



FOHBC Elections

FOHBC Bylaws: Article VIII – Terms and Elections

A. The nomination and election of all Federation officers including President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager, Membership Director, Public Relations Director, Conventions Director, Historian, Merchandising Director, Directors-at-Large (3), and Region Directors (4) shall be held every two years. Any officer may run for successive terms.

B. For the purpose of nominations, the President shall appoint a three (3) to five (5) member Nominating Committee at the annual convention meeting the year prior to the election year. This committee shall prepare a slate of nominations for each office, listed in this Article, and these shall be published in the March/April issue of the official FOHBC periodical of the following year. Also, 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 of the year that the elections are held, unless otherwise stipulated and approved by the full membership of the Federation.

C. For the purpose of elections, the President shall appoint a five (5) person Election Committee to oversee and conduct the elections, and these shall be conducted in the following manner:

1. A ballot shall be prepared by the Election Committee with the nominated slate of officers, including those received on a nomination form, and this ballot shall bear the Federation seal so that it may not be duplicated. These ballots shall then be disseminated to FOHBC members and affiliated clubs in good standing (dues current as of May 1st of that year). As outlined in Article III, each Individual Membership, Associate Membership, Digital Membership, new and existing Life Membership shall have one vote, (for example, for a husband, wife and two children, ages 16 and 18, possessing one Individual Membership and three Associate Memberships, that family shall be entitled to four votes).

2. Each Federation affiliated club shall be entitled to one vote per club, which is to be cast by a Federation representative of the club at the direction of that representative's club.

3. These ballots shall then be returned to the Election Committee by a designated date and shall remain unopened until the annual convention meeting. The membership may, upon majority vote, make other arrangements for the return of the votes, if deemed necessary, at some future time.

4. The Election Committee shall open the ballots and tally them at a time stipulated at the convention. Any Federation member and/or candidate may view this process. Once the votes have been counted the Election Committee chairperson will then announce the results at the general membership meeting at a time designated by the presiding President, the results having been previously certified by the Election Committee as true and correct. The newly elected officers will take office at the conclusion of the annual convention at which they have been elected.

5. All nominees on the ballot shall be voted on by the entire membership and club representatives with the exception of the Region Directors, who shall be elected by a majority vote of only the members and clubs within their respective regions.

6. The person receiving the most votes shall be elected to the position under consideration. There will be a run-off only in the event of tie votes, and this procedure, if occurring, shall be set by the Election Committee.

7. From time to time, it may be necessary to slightly alter the election procedure, and, if this is necessary, it may be done by a majority vote of the members in attendance at an annual general membership meeting. An amendment to these bylaws to do so shall not be required.

8. Appointments by the President may fill any position not filled by this process.

FOHBC Candidates

The FOHBC Officers - Proposed Slate list to the right is the slate of FOHBC recommended candidates put forth by the nominating committee headed by Eric McGuire, chairperson, and Elizabeth Meyer for the 2024 - 2026 term.

Anyone desiring to run for a position may choose to run, fill a vacant position or run against one of the candidates by submitting a nomination. Then, mail or email to Elizabeth Meyer, FOHBC Business Manager, P.O. Box 1825, Brookshire, Texas 77423, phone: 713.504.0628, email: fohbcmembers@gmail.com

The closing date for nominations is April 1, 2024 at midnight.

Additional nominations will be printed alongside the slate proposed by the nominating committee and will be listed in the May-June 2024 issue of our magazine 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 FOHBC Membership Breakfast Meeting at the FOHBC Houston 2024 National Antique Bottle & Glass Exposition on Friday, August 2, 2024. The newly elected Board of Directors will begin serving their terms at the close of the Houston 24 Expo.

FOHBC Officers - Proposed Slate

President: Michael Seeliger, Brooklyn, Wisconsin (**Midwest**)

First Vice President: Position Open

Second Vice President: Stephen Jackson, Suffolk, Virginia (**Northeast**)

Secretary: Alice Seeliger, Brooklyn, Wisconsin (**Midwest**)

Business Manager: Elizabeth Meyer, Houston, Texas (**Southern**)

Membership Director: Position Open

Treasurer: Kathie Craig, Campbell, California (**Western**)

Director-at-Large: Ferdinand Meyer V, Houston, Texas (**Southern**)

Director-at-Large: John O'Neill, Belmont, California (**Western**)

Director-at-Large: Richard Siri, Santa Rosa, California (**Western**)

Midwest Director: Henry Hecker, Mukwonago, Wisconsin (**Midwest**)

Northeast Director: Charlie Martin Jr., Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts (**Northeast**)

Southern Director: Tom Lines, Auburn, Alabama (**Southern**)

Western Director: Eric McGuire, Petaluma, California (**Western**)

Conventions Director: Craig Cassetta, Chico, California (**Western**)

Historian: Brian Bingham, Oceanside, California (**Western**)

Merchandising Director: Position Open

Public Relations Director: Position Open

Houston 24 Bottle Transport Questions

Hi Ferdinand: I was planning on going to the Houston 24 Expo and was wondering if you have any suggestions on how to transport bottle(s) that I may buy at the show from Houston to San Jose airport. I don't plan to take any down there, but is there a way that you would suggest to effectively handle the logistics in the transportation of glass? If I pack them in a carry-on bag, TSA will want to inspect the glass containers and that could be problematic if you understand that process. Perhaps you have had this experience before and know. As possibilities, I was thinking that I could pack them up and mail them from Houston, or ask the seller(s) to mail it to me. Or, I could pack them in the carry on and deal with the inspection process. Any thoughts?

Leonard Schoenborn
Cupertino, California

[FM5] Leonard, this is an excellent question that I am very familiar with. I may even use it in the magazine, with your permission.

Nothing below cabin or in luggage. If you carry on, which I do often, TSA checking your bag occurs under your supervision. I always make sure I have room to bring something back. Many times, it is oversize such as a stuffed bear on wheels or a large jug with handles most recently. If I can't fit it on board the plane, I leave time to visit a pack-and-ship retail business.

I think the best way to transport bottles is a suggestion from my friend Jerry Forbes who is also coming from the West Coast. He has this nice compartmentalized, structured, and supported box with a handle that he carries everywhere and on the plane. I am copying Jerry and asking him to photograph and send you his box pictures and add a few words. They are for sale I believe by Ken Edward. Hope this helps!

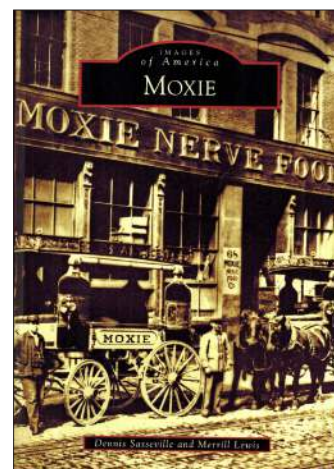
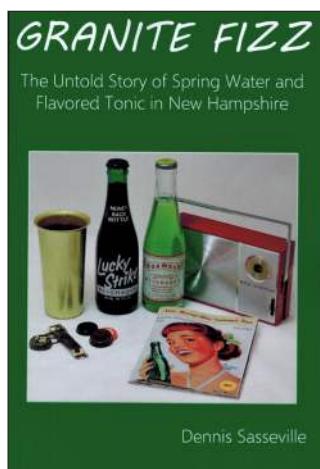
Granite Fizz: The Untold Story of Spring Water and Flavored Tonic in New Hampshire

After nearly four years of research, I just published this book on the history of both commercial springs and bottled carbonated sodas ("tonic" to New Englanders) in my home state of New Hampshire—the "Granite State." Since 1825, more than 30,000 U.S. soft drink bottlers have created and sold fizzy soft drinks to everyday consumers like you and me. Amazingly, those companies produced in excess of 16,000 different brands and drink names—most of which survive only as part of our collective memories and because of ardent researchers and collectors (like us!).

The book was designed to be highly readable and filled with colored illustrations and fun facts. Some of the topics I tackle: Is the oldest, continually operating soft drink bottling plant in the

world in New Hampshire?

What Granite State community hosts one of the most modern commercial soft drink bottling operations in the United States? How and why were patent medicines morphed into fizzy soft drinks for refreshment? When was "lithia water" a thing and what role did New Hampshire play?



Interested members can order a copy through Amazon for \$21.95. Check out <http://granitefizz.com/> for more information. And speaking of fizzy drinks, if you enjoyed the article, "Boy, Have You Got Moxie!" in the November-December issue, you might enjoy reading more of the history of this crazy beverage. Merrill Lewis and I published *Moxie* through Arcadia Publishing in 2019. You can order a copy through Amazon but please consider purchasing one through the Matthews Museum of Maine Heritage in Union, Maine (hometown of Moxie inventor Augustin Thompson). All proceeds from the sale of this book go toward supporting this wonderful independent museum and its Moxie collection. <https://matthewsmuseum.org/moxie>

Dennis Sasseville
Bedford, New Hampshire

Columbus Collective Museums

FOHBC member, Allen Woodall, looking good on the cover of the *Visit Columbus GA 2024 Visitors Guide*. The seven museums, including the world-famous Lunch Box Museum, are home to local legends, fascinating facts, antique bottles and a one-of-a-kind collection of artifacts from historic Columbus, Georgia and the surrounding region. Make sure you make a visit if you are in that part of Georgia!

