

Regional Group Reports 2009–10

Regional Groups have been relatively quiet this year although some meetings have been held and there is about to be a spate of regional meetings to discuss the MPRG Frameworks document.

Meetings of which I have been notified are as follows:

South Central Group

After the revival of the South Central group in 2008, no further meetings were held in 2009, but at least one meeting is planned for 2010.

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South East Midlands Pottery Research Group (SEMPER)

the South-east Midlands group, held one meeting this year, at Harlow Museum. This was in honour of Wally Davey who died recently and who was a member and stalwart supporter of the group. We discussed topics close to Wally's heart, including pottery from Essex and Hertfordshire, post-medieval kiln products and pottery technology. It was very well attended by about 20 people, a sign of the high regard Wally was held in.

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West Midlands Pottery Research Group

There were no meetings of the West Midlands Pottery Research Group held in 2009, although a meeting was held in September 2008 at Gloucester City Museum to discuss Roman pottery from the region. It was organised by Derek Hurst and both Roman and medieval pottery specialists attended.

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London Area Group

No meetings were held by the London Area group, although some members of this group attended and spoke at the SEMPER meeting in Harlow.

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Scottish Group

There were no official meetings of the group as such, although Derek Hall and Julie Franklin attended a North Eastern pottery seminar in Newcastle organised by Andrew Sage and Derek Hall and George Haggarty took part in continuing discussions with colleagues from France at a pottery seminar in Southampton organised by Duncan Brown, Ben Jervis and Southampton City Museums.

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Anyone wishing to organise a meeting, be it an informal gathering, or a more formal conference, please let me know well in advance, so I can ensure it doesn't clash with any other dates. I can also help with circulation of meeting details.

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The Council may appoint non-UK representatives as it deems necessary and invite them to attend Council meetings when appropriate.

The non-UK representatives shall serve for a term of three years, renewable for further similar terms.

- 14** The Council may institute an Editorial or any other ad hoc Committee which may from time to time be required.
- 15** The Annual General Meeting of the Group shall be held no later than the 31st December in each year. At least twenty-one clear days notice shall be given in writing by the Secretary to each member.

The business shall include:
 a report of work done by the Council during the preceding year;
 the election of the Officers and Council;
 the approval of the annual audited statement of the accounts;
 the appointment of an auditor or auditors; and
 the consideration of any other business of which the Secretary has been given at least 14 days notice in writing.

The Quorum at the Annual General Meeting shall be twenty-one members.

- 16** The Secretary may at any time as his/her discretion, and shall within twenty-one days of receiving a written request signed by not less than twenty-five members, call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Group. At least twenty-one days notice of such a meeting shall be given in writing by the Secretary to each member. The quorum at an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be twenty-one members.
- 17** The Council shall have the power to fix the amount of any fees that it may be desirable to charge to Members or guests at any function of the Group.

They shall also have the power to pay such honoraria or fees for assistance as they think desirable.

- 18** Attendance at an Annual General Meeting and any other events that may be organised by the Group shall be open to non-members on payment of a designated fee.
- 19** Any proposal for an amendment to the Constitution of the Group must be submitted to an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting. The text of the proposed amendment shall be circulated to members at least twenty-one days in advance of the Meeting. No amendment shall be regarded as adopted unless two-thirds of the members present vote in favour of it and provided that no amendment to Clause 4 (Objects), Clause 21 (Dissolution) or this Clause shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commission or other authority having charitable jurisdiction and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Group to cease to be a charity in law.
- 20** One or more bank accounts shall be opened in the name of the Group. All cheques shall be signed by any two of these Officers of the Council; President, Secretary or Treasurer.
- 21** If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Group there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Group, but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having charitable objects similar to the objects of the Group. Such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Group at or before the time of dissolution, or in default thereof by a Judge of the High Courts of Justice having jurisdiction in regard to charitable funds, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision, then to some charitable object.