

**MEETING OF HLCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Radisson Greentree, Pittsburgh, PA**  
**Saturday, July 19, 2003**

Present:

Nancy May  
Matthew Whalen  
Becky Turner  
David Schaefer  
Michael Rechel  
Sandra Bond  
Steve Douglas  
Linda Hedlund

Excused absence:

Vince Varia – (proxy to Becky Turner)

President, Nancy May, called the Annual Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. E.D.T. Sandra Bond, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

The first item of business was the Treasurer's Report, 2002/03. Becky Turner, Treasurer, submitted a detailed written report to each board member present. Becky advised that all taxes have been filed with the IRS and it will not be necessary to obtain a tax extension for the current year. Linda Hedlund moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Steven Douglas. Motion unanimously approved.

It was reported that Chuck Denlinger and Dale Mueller will be mailing the HLCCA exclusive pitchers.

Michael Rechel was unanimously approved to act as Chairman of the Board for 2003/04. Election of officers for 2003/04 was held. The following officers were nominated and nominations seconded. No other nominations were made:

Nancy May , President  
Michael Rechel, Vice President  
Becky Turner, Treasurer  
Sandra Bond, Secretary.

The above officers were unanimously elected.

Nancy submitted proposed HLCCA give \$1,000.00 annually for a scholarship to be used for the benefit of a needy child of an HLC employee seeking higher education. The scholarship will be administered by Tri-State Area Citizens' Scholarship Foundation (better known as Dollars for Scholars). Linda Hedlund moved that HLCCA contribute \$1,000 annually to be used by Dollars for Scholars to aid a child of an HLC employee

seeking higher education or, in the alternative, to be used for the education of a needy child in the Oak Glen School District, Hancock County seconded by Steve Douglas. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board discussed mailing a survey to expired members in an effort to determine the reasons for non-renewals. Marianne Becton has compiled the survey and Matthew has prepared envelopes addressed to expired members to be forwarded to Marianne in order to implement the mailing.

Due to a large number of e-mail requests to the HLCCA info line by non-members seeking information on identification of shapes and/or patterns for the HLC product lines, it was determined a restriction limiting the use of the info line to "members only" was needed. Matthew moved and Becky seconded the following e-mail disclaimer statement submitted by Michael Rechel be adopted:

HLCCA offers, *to HLCCA members only*, assistance in the identification of shapes and/or patterns for the various HLC product lines. We regret that this service cannot be provided to non-members. If you wish to join HLCCA, please follow this link: <http://www.hlcca.org/join.php>.

When requesting assistance with shape/pattern identifications, you must send photographs of the items in question.

Because of multiple factors affecting values, HLCCA does not offer pricing guidelines for HLC pieces. Only a qualified appraiser of vintage china can provide you with this information.

Moreover, HLCCA does not maintain a registry of dealers or appraisers; we are, therefore, unable to provide suggestions about where and how to sell HLC wares or to have them appraised.

Please feel free to use HLCCA's [info@hlcca.org](mailto:info@hlcca.org) email box for inquiries about HLCCA memberships, orders, and other HLCCA business.

Motion was unanimously carried.

Ralph Palmieri has volunteered his services as a bookkeeper/financial helper to work with Becky Turner. Becky moved to accept Ralph's offer, seconded by Linda. Motion unanimously carried.

It was determined a committee should be formed to review and update the HLCCA By-Laws. The committee will consist of two board members, one of which will be an officer, and three non-board members. Nancy moved to form such a committee, seconded by Steve Douglas. It was discussed and agreed that Michael Rechel, as board

member and officer, and Vince Varia, as board member, would head the committee. A request for non-board members to serve on the committee would be made at the business meeting to be held on July 20. Motion was voted upon and unanimously carried.

The Board discussed the need for HLCCA to adopt a policy regarding HLCCA and non-HLCCA “rogue items”. Motion was made and seconded to adopt the following policy regarding “rogue items”:

HLCCA neither endorses nor sanctions the public display, exhibit, sale, or purchase of pottery or other materials, at any public or private event held under the auspices that have been designated, *in writing*, by the Homer Laughlin China Co. to be illicit or stolen materials.

Motion unanimously carried.

Board Members reported on various activities occurring within their designated zones.

Nancy requested all Board members and officers submit a complete job description.

Discussion was held regarding the removal of Item #4 of HLCCA Code of Ethics. Becky moved and Linda seconded the removal of Item #4 from the HLCCA Code of Ethics. Discussion ensued. Matthew felt Item #4 should remain but be revised to state, “To neither knowingly buy nor sell items HLC signifies in writing as stolen.” After a discussion of Matthew’s suggestion to amend rather than strike Item #4, a majority felt the adoption of the policy covering “rogue items” was sufficient and Item #4 of the code of Ethics should be stricken. Vote was held on the motion to remove Item #4. Seven votes in favor, two against. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Bond, Secretary HLCCA