



Procedures for election to Selected Membership

The aim of the CPA is to promote and encourage the creation of high quality ceramics. Its selection procedures therefore focus upon a requirement for excellence in the work of the applicant, based on the Council's knowledge and experience of the achievements of the very best makers.

For Selected Membership the Council is looking for the work submitted to be of a consistently high professional standard. Whilst it is not possible to define the exact selection criteria, the work submitted must demonstrate the following:

- Show an awareness of the relationship between form, function and surface decoration
- Show a knowledge of, and sensitivity to the materials used
- Show a mastery of the techniques employed
- Show creativity and be consistent in quality
- Where plaster moulds have been used these must have been designed by the applicant

It is expected that the work shown will normally be the sole work of the applicant; however, where work is jointly produced this must be declared.

The Council must also agree that the work fits within the remit of the CPA and that it can be promoted through Association activities.

Procedure

Stage 1 - Applicants submit six digital images, contact details and a personal statement for the council to consider. These are then circulated to council by email for a vote. The deadline for Stage 1 applications is 15th January and 15th July. Applicants are then informed on the status of their application in early February and early August respectively.

Stage 2 - Successful Stage 1 applicants are invited to submit six pieces of work for the next selection meeting in May or November, giving the applicant a 3 to 4 month window to prepare. (In some cases, at the discretion of the council, where an applicant is attending a CPA show as an exhibitor, a Stage 2 selection may, on request, be conducted during the event).

Applicants are notified of the council's decision within two weeks of a Stage 2 selection meeting.

Providing individual feedback to unsuccessful applicants is at the discretion of the council.

Successful applicants whose work the council considers to be of exceptional quality and maturity may be offered Fellowship directly.

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Selection Rules and Benefits

1. The election of new Selected Members is one of the primary functions of the CPA Council. At least four Council Members must be present to conduct a Selection Meeting. Any person wishing to become a Member must have the support of at least two thirds of those Council Members present and voting at the Selection Meeting.

The Council may invite individuals or corporate bodies to become members of the Association.

2. Individuals who fail to be elected as Selected Member may apply again after a period of one year has elapsed from the date of the Selection Meeting. Those wishing to reapply must submit images/slides for consideration at the First Stage.

3. Persons applying for Selected Membership must be resident in Great Britain or be British Citizens and resident in Continental Europe. Persons moving abroad after becoming a member of the Association may retain their membership.

4. The Annual membership fee is currently £114.

5. The annual membership fee is renewable each year. Membership must be continuous and no benefits are allowed to those members whose membership subscription is in arrears. Membership fees may be made as a single payment or by Direct Debit at £9.50 per month. The membership of those Members who fail to pay their annual subscription for one year is deemed to have lapsed. Lapsed members who wish to re-join the Association must reapply through the normal application procedure.

6. Selected Members may exhibit their work in the CPA's central London Gallery, the Contemporary Ceramics Centre or to have a showcase exhibition, although members must be aware display at the gallery is highly competitive. They may submit six images/slides of their latest work to the manager of Contemporary Ceramics gallery for consideration by the Craftsmen Potters Trading Company (CPT) Board of Directors for selling in the gallery. The decision of the Board, which will be on a commercial basis, is final. To apply for rotation at the gallery please email Dee Honeybun at dee@cpaceramics.com.

7. Selected Members are entitled to have a free listing on the CPA website: www.craftpotters.com. Please email office@ceramicreview.com to have your work featured on the website.

8. As part of their membership Selected members automatically have £5m Public Liability Insurance cover for activities within the UK.

9. Selected members are entitled to stand for election to the Council and to vote in such elections. They also have a right to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Questions regarding Selected Membership applications and procedure can be made to Dominic Head at dominichead@ceramicreview.com or by calling the office at 020 3137 0750.

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