



## **ORIGINALITY: Dispute Resolution Policy**

The Ottawa Guild of Potters' mandate states that we intend to encourage the growth and development of pottery and maintain a high standard of artistic expression and craftsmanship. In order to meet this standard, ceramic artists must embrace the same standards that other artists do. This entails producing ceramic pieces *for an Exhibition or Sale* that is the product of one's own creative efforts. If the work is collaborative, this should be noted. When a member submits art to an Exhibition or displays ceramic pieces at the Sale, they are required to attest to its originality.

In the rare event that a question is raised about the originality of a work submitted to an Exhibition or Sale, it needs to be addressed in a timely fashion with discretion by Executive members-

### Challenges to Originality

A challenge to remove a piece from an Exhibition/Sale may be presented to the Exhibition or Sale Committee before or during the event. In the case of the Exhibition, a challenge must be presented at least 48 hours before the awards ceremony.

A challenger (who is either a third person OR the person who feels their rights have been infringed) will notify the chairperson of the appropriate Committee immediately, presenting facts and/or documentation supporting the challenge.

The Committee Chairperson will decide whether there are grounds to proceed with an investigation based on the facts presented.

### Investigation

In carrying out the investigation, the Committee Chairperson will contact the person challenged to discuss the matter and obtain their point of view. The Guild President or Vice President will act as alternates. In the case of an Exhibition, the Committee Chairperson will consult with the Juror(s).

Information shared with the Dispute Settlement Team (see below) will remain confidential.

Supporting explanation, timeline or documentation will be considered.

### Decisions

The decision about whether the piece(s) should be removed from a Guild event is decided by the three-person Dispute Settlement Team.

The Team will be made up as follows:

Sale: Sale Committee Chairperson, Education and Standards Committee Chairperson, and President.

Exhibition: Exhibition Committee Chairperson, Education & Standards Committee Chairperson, Juror

If any of these people are not available, or prefer to be replaced, they may request to be replaced by the Guild President, Vice President or Treasurer.

The piece in question will be removed from the Exhibition or Sale only once the Dispute Team has so decided. The decision is final and the matter will be considered closed.