

B. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

A copy of the recently filed 1981 tax forms was included in her report. The Board requested that some of the figures be explained, as they were not familiar with this type of tax return. Shelley noted that groups cannot simply hoard money from year to year. Funds need to be designated in some way ("Operating Reserve," "Building Fund," "Kingdom Regalia," etc.), though designated funds may also be spent for other purposes. She will communicate particulars to the branches through the chancellors of the exchequer.

Shelley also reported that she does not feel the Society is ready to enter a formal employer-employee relationship yet, but that when we do so the paperwork itself is not too imposing. Forms must be filed in each state where an employee lives, and various taxes will have to be paid.

C. Corporate Office:

The Registry has been sending out regular renewal and expiration forms for one year now. Many members have indicated that the renewal reminder form is a great convenience. The Registry compared the percentage of total membership plus non-renewed memberships over the last 3 years to see if this policy has been bringing in revenues justifying the cost of printing and mailing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current Memberships</u>	<u>Expired Memberships (Previous 12 Months)</u>	<u>Expired/Current, %</u>
Jan 81	4541	1630	36%
Dec 81	5983	2201	37%
Dec 82	8530	2287	27%

At our current rate of 8500+ memberships, the 10% rise in rate of renewal represents 850 memberships which probably would not otherwise have been received. The program is popular and is obviously paying for itself, and will be continued.

The present Corporate Office contract expires the end of 1982. The computer programming has been substantially revised over the last few months, enabling more memberships to be processed in fewer hours. Further improvements are planned. It appears that the Registry will be able to continue processing memberships through 1983 in the same number of hours contracted for 1982, even with the steady rise in membership. However, the programming changes, the uncertainty of the computer purchase, and the change in membership rates make it impossible to accurately compute workhours needed to run the Registry in 1983. Work schedules for the Corporate Secretary and the Stock Clerk will be easier to calculate, but again office procedure will change when full accounting and word processing are implemented. The Board requested the Corporate Secretary to prepare an interim proposal for a Corporate Office contract to run for the first part of 1983, and to present it at the January meeting.

D. Laurel King of Arms:

Laurel has received a complaint from a lady in Atenveldt about a revocation of a kingdom-level award there five years ago. The Board noted that the current version of CORPORA was not in effect at that time, and that the revocation was never appealed at either the kingdom or corporate level by the member concerned. No change should be made.

Laurel was also concerned about the Award of Arms given some years ago in Atenveldt to a dog. When Sandra was Aten Seneschal she corresponded with Bevin Fraser of Sterling (Katherine Kurtz), then Steward, and Karina of the Far West (Karen Anderson), then Laurel. They had decided that although rather tacky, the award itself was not prohibited by the then-current version of CORPORA and could remain on the Order of Precedence. Subsequent to this incident, CORPORA was reworded to restrict awards to "deserving persons." Again, no change should be made.

A copy of a mailing sent out by Master Vuong Manh (Dick Eney) to diverse Society members had been received by Laurel. The packet included a copy of a letter written by Sir Woodford of Lorien (Mike Woodford) supporting tighter membership requirements in the Society and other letters in agreement with this position. Laurel was concerned that he had not received a copy from the Board for comment. Mike pointed out that his letter had been a communication to the Board and others, rather than a formal proposal. Although Mike's letter was available to interested parties, Dick's distribution was made without Mike's knowledge.

E. Marshal:

A verbal report from Phil McDown was given by Larry. A text revision of the proposed Society Marshal's Rulebook has been agreed upon by Henrik, Larry, and Phil. A final copy should be available to Board members for review before the January meeting. More recommendations have been received for the impending Society Marshal vacancy. Phil will have his recommendation for his successor to the Board for the January meeting.

F. Chronicler: No report.

After conversations with various kingdom chroniclers, Sandra suggested that the newsletters are being swamped with too much corporate information they are required to print, and suggested that T.I. be used as much as possible for announcements of a routine nature. The Board will consider ways to relieve the burden on the kingdom newsletters.

G. Arts: No report.

H. Sciences: No report

Chirurgion General:

James Tibbetts (Master Ambros Celidonis) was warranted by the Board as Chirurgion General of the Society for an initial term of 6 months.

J. Legal Committee Report

Cliveden and Larry met with a representative of Johnson and Higgins to discuss the Society's insurance needs. Our most pressing need is for liability insurance, which would protect the Society and its officers, agents, and members in the event of suit for negligence or damages. General liability coverage is required by the owners of more and more sites for use, especially those used by the larger groups. A proposal for rates and coverage will be forthcoming from Johnson and Higgins.

IV. Routine Business:

A. Changes in Status:

M/s/c (unanimous) Carol-Dave to accept the elevation in status for the Barony of Sud Garde (Stockton-Modesto CA) as recommended and approved by the Steward.

The former shires of Fette Burge and Quai du Cornielle have combined to form this new Barony.

B. Establishing the Next Meeting:

The schedule for the next meetings will be:

Board Meeting	12:00 noon	Sun	8 Jan	at Cliveden's
Board Meeting	12:00 noon	Sun	6 Mar	at Cliveden's

V. Old Business:

A. Society Marshal's Rulebook:

See III.e. (Marshal's Report) above.

B. Travel Expenses:

The Board members and the Steward who must fly in to meetings are having difficulties paying for their tickets out of pocket in advance and then being reimbursed after the meeting. Discount tickets generally have to be paid in full, sometimes as much as a month in advance. It would be easier to control travel expenditures if the Society could be billed directly.

M/s/c (unanimous) Dave-Larry to request the Chancellor of the Exchequer to set up a corporate travel account such that members will not need to front their own money for travel arrangements, and which will enable the Society to keep costs down and well accounted for.

C. Board Restructure

The first nomination for the new seventh Board position has been received. The Secretary will establish a file of all recommendations for the Board's consideration.

D. Registry Computers:

The search committee is looking into the possibilities of leasing a system and exploring the possibilities of a future corporate donation. Information on the corporate computer requirements is available from the Corporate Office on request.

IV. New Business:

A. Proposal by William Shirley:

This is a proposal to set up a functioning Norse village under SCA auspices, probably in upper New York state. It would consist of various period buildings, including a ring-fort, Icelandic earth houses, and ship-houses, and would function as a living history center with resident craftspeople, gardens, livestock, etc. A precedent exists in the Land Fund of the West. Carol will reply, forwarding a copy of the By-Laws of the Land Fund, and suggesting that he submit a detailed proposal and proposed By-Laws and proposed members for a board of directors. Copies of his proposal and her reply will be sent to the Crown and Seneschal of the East, as this project would have to be done through the Kingdom of the East.

B. Checking Account for Decatur, IL:

M/s/c (unanimous) Dave-Larry to establish and authorize the checking account for the SCA group in Decatur, IL as per the bank instrument submitted.

C. Religious Titles:

This was a letter from Elmer Clark (Master Brian Maolcaoin) discussing the increasing number of Society members who have taken on clerical personae. He feels that the addition of monks and other priestly personae adds depth to the Society, but has a strong objection to those who call themselves bishops, archbishops, cardinals, abbots, or abbesses, on the grounds that such persons were feudal magnates in period and held lands in fief from the Crown or from great vassals. They were thus equivalent at the very least to the Society landed barons.

Religious titles were covered in the addition of VII.B.3. to CORPORA at the 10 October Board meetings (see Minutes p. 8), which reads in part: "These names, and titles (religious, military, scholarly, etc.) which do not assert or imply noble rank or territorial jurisdiction are not restricted from use, but are not officially recognized and convey no precedence." The Laurel King of Arms discussed this matter in his report of 17 October. Higher ranks of the church, such as Bishop, Patriarch, Archbishop, Cardinal, or Pope, may not be used in the Society because they imply territorial jurisdiction and noble rank.

D. Proposed Revision of Policy Decision #1:

Mike Woodford proposed that Policy Decision #1 be revised to read as follows:

Proposed substantial changes to the CORPORA should be sent to the several newsletters or TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED for information of the populace at large. The Board will vote on the proposal not sooner than two weeks following the issuance of the latest appearing newsletter, or issue of T.I. Other proposed changes to CORPORA should be disseminated via Board Minutes, with sufficient time for response allowed before the

Board votes on such proposed changes. In case of emergency, or simple renumbering or rewording for clarity, these procedures may be suspended.

This proposal was tabled to the January meeting.

E. Board Ombudsmen:

Board Ombudsmen were assigned for the Kingdoms of the West (Nike Woodford) and of Caid (Carol Bowman-Porter).

F. Corporate Limitation on Out-of-Kingdom Awards and Warrants:

Tabled to January meeting.

VII. Communications

A. Petition from Bhakhail:

This was a copy of a petition requesting that financial information on Society finances, the rate increase, and various other matters, be made available. It was signed by Carole Diane Breakstone, Gerald A. Tayler, Karen D. Scattergood, Jason Weatherbee, and Julia E. Larsen. Information will be sent.

B. Bob Ide:

This was a letter discussing the relationship between the corporate structure and the ideals of the Known World. He feels that neither can survive without the other.

C. Diane Vandekerckhove:

This was a letter protesting the increase in membership rates, especially for college students and others who are barely making ends meet. The Board noted that the Associate Membership will be subsidized under the new rates to keep it as low as possible for this very reason. The new Associate Membership rate will be only \$6.00.

D. Crown of the West:

This was a letter bringing up the problem in both the College of Arms and the College of Heraldry of the West to intrude personal opinions and values into the process of registering names and devices, including inappropriate aesthetic judgement and an overemphasis on what would seem to be unprovable historicity. Dave as Ombudsman for the Heraldry will bring this matter up with Laurel.

E. Chronicler or Atenveldt:

This was a letter protesting the BOD Minutes of 1 August which stated that THE SOUTHWIND had not printed the change to the Rules of the List. A copy of the July issue, which included the announcement, was enclosed.

The Change to the Rules or the List was originally sent to the newsletters for publication in the May issues. At that time SOUTHWIND was undergoing a change of editor, and the announcement was mislaid somewhere in the transition. The Chroniclers or the Society sent a second copy to Mistress Irminsul, and it was duly printed in the July issue. The Secretary regrets any confusion which arose from inaccurate wording in the Minutes.

VIII. Executive Session:

An Executive Session was held. The following business was conducted after the Board reconvened:

M/s/c (1 abstention) Carol-Larry that the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. does not accept the application for membership sent by Paul Serio.

The Secretary will return the form and money order.

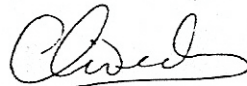
IX. Summary and Dissemination:

The Secretary will prepare and distribute a Work Assignments sheet.

M/s/c Dave-Carol (unanimous) to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

By my hand for the Board of Directors,



Cliveden Chew Haas/Mistress Cliveden de Cheux
Corporate Secretary

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
Meeting Agenda
14 November 1982

- I. Establishment of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Reports
 - A. Steward
 - B. Exchequer
 - C. Corporate Office - 10/31
 - D. Laurel - 9/26, 10/17, 11/3
 - E. Marshal
 - F. Chronicler
 - G. Arts
 - H. Sciences
 - I. Chirurgeon General - 10/26 (letter)
 - J. Legal Committee - 11/2
- IV. Routine Business
 - A. Changes in Status
 - B. Establishing the Next Meeting - 8 January 1983
- V. Old Business
 - A. Marshal's Rulebook
 - B. Corporate charge cards
 - C. Board nomination - Mercedes Lackey
 - D. Registry computers
- VI. New Business
 - A. Proposal from William Shirley
 - B. Authorise checking account - Decatur IL
 - C. Religious titles - Elmer Clark
- VII. Communications
 - A. G. Taylor (petition)
 - B. Bob Ide
 - C. Diane Vandekerckhove
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