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**Organisers of the World Fantasy awards are calling for artists to submit new designs for their trophy to replace the previous statuette featuring HP Lovecraft.**

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After an online petition condemned Lovecraft as an avowed racist and a terrible wordsmit last year, organisers at the World Fantasy Convention announced that the statuette would no longer be modelled on Lovecraft, the prolific creator of the Cthulhu mythos.

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The administrators have now issued a statement saying that, while they appreciate Gahan Wilson’s [Lovecraft] design, in use for more than four decades, they have decided that it is time to change the trophy. From now until 2 April 2016, they will welcome submissions from artists for a new design, they said.

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