE BECKENDORF	JACK CLARK	✓	YES
10 MEISTER STEINERS	6	MIKE HOGAN	MIKE HOGAN	✓	YES
11 MICHISTEINERS	13	MICHAEL TREMBLAY	STEVE BREUNING	✓	YES
12 NEW ENGLAND STEINERS	7	HARRY GRUSS JR.	HARRY GRUSS JR.	✓	YES
13 PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER	11	ALLEN HOPP	LYNDAL AYERS	✓	YES
14 PENNSYLVANIA KEYSTEINERS	17	MICHAEL FINNEY	CHUCK KEISER	✓	YES
15 PITTSBURGH STEIN SOCIETY	30	TOM LEVENSON	TOM LEVENSON	✓	YES
16 ROCKY MOUNTAIN STEINERS	6	RICH CRESS	RICH CRESS	✓	YES
17 SAINT LOUIS GATEWAY STEINERS	10	TED BALL	?	DID NOT RESP	?
18 SUN STEINERS	31	SALVATORE MAZZONE	FRED IRTZ	✓	YES
19 THIRSTY KNIGHTS	9	JOHNSAMUEL COLEMAN	NO ONE ATTENDING	✓	NO
20 THOROUGHbred STEIN VEREIN	13	MIKE ADKINS	MIKE ADKINS	✓	YES
<hr/>					
<b>CHAPTER IN GERMANY</b>					
21 DIE KRUGSAMMLER	9	WOLFGANG GULT	NO ONE ATTENDING	✓	NO
<hr/>					
TOTAL CHARTERED CHAPTER MEMBERS	270	60.27%			
TOTAL NON-CHAPTER MEMBERS	174	38.84%			
MEMBERS OF NON-CHARTERED CHAPTER	4	0.89%			
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	448	100.00%			
<hr/>					
<b>LOST CHARTER IN 2025</b>					
ALTE GERMANEN (GERMANY)	4				

Respectfully submitted,  
 Tom Levenson  
 Membership Database Manager  
 Stein Collectors International, Incorporated



# Stein Collectors International, Inc.

## 2025 *Prosit* Editor Report

From the Editor of *Prosit*

The year 2024 was a good year for *Prosit*. We were able to maintain all issues at our target size of at least 40 pages. The feedback I have been getting is that the content of *Prosit* is as strong as it has ever been. We have continued to receive articles from first-time and infrequent contributors. This is very positive for *Prosit* and SCI.

The submission of articles not only increased in 2024, but also in a very timely sequence. This allowed me not to have to hope for enough material and not have to rush to meet deadlines. So far, this has continued into 2025. However, the biggest problem facing the magazine has not changed. **We can never have enough articles being submitted.** Please help keep the increase in submissions. Our second problem is that I need some help. **I need a few people willing to consistently be available to help review some articles. With a few people, this will not be time-consuming.**

Subscriptions for *Prosit*, based on the most recent issue, are 362 printed, 105 *eProsit*, for a total of 467. Of these, 18 printed and 14 *eProsit* were for overseas. We have continued to print very few extra copies.

We are still using the same Printing company, and they have been working closely with us and the Post Office to get our publication out on time. One of the delays was not the fault of the Printing Company or the Post Office. Due to last-minute changes requested by an author, I was delayed in getting the issue to the printer. Our costs for publication have slightly increased for two reasons. First, rising labor and materials costs. And second, we have upgraded the quality of the paper we use.

I want to thank Walt Vogdes for all the time he worked with and mentored me on *Prosit*. I will greatly miss working with him.

Steve Breuning  
Managing Editor  
*Prosit*



# Stein Collectors International, Inc.

## 2025 Director of Internet Activities

Date: June 22, 2025

In July 2024, I was appointed Director of Internet Activities for Stein Collectors International (SCI), with the primary objective of overseeing the transition of our organization's legacy website to a modern, user-friendly platform. This initiative was pursued in collaboration with professional web development consultants and required regular coordination with SCI officers throughout the project.

During the development phase, I actively participated in planning meetings, offering direction on functionality, navigation, and design aesthetics to better serve both members and visitors. The new website officially launched in early June 2025.

Since going live, we have identified and are actively addressing several post-launch issues, including minor display inconsistencies and broken links. Ongoing communication with the development consultants is in place to resolve these problems and ensure the site operates reliably and meets SCI's standards.

I will continue to manage the website's performance and improvements as we transition fully into this new digital platform.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hurley

Director of Internet Activities



# Stein Collectors International, Inc.

## 2025 By-Laws & Standing Rules Report

As By-Laws and Standing Rules Chair, I have one proposed Standing Rule change noted below.

Regards,  
Roy Kellogg  
By-Laws and Standing Rules Chair  
Stein Collectors International, Incorporated

---

### STEIN COLLECTORS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

#### MOTION OR RESOLUTION FORM

BY-LAW CHANGE:  STANDING RULES CHANGE:

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Steigerwald DATE: 4/23/2025

TITLE OF MOTION OR RESOLUTION: Restricted use of personal information

WHEREAS: No restriction guidelines exist

RESOLVED: Add the following to the Standing Rules, Membership Directory section.

“The names and addresses of the members of Stein Collectors International are to be used solely for the business of Stein Collectors International and shall not be used by, or distributed to, any person or entity for use in any non-Stein Collectors International business.”

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION: Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed \_\_\_\_\_



# Stein Collectors International, Inc.

## 2025 Museum Director/Librarian Report

Over the past year, significant progress has been made in organizing and evaluating the historical and administrative records of Stein Collectors International (SCI). This effort included the receipt and review of a wide range of archival materials, including:

- *Prosit* publications
- Chapter meeting minutes
- Various organizational correspondence and documents
- Reference books and materials
- Numerous slides, photographs, and CD rom storage of pictures of steins

These items were transported from MD to CT last November in Home Depot moving boxes. Everything has now been carefully re-housed into new plastic storage totes. This not only improves physical preservation but also allows for better categorization and handling.

I am starting the process of reviewing the contents of each tote to determine long-term retention value. A comprehensive evaluation will be conducted to establish a document retention and destruction policy, taking into consideration both legal and historical significance. My hope is also to categorize and organize reference material into a more user-friendly and searchable format.

Additionally, discussions are underway regarding the digitization of key documents to facilitate easier access, long-term preservation, and secure storage. A cloud-based digital archive is being considered as a solution, allowing authorized users to efficiently search and retrieve records as needed. This archival initiative will be discussed at the upcoming SCI Annual Meeting in August, including both the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. The goal is to update leadership on current progress and outline a strategic plan to finalize retention criteria and digitization options in the months ahead. I am also hoping to define what the procedure for and yearly budget for the procurement of additional reference material is at this year's meeting.

Regards,

Harry Gruss, Jr

Stein Collectors International, Inc  
Museum Director/Librarian



# Stein Collectors International, Inc.

## 2025 Nothing to Report & No Reports

.....

As President of Stein Collectors International (SCI), I have nothing to report.

Regards,  
Ron Fox  
President  
Stein Collectors International, Incorporated

.....

As Chapter Support director of Stein Collectors International (SCI), I have nothing to report.

Regards,  
Walter Swett  
Chapter Support  
Stein Collectors International, Incorporated

.....

Frank Glazer – Second VP Membership - I have nothing to report.

.....

I am pleased to report that no matters were brought up before the ethics committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Jahn  
Ethics Committee  
Stein Collectors International, Incorporated

.....

I am pleased to report that no matters were brought up before the Parliamentarian.

Fred Irtz – Parliamentarian

.....