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Letter from Morgan O'Brien, NCECA Executive Director Dear Members,

Thank you for helping make *Confluence: Innovation, Community, Environment*, the 2008 conference, a big success. At 4,500 strong, we not only had a great event, but also made a lasting contribution to the arts and cultural community in the City of Pittsburgh.

I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many of you individually if only, in some cases, for a moment in the hallway. As a membership organization, people make NCECA strong and vibrant, and I am proud to now play a part in that. I appreciate the time you took to welcome me to NCECA and share a few thoughts on our future together.

We're now back in Colorado, the trucks have been unloaded and we are catching our collective breaths before gearing up for the 2009 Conference in Phoenix. But we're not a team to rest on our laurels. Many of you saw our presentation on strategy for NCECA, and we are taking the first strategic steps as we speak.

Among our first steps to realizing these strategic goals is upgrading our system interfaces to streamline internal processes to make registration faster and easier. We will also examine ways to restructure our Board and by-laws to help make the organization more responsive and to allow a wider range of voices in NCECA governance.

Coming this year will be a new, improved web site. Features will include links to resources, blogs and other networking resources. We also plan to be able to display members work on the site.

We're looking to deliver greater value to you, our members, in a number of ways. These include, but are not limited to, local master classes and other events, more juried competitions, discounts on materials and shipping, and more. But we'd really like to hear from you: What do *you* think will enhance the NCECA membership experience?

We received many excellent suggestions at the conference. From conference scheduling and programming ideas, to web content, professional mentoring and volunteerism, we heard a lot that will benefit the membership. We will sift through these suggestions and implement what we can. So please keep sending ideas and proposals. Your contribution is appreciated and encouraged! NCECA is not just our Board or our staff in Colorado. It is all of us, and together we can accomplish much.

Thank you again for a great conference experience!
Morgan O'Brien
Executive Director

New NCECA Board Members

Please join us in welcoming 6 new Board Members!
Keith J. Williams - President Elect - 2008-2014
Linda Ganstrom - Exhibitions Direct 2008-2011
Lydia Thompson - Director at Large 2008-2011
Jessica Orłowski - Student Director at Large 2008- 2010
Peter Held - Phoenix Onsite Co-Liaison 2008- 2009
Jeff Guido - Philadelphia Onsite Liaison 2008- 2010

For a complete list of Board and Staff members, click the link below.

[NCECA Board and Staff lists](#)

2008 Award Recipients

Congratulations to NCECA's 2008 Award recipients!

Honorary Members

Robert Archambeau and Judith S. Schwartz

Fellow of the Council

Glen Blakley

Outstanding Achievement Award

Ichi Hsu

Excellence in Teaching Awards

Harris Deller and Ron Meyers

Regional Awards for Excellence

Elvira Peake and Frank Ross

Cups of Merit

Shanna Fliegel, Shawn Spangler, and Kaja Witt

International Residencies

Sasha Reibstein - Zentrum fur Keramik, Berlin, Germany

Megumi Naitoh - International Ceramic Center, Guldagergaard, of Skaelskor, Denmark

Meredith McGriff - Shigaraki Cultural Park, Shigaraki, Japan

Regina Brown Undergraduate Student Fellowships

Nora Creahan - Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Mahlon Huston - Ohio University, Athens, OH

Janelle Songer - College for creative Studies, Detroit, MI

NCECA Graduate Student Fellowships

Autumn Cipala - University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE

Nathan Craven - Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

Ian Meares - Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Regional Student Juried Exhibition

Rodger Lang Award for Student Excellence - Rachel Bleil, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Aardvark Clay Purchase Award - Seth Payne, Alfred University, Alfred, NY

Elmer Craig Merit Award - Rachelle Guenther, SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz, NY

KBH Merit Award - Sean Gallagher, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

NCECA Graduate Award for Excellence - Guy Michael Davis, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

NCECA Undergraduate Award for Excellence - Laura Thompson, University of Wisc, Milwaukee, WI
Muddy Elbow Merit Award - Shauna Fliegel, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL
Studio Potter Graduate Merit Award - Brooke Noble, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL
Studio Potter Undergraduate Merit Award - Joe Kraft, Wabonsee Comm College, Sugar Grove, IL

2008 NCECA Cup Sale: An Extraordinary Success!

Thanks to the generosity of NCECA's members, a record \$22,851.50 was raised at the 16th Annual NCECA Cup Sale in Pittsburgh. An all-time-high 974 cups were donated - up 245 from the previous year!

Proceeds from the Cup Sale fund a variety of NCECA scholarship programs for professional and educational advancement.

2008 "Cups of Merit" Awards Congratulations to Cup Sale donors Shanna Fliegel, Shawn Spangler, and Kaja Witt, whose cups were selected as this year's "Cups of Merit." Each of these artists will receive a commission to create cups for NCECA's permanent collection, as well as gifts to guests and benefactors.

NCECA Podcast

The NCECA Podcasting team, Brian Kohl, Scott Lykens and Tate Rich, spread out across the conference, interviewing conference goers and presenters, and photographing many of the NCECA- related exhibitions along with a growing list of lectures from the conference. These photographs and interviews are on the NCECA Podcast site. Look for the NCECA Podcast link on the main page of the NCECA website www.nceca.net. You can listen to the podcasts on the website, download them to your computer, or subscribe and have the content automatically downloaded to your music program when new episodes are added. You can subscribe on the Podcast page or go to the iTunes Music Library and search for the The NCECA Podcast and click the subscribe button.

[Direct link to the NCECA Podcast](#)

Pittsburgh Lost and Found Articles

Please review the Lost and Found List at the link below and claim your lost articles by October 1, 2008. E-mail to thomas@nceca.net

[Pittsburgh Lost and Found List](#)

SHARED JOURNEYS:

Chinese/American Ceramic Art and Education

An exciting international collaborative symposium will take place in Jingdezhen, China, the world's porcelain capitol, in October of 2008. SHARED JOURNEYS: Chinese/American Ceramic Art and Education will bring together an intimate group of ceramic artists and historians, from both the U.S. and China. The symposium will feature a dynamic mix of lectures and panel presentations, demonstrations, excursions to local historic Chinese clay centers, as well as gallery exhibitions. NCECA is pleased to announce this new initiative in the area of international programming for the upcoming year.

[Link to China Symposium details and registration information](#)

Call for 2009 Program Proposals

For the 43rd annual meeting of NCECA in Phoenix, we call for proposals of lectures and panel discussions relating to issues of Aesthetics, Critical theory, Art History, Education, Professionalism, Technology and New Work. Submissions will be evaluated for merit, the presenter's expertise in the area, and a general interest in providing a balanced and inclusive program for the members. Members are encouraged to submit proposals, and general information on this process can be found at the NCECA web site (www.nceca.net).

All proposals will be submitted ONLINE. Click the link below for information and the Online Submittal Form.

[Call for 2009 Program Proposals info and ONLINE Submittal Form.](#)

2009 Regional Student Juried Exhibition

We will open our Call for Entries for the 2009 RSJE soon, around April 15, 2008. All entries will utilize the Juried Arts Services ONLINE submittal process. We are in the final stages of negotiating our contract with an outstanding venue in the Phoenix area, as soon as we have that piece in place, you may enter directly ONLINE at Juried Arts Service. Link will be provided as soon as it is "LIVE", please check the NCECA website www.nceca.net after April 15.

The jurors are:

Geoffrey Wheeler - Studio potter and Assistant Professor, Ceramics, Department of Art and Design, University of Wisconsin - Stout.

Michaelene Walsh - Associate Professor of Art at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The states selected for the regions are: **Arizona, New Mexico, California, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska.**

[Click here for preliminary information for the 2009 RSJE](#)

NCECA Awards Nominations

The deadline for nominations of NCECA Fellows, Honors, Excellence in Teaching and Outstanding Achievement Awards will be **September 15th, 2008**. Award nominees are presented to the Board by the Nominations committee, chaired by Past President, Robert Harrison at the annual Fall Board meeting from nominations made by the membership and Board members. Nomination letters must be accompanied by a short bio of the proposed award recipient and at least three letters of support.

[Click here for Award descriptions and Nomination procedures.](#)

Call for 2009 Clay National Exhibition Award Sponsors

NCECA welcomes the support of individuals, businesses, institutions and organizations as sponsors of awards for the NCECA 2009 Clay National Exhibition. The minimum award level is \$200 and awards may be either Purchase or Merit awards.

For further information and a contract, please contact Linda Ganstrom, NCECA Exhibitions Director 2008- 2011, lganstro@fhsu.edu

Important Dates

May 1, 2008 - 2009 Program Proposals deadline.

May 28-31, 2008 - Spring Board meeting in Phoenix, AZ

August/September 2008 - Exhibitor Information/Space Reservation packets to be mailed.

September 15, 2008 - NCECA Award Nominations deadline.

October 1, 2008 - 2009 RSJE Entry deadline

October 8-11, 2008 - Fall Board Meeting in Philadelphia, PA

October 22-November 2, 2008 - China Symposium.

April 8-11, 2009 - 43rd Annual NCECA Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

March 31-April 3, 2010 - 44th Annual NCECA Conference, Philadelphia, PA

Address and Contact Information Update

Have you moved recently or changed your e-mail address? Let us know as soon as possible to avoid missing a publication mailing or periodic announcements. Please complete the form below and send to NCECA by fax, mail or e-mail.

[Contact Information Update Form](#)