

**Ottawa Guild of Potters**  
**General Meeting in person Hintonburg Community Centre**  
**Record of Decision**  
**DATE : February 11, 2026, Zoom on-line 6 :30pm**

**MINUTES**

**Executive Member Attendance / Présence des membres**

<b>President</b>	Liz Fournier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Standards</b>	Jocelyn Jenkins	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Vice-President</b>	Stephanie Bailey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Membership</b>	Carol Holmes-Kerr	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Past President</b>	Natalie Gosselin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Secretary</b>	Nicole Bijkerk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Communications</b>	Nancy Riggs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Exhibition</b>	Joanna Richardson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Communications</b>	Lisa Butler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Finance</b>	Christine Chesser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Programming (Workshops and Presentations)</b>	Carmen Gervais	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Item #	Agenda Items	Member accountable	Decision/ Discussion	Due Date
1)	<b>Welcome, Introduction of new members</b>	Carmen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Carmen , meeting chair</li> <li>Introduction of executive made.</li> <li>17 members present.</li> <li>Introduction and welcoming of 9 new members for month of January. Geoffrey Brown , Quinn Fortier, Kim Bosch, Bhajan Cooke , Dawn Carson, Jamie Gubbins, Toni Pederson , Denise Sarazin, Kate Cook. Warm welcome to all.</li> </ul>	•
2)	<i>Approval of todays agenda, last months minutes</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_Lucie R. _motioned to accept agenda, Bernadette L._ 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, carried.</li> <li>_Stephanie B. _motioned to approve amended Jan.14,2026 minutes, _Michael H. _2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, carried.</li> </ul>	•
3)	Financial	Christine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report given by Christine C.</li> <li>We are currently on budget with no anomalies.</li> <li>If anyone has any specific questions related to the finances, they are welcome to contact Christine directly. <a href="mailto:chesserchristine@gmail.com">chesserchristine@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>	•
4)	Exhibition	Joanna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 16-29, 2026 <i>Celebrating Clay</i>: Vases and Flower Arrangements. This will be a group show around the theme of Vases and Flower Arrangement Vessels at Skrim's Florist, corner of Elgin and Somerset. Applications will open at the end of January 28,2026. A guild forum was sent out with details and applications.</li> <li>Our 2026 <i>Annual Exhibition</i> is May 1-3, 2026, and the submission window will be in mid April.</li> </ul>	•

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you have specific questions, please contact Joanna at <a href="mailto:exhibitions@ottawaguildofpotters.ca">exhibitions@ottawaguildofpotters.ca</a></li> </ul>	
5)	Standards and Education	Jocelyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jocelyn J. sends her regrets.</li> <li>If anyone has questions, please contact Jocelyn Jenkins at <a href="mailto:jocelynjenkins1@gmail.com">jocelynjenkins1@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>	•
6)	Communication	Nancy/ Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lisa and Nancy send their regrets. Nicole delivered their report</li> </ul> <p>Now that the upcoming workshops are full, our communications attention is shifting to promotion of Great Bowls of Fire, upcoming in March. This includes an article in Glebe Report, Mail Chimp distribution and extensive social media. Watch for it and opportunities for YOU to help out at this fun event for a great cause.</p> <p><b>Stronger visibility &amp; cohesive signage</b></p> <p>We're also using these chilly days to develop new signage for our events– sales, exhibitions, and the Clay Festival. We're working toward a clear, cohesive and recognizable look across additional signage, including banners, tent signs, retractable stand signs, and a logo stamp for our paper bags.</p> <p><b>Social Media Collaborations– We encourage you to try it!</b></p> <p>It's easy! In Instagram, when you create a post or reel, tap <b>Tag people</b>, select <b>Invite collaborator</b> and search for <b>ottawapotters</b>. We will receive a request and once we accept, your post will appear on both your own and the guild Instagram feeds, helping your work reach a wider audience and keeping the Guild's feed lively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any questions or input please contact the communications team via email.</li> </ul>	•
7)	Membership	Carol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carol H-K sends her regrets. Nicole delivered her report.</li> <li>188 active members. 9 new members from January were greeted above.</li> <li>Carol working with Natalie on “jot” survey to provide a venue for membership to speak up why they joined the guild and if needs/wants are being met.</li> </ul>	•
8)	Sales	Liz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liz F. sends her regrets.</li> <li>Spring sales details and announcements to be discussed at next general meeting.</li> </ul>	•
9)	Programming	Carman	<p>UPCOMING MEETING ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Studio tour with Marie Drolet tonight after meeting</li> <li>March 11, back to in person meetings! After-meeting activity, Artist statement “speed dating”.</li> <li>April 14. General meeting activity. Handbuilding, templates, foam, tar paper</li> <li><b>WORKSHOPS</b></li> </ul> <p>March 3- Sarah Pike. 2 Demonstrations. Loam Studio 1pm &amp; 6pm. SOLD OUT. 2 day workshop is no longer available to OGP members at Gloucester studio, sorry.</p>	•

			<p>March 28-29, 2026 Joan Bruneau 2 day altered form and surface decoration workshop. Loam. SOLD OUT</p> <p>June- Collette Beardall. Raku workshop, 2 dates TBD. Will be 1 day workshops X 2.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to contact Carmen to provide input for future workshops and educational activities. <a href="mailto:Carmenzhome@yahoo.com">Carmenzhome@yahoo.com</a></p>	
10)	Great Bowls of Fire	Jackie Lyons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the upcoming Great Bowls of Fire event, a fundraiser for the Ottawa Food Bank, which will take place on March 14th at the Glebe Community Center. The event has raised over \$248,000 for the food bank in the past 20 years. The guild also mentioned that the City of Ottawa will cover the rental cost for this year's event.</li> <li>ALEX NOREAU is coordinating the volunteers for the event. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to <a href="mailto:alex@ottawafoodbank.ca">alex@ottawafoodbank.ca</a></li> <li>Jane Brytton will coordinate the additional bowls for sale. If any questions, please reach out to her at <a href="mailto:jbpottery@bryttan.com">jbpottery@bryttan.com</a></li> <li>Jackie Lyons is the information highway of this event, if you have any questions : <a href="mailto:jackie24lyons@gmail.com">jackie24lyons@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>	•
11)	Newsletter	Bernadette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you would like anything in the newsletter, all submissions to be into Bernadette first Friday of every month.</li> </ul>	•
12)	Adjourn :		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_at 7:07 pm._ Bernadette L. motioned to adjourn meeting. ._Michael H. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Carried.</li> </ul>	•
13)	Program	Carmen	<p>At approximately we joined Marie Drolet as she showed us her beautiful studio Muraï Céramique in the glorious Gatineau hills. This tour will included how it flows, different areas of her studio. She talked about the main items she makes and activities she organizes at her studio. We had a full studio tour this evening.</p> <p><a href="https://www.muraiceramique.com/">https://www.muraiceramique.com/</a> to find out more about her studio.</p> <p>15 members attended. Thank you Marie.</p>	•
14)				•