World Fantasy Award

**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.**

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.

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.