

FOHBC

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Sitting down at my desk, on this first back-to-work Monday after New Years, I conjure up a vision of a stove with lots of pots-a-cooking. The kettle labeled antique bottle events has us all looking forward to the stretch leading up to the FOHBC 2016 Sacramento National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo this August. We have a coordination conference call later in the week and plan to step it up a notch or two. We are also pleased that we locked in Springfield, Massachusetts for our 2017 National Antique Bottle Convention, and by the time you read this message, the FOHBC 2018 National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo will have been announced for Cleveland, Ohio. We really have our teams in place and our wheels in motion. I suppose we should start thinking about the 2019 Convention in the Southern Region. Planning ahead has many benefits.

The FOHBC is also proud to say that this March | April 2016 issue of BOTTLES and EXTRAS is the first to be printed in full color, which only costs us an additional \$184 an issue. This change prompted a few design revisions, which we hope you will notice, such as the Table of Contents and a few of the section headers. We receive quite a few really nice compliments on how the magazine looks and have come so far in a relative short number of years. Oh, and look for a new section in the back of the magazine called "Member Photo Gallery." This new section is dedicated to the fine photography of antique bottles and glass. Please feel free to submit your images for consideration. We have already started work on the May-June issue and hope that you will consider authoring an article for the magazine. We are here to help!

Within this issue of BOTTLES and EXTRAS, please read the proposed bylaw updates and revisions that have been marked in **red**. All revisions have been approved by the FOHBC Board of Directors. These bylaws have been amended and need to be reviewed by the FOHBC membership prior to the annual general membership meeting at the FOHBC 2016 National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo in Sacramento, California by an affirmative vote of a majority of all votes cast by the eligible voters in attendance, provided that a copy of the proposed changes are made available to each member in advance, either directly by mail or by timely notice in the Federation's official periodical or on the Federation website.

In other news, we are moving ahead with photography for the Virtual Museum and hope to have regional photography labs set up in regions to start photographing bottles both in a standard format and 3-dimensionally. This effort is being spearheaded by Museum Director, Alan DeMaison. You may have met Alan at the Virtual Museum table during the FOHBC 2015 Chattanooga National Antique Bottle Show last August.

Federation member Alicia Booth is heading up the nomination process for the election of all Federation officers including the President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager, Membership Di-

rector, Public Relations Director, Conventions Director, Historian, Merchandising Director, Directors-at-Large (3), and Region Directors (4). These elections occur every two years. Any officer may run for successive terms. This committee has prepared a slate of nominations for each office and is listed below. It is important to note that any member desiring to run for any office in the Federation may file a nomination form with the Election Committee (in accordance with procedures approved by the membership and instituted by the Election Committee) indicating the office they desire to run for. The deadline for filing this is April 1st 2016. We have seen successful campaigns by our membership before so if you want to run for a position, please let Alicia know. You and reach her at this email address, alicia@cis-houston.org. You will be receiving a ballot for voting so please take the time to vote.

FOHBC Candidates

Here is the slate of FOHBC recommended candidates put forth by the nominating committee headed by Alicia Booth, Chairperson, for the 2016 - 2018 term.

Anyone desiring to run for a position may choose to run against one of the candidates by going to the FOHBC website and printing out a nomination form. Then, mail or email to Alicia Booth, 11502 Burgoyne Drive, Houston, Texas 77077.
alicia@cis-houston.org

The closing date for nominations is April 1, 2016 at midnight.

Additional nominations will be printed alongside the slate proposed by the nominating committee and will be listed in the May-June 2016 issue of BOTTLES and EXTRAS along with a short biography of each candidate.

FOHBC members will vote by a form provided by mail. The new board members will be announced after a vote count at the annual Membership Meeting Breakfast at the FOHBC 2016 Sacramento National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo.

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