

**OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERS
Of The American Ceramic Society
regarding
Proposed Constitution Amendments**

The Board of Directors recommends several amendments to the Constitution. The amendments will be voted on at the Annual Members Meeting, Monday, October 26, 2009, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Room 405 of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

If approved at the Annual Meeting, a ballot and detailed explanation of the amendments will be sent to each member who is qualified to vote, seeking final approval.

ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP

Purpose: To specifically separate out the existing non-voting grades of membership and allow initiation of new grades of non-voting members to be created by the Board of Directors through By-law changes.

Section 2: amend by inserting the word “voting” and by striking the words “b. Honorary Members; h. Student Members; and j. Electronic Members”

Section 4: amend by striking the words “All categories of membership except Honorary Members, Student Members, and Electronic Members may vote on matters relating to the SOCIETY, its Division or its Classes”

Section 5: amend to Section 4 and by inserting the word “voting” and striking the words “except Honorary Members, Student Members, and Electronic Members”

(New) Section 5: amend by inserting the words “The Board of Directors may institute non-voting grades of membership as defined in the By-laws”

ARTICLE IV, OFFICERS

Purpose: To strike the appointed term of the Executive Director as it is defined in the applicable employment contract.

Section 3: amend by striking the words “to serve for a period of two years”

ARTICLE VII, MEETINGS

Purpose: To provide for the use of the most effective and efficient means of communication.

Section 1: amend by striking the word “given” and by inserting in its place, the word “communicated” and by striking the words “either in writing or by publication in any regular publication”

ARTICLE IX, CLASSES

Purpose: To allow the officers of a Class to be installed at times other than the Annual Meeting.

Section 4: amend by striking the words “to wit: from the close of one Annual Meeting to the close of the next Annual Meeting”

ARTICLE X, DIVISIONS

Purpose: To allow members to vote in or hold office in more than one Division simultaneously.

Section 4: amend by striking the words “No member shall vote or hold office simultaneously in more than one Division”

Purpose: To allow the officers of a Division to be installed at times other than the Annual Meeting.

Section 5: amend by striking the words “to wit: from the close of one Annual Meeting to the close of the next Annual Meeting”

ARTICLE XIV, BY-LAWS AND RULES

Purpose: To provide for the use of the most effective and efficient means of communication.

Section 1: amend by striking the words “submitted in writing” and by inserting in their place, the word “noticed” and by striking the word “mailed” and by inserting in its place, the word “communicated” and by striking the word “published” and by inserting in its place, the word “communicated” and by striking the words “in a regular publication of the SOCIETY”

ARTICLE XV, AMENDMENTS

Purpose: To provide for a faster and more efficient process to make amendments to the Constitution.

Section 1: amend by striking the words “immediately transmit” and by inserting in its place, the word “communicate” and by inserting the word “voting” and by striking the words “publish it in a regular publication of the SOCIETY prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered” and by inserting in their place, the words “communicate the proposal to the SOCIETY voting membership for discussion and comment”

Section 2: amend by striking the words “Opportunity shall be given for discussion of the proposed amendment at the Annual Meeting next succeeding its publication and said proposed amendment may be modified by a majority vote, if a quorum be present as provided in the By-Laws” and by inserting in their place, the words “After a minimum 90 day opportunity for discussion of and comment on the proposed amendment, the Board of Directors shall decide whether to amend the proposed amendment based on the discussion and comments”

Section 3: amend by striking the words “The members attendant at such Annual Meeting shall, by majority vote, determine whether the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the SOCIETY for formal adoption. In the event of an affirmative vote thereon, the full text of” and by inserting in their place, the words “After final approval by the Board of Directors” and by striking the words “published in an early issue of a regular publications” and by inserting in their place, the words “communicated to the voting membership”