

ELECT
WAYNE THOMPSON
CC>CC PRESIDENT

I have been fortunate in the 11 years I have been a member of the CC>CC to make a lot of truly great friends. For the members I haven't had the opportunity to meet I would like to give you some background on my involvement in the Club.

From 1998 through 2000 I was Convention Chairman. During this time we started the tradition of the pre-convention banquet which I still Chair every year. Since 2003 I have served two terms as CC>CC Vice-President. I also serve on the Vision & Feasibility committee for the Building Fund.

POSITIONS ON CC>CC CLUB ISSUES

1) I think altered chips are the biggest danger our hobby faces today. We have to find a way to stop what's going on or at least have the chips marked in some way so that our membership isn't afraid to buy a chip because it may have been altered. I fully support the expulsion of any member for knowingly selling a known repaired chip without disclosure!

2) I am adamantly opposed to slabbing. At this point because of restraint of trade issues I'm not sure there is much more the BOD can do. However... If a slabbing company does decide to take another run at getting into the hobby I assure you I would support taking another look at the law to make sure we do everything possible without violating the law or endangering our 501(c)(3) status to keep the companies out of our hobby.

3) I fully support the Building Fund and the acquisition of a permanent home. Obviously this is a very long-term project but it is a vision that we will make a reality. Many people have given money, time, and items from their collection to get us to almost the \$100,000 level. Many more will have to "step up", but I'm confident in our ability to accomplish this goal.

4) Our membership continues to grow, but our retention rate is not as high as it should be. I want to put a greater emphasis on getting and retaining new members. Whether it is through a committee format or another method we need to put more effort into growing our membership.

5) The greatest asset our Club has, besides our members, is our 501 (c)(3) tax status. We must protect this at all costs. This status can be the

key to getting major funding for the Building Fund as well as getting collections donated for the permanent display.

6) Unfortunately the Club is no longer the small intimate group of collectors who all knew each other and traded chips by stacks not values. The Club is financially the same as a small business and has to be run with the controls and protections any responsible business is. The BOD has to accept this responsibility on behalf of the membership. In spite of this there is one thing we can never forget. This is our hobby and we need to enjoy it and keep it fun!

As always I'm available to take any questions, criticisms, or suggestions any member has. **I hope I have earned your confidence and your vote.**