

International Chinese Snuff Bottle Society
Annual Meeting
Friday, May 8, 2026 via Microsoft Teams

The Meeting was called to order by President Berthe H. Ford at 10:07 a.m. EDT.

Summary Of Meeting

Governance issues:

Shari Nokes confirmed the notice of meeting was properly completed.

Courtenay McGowen moved and Susan Page seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2025 meeting. The motion was passed.

Board elections: Mike Ma, chair of the succession committee, nominated Dennis Lee and Lindsey Hall who were approved as incoming directors; outgoing directors, Susan Page and Per Kristensen, were recognized for their great service.

The Officer Slate (President Berthe Ford, Vice President Mike Ma, Treasurer Richard Liu, Secretary Shari Nokes) and directors Albert Au, Lindsey Hall, Dennis Lee, Li Xiao, Alexie Malcolm, Courtenay McGowen, Joey Silver, Laurence Souksi and Brian Spaid were accepted upon motion of Brian Spaid which was seconded by Courtenay McGowen.

Financials:

Richard Liu presented the year end financials and 2025 tax return (also posted online). There were strong year-end results. There was a \$94,000 net revenue gain (2024–25) driven by reduced salaries, no office manager for 2 months, convention revenue, and donations for the website and other uses. There have been ongoing cost optimization through subscriptions and tools.

Reporting changes were approved: Financial reports to be issued twice yearly (June & Q4).

We are always looking for new ideas for increasing revenue such as upgraded rooms for auction, online book store and website advertising.

Everyone is grateful for Richard's service.

Conventions:

Amsterdam 58th Annual Convention will be at the Clayton Hotel Amsterdam. We are grateful to Carolyn and Koos for their work regarding the convention. Early registration ends August 10, 2026. There will be an auction for upgraded rooms (9 rooms) via

OneCause. Bidding will begin July 16 at 9 a.m. EDT and end August 13 at 5:30 p.m. EDT

There will be education by Brian Spaid regarding use of the new website.

Hong Kong Convention (2027)

Dates:

Oct 19–22 (optional tour Oct 23).

Venue: We are in discussion with the New World Millennium Hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui East (Kowloon) under negotiation. Susan Page, Alex Whittaker and Dennis Lee are thanked for their work. Hugh Moss will be very involved.

Boston is suggested as the venue for 2028, the 60th anniversary. Boston has great museums.

Website and Marketing Report

Brian Spaid is thanked for his amazing work on the website.

The new website is live (Webflow which has top security to protect membership information.) The website includes archives, multilingual support, digital journal, and the greatly improved member forum. The website includes a new conventions section with reviews for each convention.

Brian Spaid and Stelli Munnis have been working on improving a new membership system (Outsetta) which will have renewal improvements and payment fixes especially when interacting with members from China (WeChat Pay live, Alipay pending).

Phase 2 will have a public online store, a public education section, and a collection section, highlighting legacy and member collections.

The Forum will be expanded to include convention updates. There will be a free membership level for Forum access to encourage engagement from possible new members.

Dealer advertising was clarified. Website ads are independent from journal. Any member of the public may see ads on the website.

A motion to adjourn the members' meeting at 11:05 a.m. EDT was brought by Brian Spaid, seconded by Courtenay McGowen and approved.

The next members' meeting will take place in Amsterdam on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 9 a.m., Marquee Room (Ground Floor)