

HOMER LAUGHLIN CHINA COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION  
OFFICERS MEETING  
MARCH 9-11, 2001

Attending: Matthew Whalen, President; Fred Mutchler, Vice President; Nancy May, Secretary; Jake Wesner, Treasurer; David Schaefer, Editor

Item 1. Nondiscrimination Policy

The HLCCA needs to formulate a nondiscrimination policy to include nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion and age. Policies of other collectors associations will be researched by Nancy May and the HLCCA policy will be written. It was suggested by Fred Mutchler that the HLCCA membership application include a place for a parent or guardian to cosign the application for any member under the age of 18.

Item 2. Sexual Harassment Policy

The sexual harassment policy form was signed by all board members. A motion was made by Fred Mutchler that the policy be approved. David Schaffer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed and will be added to the HLCCA Bylaws.

Item 3. Conflict of Interest Policy

The HLCCA conflict of interest policy was reviewed by all members. A motion was made by Fred Mutchler to approve the policy as written. The motion was seconded by David Schaefer. It was passed unanimously.

Item 4. HLCCA Equipment

Any board member who has HLCCA owned equipment in their possession must sign the Usage Agreement. Jake Wesner will investigate the cost of insurance on HLCCA owned equipment.

Item 5. HLCCA Investment Policy

A proposal was made that the HLCCA shall keep a minimum balance in the association checking account sufficient to pay for major expenses such as publication of an issue of The Dish, payment for an order of the exclusive disk pitcher or for annual conference expenses. Any funds over the minimum balance will be deposited in interest bearing accounts. If the checking account balance falls below the established minimum, additional funds will be transferred from the interest bearing account at the next available disbursement period. Two officers signatures will be required to make any transfer. Jake Wesner will investigate interest rates for various types of accounts and report back to the board.

Item 6. Dish Mailings

A motion was made by Fred Mutchler to send 2 copies of each issue of The Dish to those with "couples" memberships. Jake Wesner seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 7. Reorganization and streamlining of procedures

It was agreed that any HLCCA documents, forms, etc. be posted on the HLCCA web site for all officers to access.

Item 8. HLCCA Library

The HLCCA will establish a lending library of various pottery books and make them available for loan to members. Initially, a small collection of HLC related books will be obtained. Members will be asked for a tax deductible donation of books or a monetary donation to purchase books. A list of the available books will be on the web site and members may "check out" books for up to 30 days. If a book is not returned in a timely manner or in the same condition it was loaned their credit card will be charged the replacement value of the book. Members must call the 1-877-87HLCCA number or request the loan online. Fred Mutchler will act as librarian. Nancy May made a motion to accept the library proposal. Jake Wesner seconded the motion. It was passed by unanimous approval.

Item 9. HLCCA Bookstore

The HLCCA will buy HLC related books directly from the publisher and make them available for purchase by members. Suggested authors include: Bob and Sharon Huxford, Jo Cunningham, Joann Jasper, Darlene Nossaman Sharon Dale, Mark Gonzalez, Richard Racheter and Jeffrey Snyder. Fred Mutchler will be responsible for storing and shipping books. A motion to approve was made by Jake Wesner and seconded by David Schaefer. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 10. HLCCA Store

The HLCCA will purchase "hard to find" items directly from HLC and make them available for purchase by members. Initially, we shall purchase tripod and bulb candleholders in a small number of colors. Harvey Linn volunteered to store and ship the items for the HLCCA. Matthew Whalen made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Fred Mutchler. Motion was unanimously approved.

Item 11. Fiesta: An American Classic

This publication was originally designed by the club for Macys. Macys later decided not to use it. It was suggested that the publication be updated and 10,000 copies be printed. It will be distributed to all members, selected dealers, chosen antique malls and the HLC outlet store. The publication will be updated once a year and act as promotional material for the HLCCA.

Item 12. HLCCA Books

It was decided to update the first edition of "Fiesta, Harlequin, Kitchen Kraft Dinnerwares". The revision will correct any typographical errors, add text updates, revise prices and add sections on Century and Riviera. The HLCCA plans to continue to publish additional books on other colored HLC lines. A proposal was made to hire a publicist to promote the HLCCA books and after discussion a decision was made not to hire a publicist at this time. A book committee will be formed with a maximum of 5 members for future book projects.

Item 13. 2001 Conference Update

Details of the 2001 conference were discussed. Suggestion for seminar topics were made and are as follows: Ephemera; New Fiesta; Vintage Fiesta; Harlequin; Ask HLC (Dave Conley); Former HLC Art Director.

A judging committee for the exhibits needs to be formed. Mark Gonzalez has been appointed Head Judge and will select the judging committee. Harvey Linn will again arrange for the Peoples Choice Award for the exhibits.

Volunteers are needed at the conference to assist with registration, checking admission tickets to the show, banquet and seminars, and various other conference duties. A schedule of volunteer time needed will be written up and sent to conference attendees prior to the conference. It was decided to ask Leonard's Antique Mall to stay open Friday night until 10 PM for members to do after-hours shopping. Michael Strawser does not have a collection to sell at the conference so the auction will be canceled. The HLCCA will offer a booth at the show for attendees to bring in consignment pieces for sale. A commission will be charged by the HLCCA. Jake Wesner will be in charge of the consignment table. Attendees will notified of this consignment table. Elections for Treasurer and Vice President will be held at the conference. An announcement soliciting nominations will be published in the next issue of The Dish. Nominees will be asked to submit their name and a 1 paragraph resume. Ballots will be printed in The Dish. A treasurers report will be given at the conference business meeting and copies will be available to members.

Item 14. 2002 Conference

Possible locations were discussed and it was agreed that a midwest location would be best. Indianapolis, Minneapolis and St. Louis will be checked for price and availability of hotels. A decision on the location of the 2002 conference will be made in the next 2 months by the 2002 Conference committee.

Item 15. Solicitation of Contributions/Grants

A line will be added to the renewal letter allowing members to make a tax deductible donation to the HLCCA.