

STANDING RULES
OF THE
GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB, INCORPORATED
(Revised, May 14, 2014)

1. DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

a. Annual dues for a Regular member shall be \$15.00. Annual dues for a Young Numismatist (YN) member shall be \$6.00. Dues for a Family membership shall be \$25.00. If membership begins during the last calendar quarter, the dues will be considered paid through the entire following calendar year.

b. Dues shall be payable at or before the regular January membership meeting after which the dues become delinquent. No member shall be allowed to vote on any issue after the regular January membership meeting if dues for the current year have not been paid.

c. Any Regular, YN, or Family member in arrears more than three months shall be automatically dropped from the membership roster and the postal mailing list.

d. Any member who has been dropped from the membership roster because of delinquent dues will be required to reapply for membership in accordance with ARTICLE II, Section 2 of GHCC Bylaws.

e. Life and Honorary Life members shall not be subject to annual dues.

2. GHCC NEWSLETTER (currently titled "Double Shift")

GHCC will publish a monthly newsletter and distribute it to members primarily through electronic means, one copy to a household. Those members lacking the necessary equipment to receive the newsletter electronically, will receive a printed copy via U.S. Postal mail. Newsletter content is generally at the discretion of the Editor, who is appointed annually by the President. The newsletter's content may include educational articles and questionnaires, information about club business and programs, notifications of new members and upcoming numismatic events, minutes of the previous meeting, letters to the editor, numismatic puzzles, etc.

3 EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

GHCC will support, both financially and through volunteer assistance, the following numismatic programs:

a. School coin clubs

b. GHCC Scholarship Program, providing scholarships to young numismatists to attend the numismatic course of their choice at the American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar, and to selected middle school teachers from the greater Houston metropolitan area to attend the "Coins in the Classroom" course at the ANA Summer Seminar (if conducted).

c. GHCC “Coins for A's” program for public and private school students in Harris County and the adjacent counties. It does not include those students who are home-schooled.

d. GHCC “Speakers Bureau, a group of GHCC members who have agreed to make educational presentations to school and public organizations.

4. MICHAEL LEVINSON EDUCATION AWARD

a. Depending on available funds, this award may be given annually to one or more GHCC members who apply for and are granted a scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar. Although it is desirable to award as many scholarships as possible to deserving members, the maximum number awarded and the specific dollar amount allotted must not exceed the funds allocated for this purpose in the annual GHCC budget. Expenses to be covered for recipients of this award are: tuition, coach airfare (or equivalent dollar amount, if driving), and room and board at the “campus” rates (even if staying elsewhere). Deviations from this reimbursement plan will be rare and must be approved by the Executive Council. The current maximum award is \$1500 per recipient. The Treasurer will reimburse these costs when presented with invoices, receipts or valid vouchers.

b. The applicant(s) must submit a written “Letter of Consideration” (not to exceed 500 words) to the President, GHCC, narrating how he/she met, or will meet, the following criteria:

(1) Applicant must hold adult GHCC membership for at least one year prior to application and have remitted the current year's dues.

(2) Applicant must hold current ANA membership prior to registering for the Summer Seminar

(3) Applicant must have demonstrated an interest in, and ability to share numismatic knowledge by (a) presenting numismatic programs at schools, community groups, scout meetings, or the like; (b) writing articles for local, regional or national publications; exhibiting at the **Houston Money Show (HMS)**, mentoring another member in a particular numismatic area or, (c) serving in a GHCC leadership position or volunteering to help ensure a successful HMS.

c. Applicant must agree to provide an educational program on the subject studied at the ANA Seminar at a regular meeting of the GHCC or at the **HMS**.

d. Applicant must use the scholarship in the year awarded unless unforeseen circumstances arise and a schedule change is approved by the Executive Council.

e. The Executive Council will consider all applications submitted and received by the GHCC President by the last workday of January in the year the award is to be granted. Late submissions may not be considered.

f. The postal mail and email addresses will be provided in the GHCC newsletter well in advance of the deadline.

g. The recipient(s) of the award will be announced not later than the regular March membership meeting.

h. The recipient is responsible for making his/her own reservations for airfare and attendance at the ANA Seminar.

5. EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

The Vice President, as the officer responsible for educational programs, will ensure that American Numismatic Association awards are secured for all persons (not only GHCC members), presenting educational programs for the GHCC membership, and presented once annually, usually at a GHCC social function.

6. SOCIAL EVENTS

a. An Installation Banquet may be held in April, prior to the regular April membership meeting, for the express purpose of formally installing the newly elected slate of Officers and Directors. If held, this event shall be the venue for the presentation of Education Awards.

b. A Holiday Banquet, traditionally in December, may be held as a major GHCC social event and to present the Francis Townsend Award (See paragraph 9, below).

c. To encourage member attendance at social events, GHCC may elect to fund a portion of the cost of the meal, if funds are available. The Executive Council will review proposals for this initiative and determine the member discount, if any.

7. "COINS FOR A'S"

The GHCC "Coins for A's" program will be administered by a chairperson appointed by the GHCC President. The program's operation and specific grade criteria that must be met by participating students will be at the discretion of the chairperson with approval by the Executive Council who will determine budgetary limitations for the program. The chairperson will provide periodic progress reports to the Executive Council and general membership.

8. HOUSTON MONEY SHOW (HMS)

a. The HMS is GHCC's major income producer.

b. The General Chairperson and the Bourse Chairperson shall be appointed by the Executive Council, at least 14 months prior to the show.

c. Upon appointment of the two main chairpersons, they will confirm and finalize show dates and venue, and appoint other assisting chairpersons.

d. Money received with bourse applications, contributions, and other revenue shall be directed to the Treasurer who will ensure deposit in GHCC accounts.

e. The Treasurer shall maintain a separate accounting for HMS receipts and expenses.

f. A report on the progress of the show will be presented at each monthly membership meeting. The report will include the number of dealers and tables/booths sold, monies received and paid out, and other items of interest.

g. The General Chairperson will ensure all records of the HMS are provided to the following year's General Chairperson.

9. FRANCIS TOWNSEND AWARD

- a. Named in honor of a former long-time GHCC member, the Townsend Award is presented annually to that GHCC member, or couple, who has distinguished themselves by providing outstanding service to numismatics and the GHCC.
- b. The award itself consists of a trophy, engraved with the winner's name(s), which will be retained by the recipient until the trophy is re-awarded the following year. In addition, the winner will also receive an appropriate permanent memento of the honor.
- c. Voting shall be secret. Executive Council members and all previous Townsend Awardees shall be eligible to vote. Administrator for the current year's Award will be the immediate past recipient(s).
- d. Criteria:
 - (1) Active GHCC membership for at least the past three years
 - (2) Evidence of service such as an elected office, appointed HMS chair, record of numismatic educational presentations, authoring numismatic educational publications, frequent exhibitions of numismatic material, etc;
 - (3) Nominated in writing by a current GHCC member. (Self-nominations are not acceptable).
 - (4) Nominations must be received by the Award Administrator by the regular membership meeting in November.
 - (5) The Award will be presented at the last regular GHCC function of the year, generally the Christmas Dinner meeting.

10. AFFILIATIONS

GHCC is a member club of other numismatic organizations such as the American Numismatic Association and the Texas Numismatic Association and, as such, is entitled to support and vote for candidates running for office in them. As a matter of policy, however, GHCC, as an entity, will not support, endorse or vote for any candidate campaigning for office in those organizations, even if the candidate is a GHCC member.