

## the society for creative anachronism, inc.

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Dated: November 9, 2021

From: John Fulton, President of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

To: Participants of the Society

Re: President's Board Report

Greetings everyone,

Please find below my report from the Board of Director's meeting held on October 24, 2021. The Sunday meeting was online and was available live. The video of the meeting for those who are interested can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWafKFFOVyY&list=PL16a6pm0U22IOJWFYqA\_AmEs65 NzFEx2F&index=5

The Board will continue to have the quarterly meetings online and live tentatively through 2022. We will also continue to post the videos for those who missed the online meetings.

My usual disclaimer: This report contains some highlights and information from the October 24, 2021, meeting. It has the publishable summaries and commendations from all Society and Corporate officers that submitted reports.

Sanctions and other items done under Executive Session (the closed part of a Board meeting in which personnel and sensitive issues are discussed and handled) are at the end of this report.

Remember that this report does NOT replace the Minutes from the meeting. Past approved Minutes can be view by SCA members at https://members.sca.org/apps/#SignIn.

Here are other items of interest from the meeting.

## **Quarterly Meeting Schedule:**

- 1. January 30, 2022, Quarterly Board Meeting Virtual
- 2. April 24, 2022, Quarterly Board Meeting Virtual (Tentative)
- 3. July 24, 2022, Quarterly Board Meeting Virtual (Tentative)
- 4. October 16, 2022, Quarterly Board Meeting Virtual (Tentative)

#### **Conference Call Schedule:**

- 1. Tuesday, November 29th 5:00 p.m. PDT
- 2. Tuesday, December 28, 2021 5:00 p.m. PDT

## **Status Changes Requiring Board Action:**



Dissolution of the Shire of Adamastor (Cape Town, South Africa) was the only status change this quarter.

## **Approved Handbooks**

The Marshal's Handbook, The Rebated Blades Marshal's Handbook and The Society Chronicler Policies Handbook were all approved. For questions, please contact the appropriate officer.

#### **COVIDSafe Policy – Checking Vaccine Status**

An amendment to amending Section 7 of the COVIDSafe Policy regarding vaccination checks was requested by the Society Seneschal and approved by the Board.

The new language now reads

The Kingdom must check for proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test at an event. The event organizer may designate multiple people to perform the vaccination/negative COVID test check where each person performing the check is responsible for all people whose last name begins within a specified subset of the alphabet (for example, one person for A-H, one person for I-M, etc.) The event organizer, or their designee, shall maintain a list of names and times of the person(s) conducting the check at the entrance. A separate list shall be maintained for each alphabet group. Once the entrance is closed at the event, said person(s) will sign a statement at the bottom of the list of names and times, which reads:

"I have monitored the event entrance at the times noted above, and I have verified that each person age 12 and over with last names through \_, entering the event during that time to have shown me proper identification, along with either proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the start of the event."

The event organizer, or their designee, shall forward the signed statement(s) to the Kingdom Seneschal, or their designee, who shall maintain such records in accordance with the standards for retention of waivers.

The full policy language can be found here: <a href="https://www.sca.org/news/covidsafe-proof-of-fully-vaccinated-status-or-negative-covid-test-policy-resolution/">https://www.sca.org/news/covidsafe-proof-of-fully-vaccinated-status-or-negative-covid-test-policy-resolution/</a>

#### **Proposed Corpora Change/Request for Comment:**

A call for commentary was approved by the Board for a change to *Corporate Policies II.C.2.c, General Conditions and Privileges of Membership—Eligibility for Office—Minors as Officers.* This point currently reads:

Minors may not serve as group marshals or as marshal in charge, seneschal, or exchequer. The proposed new language reads: Minors may not serve as royalty, territorial barons or baronesses, seneschals, exchequers, group marshals, or marshals in charge. Interested parties should see the SCA website for more information.

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Remember also that the Officer's Reports below are cut and pasted from the officer's reports directly to this document. There is no post editing of individual reports.



Finally, if you have suggestions, comments, or questions, about this report please contact me at president@sca.org.

In service and respect,

John

John Fulton
Duke John the Bearkiller
President, Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
president@sca.org

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

## **President – John Fulton (John the Bearkiller)**

#### Commendations:

I would like to commend the Kingdoms, Crowns, officers, participants, and the Board for continuing to make every effort to keep people safe during the Epidemic. There is still a great deal of work, and probable grief, ahead. As the world hopefully gets a little safer from this scourge of a disease, I am proud to be associated with those whose concern for others make life better.

This next part may stretch on a bit so please accept my apology. Renee Signorotti and Theresa Anderson retired October 1, 2021. They are steady and true and been the underpinning for the SCA for decades. Renee and Theresa have seen the organization through bad times and good times. They have taught, mentored, tolerated, and held other peoples' hands in support. True this was their career and job. Still, Theresa offered her church up for years for meetings and cooked and catered meals for those meetings so that the SCA could save some money. Renee gave rides to people so that transportation costs would be low and shook a mighty finger at all of us when we went over our per diem.

A new Board member steps up every six months. Boards change out completely every 36 months. Society and Corporate officers came and went. For decades Renee and Therese greeted each new person with a smile and offered the knowledge needed to do a good job.

Consistency is so important. Renee and Theresa were, damn that is a bit painful to type, consistent in just about every good way that can be imagined.

Personally, I was a bit of a rube when I volunteered to be on the Board a long time ago. Renee, and later Theresa, pointed me in the direction of the rules and handed me a book on California Not For Profits. "Read" she said. And smiled.

One of the best things I have ever been taught in the SCA.

Our new Vice President for Corporate Operations Louise Du Cray is trained and ready and will be awesome. I am glad the SCA has her to do the job.

Still, I will miss Renee and Theresa letting me know when I could do better or offering some common sense as needed. On the other hand, I can still reach out and say hi when good advice is required. That is very good.



#### Publishable Summary:

I have been in contact with five SCA Affiliates Boards in New Zealand (SCANZ), Australia (SCA, LTD Australia), Finland (SKA)— Aarnimetsä), Sweden (SKA), and the Netherlands (Vereniging voor Creatief) to adjust the payment date on their fees paid to the SCA, Inc. yearly. This is set on a per member basis. The date change simplifies our record keeping and deadlines for audits, etc. The date change gave each Affiliate a little more time this year to handle their fees which was a positive benefit to all involved. Kudos to all our Affiliates for their quick responses. The other Affiliates were already aligned with the date requested.

Again, AmazonSmile, and our participants who are in the program, were generous to the SCA with a donation of \$2661.78 for activity between April 1 and June 30, 2021. If you are considering naming the SCA, Inc. as a recipient for the AmazonSmile program and need assistance please email me.

On September 25, 2021, the Board of Directors issued a Resolution COVIDSafe Proof of Fully Vaccinated Status or Negative COVID Test Policy. The fully policy and contact information can be found below. The offices of the Society Seneschal and the President are handling questions or comments as is your Kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

 $\underline{\text{http://www.sca.org/news/covidsafe-proof-of-fully-vaccinated-status-or-negative-covid-test-policy-resolution/}$ 

You may also get information on other items such as open positions with the Society or Corporation, Corporate and Society announcements, etc.:

https://www.sca.org/news-events/

The SCA website news events page can be very informative and useful.

As mentioned in a previous report the SCA resource page also offers information on over a dozen different subjects ranging from Insurance to Recruiting.

## https://www.sca.org/resources/

The four quarterly Board meetings for 2022 in January, April, July, and October will all be using GoToWebinar. This means anyone may attend online those Board meetings. If you have not seen a Board meeting the GoToWebinar is something that can be done from the comfort of your home. Easy to do and it may offer a few surprises on how the sausage is made. Announcements on the connection information are usually made public a week before each meeting. Feel free to check with me if you need more information.

The entire SCA, as the world, continues to struggle through Covid. Kingdoms have been holding Crown Lists and other events in the last two or so months. While there are attendance rules in place the Board is continuing to monitor the situation with an eye to staying current on those rules. The objective is safety.

The move to a smaller and more economical office in Milpitas is complete. The new office is open and working. There were no interruptions in service during the closing of the old office and the opening of the new one. We are eagerly awaiting the return of the deposit because the old office was spotless.



## Manager for Information Technology - Aaron Rusty Lloyd (Aaron Palomides of Buckminster)

## Commendations:

Please send my warmest thanks and commendations to Renee Signorotti, Theresa Anderson, David Dewbre and Marla Lecin for their valuable day-to-day work to keep our technology and associated services running. Please also commend John Fulton for his invaluable counsel over the last quarter. I wish Renee and Theresa a very happy retirement. I will miss them greatly.

#### Publishable Summary:

Technology in the SCA continues to move forward. We continue to assist our officers in the most efficient use of technology in the SCA. We have been reviewing our policies to insure they are up to date and assisting our corporate officers in resolving technology concerns as we continue to work on re-opening.

We continue to look for ways to lower costs and improve support, technology and functionality for our corporate officers and members, in a variety of ways.

## Social Media Officer - Brigid Costello (Anne de Tournai)

#### Commendations:

I commend to the Board's notice:

All those assisting in the creation and enabling of hybrid events (i.e., combining a virtual presence within person experiences). These events increase the reach of our events, sharing them across the Known World and increasing the accessibility of our activities.

The incomparable Renee Signarotti and Theresa Anderson for their work, their patience and their immense kindness and consideration during their time with our organisation.

Kelly Magill for her extensive support of the social media office during her time as Communications Officer.

Lady Olivia Trivisana has been an enormous help in launching and moderating the Atlantian Discord page.

From the Kingdom of Ansteorra, Lady Liadan for Story Time (sharing suitable stories for SCA children), Caterina Giovanni for Service-Minded Classes and Zubeydah for the Historian's Fireside Chats.

His Excellency, Baron Kal-Bardr for his work providing and supporting video content across the Society.

Elsa Snackenberg, outgoing Kingdom Social Media for Ansteorra for her establishment of the office in the Kingdom and her empathy, compassion, skill, and wit.

The Crown Province of Ostgardr's Social Media team for continually creating and publishing engaging, informative content across its platforms.



Lady Madilayn Le Mercer, outgoing Kingdom Social Media Officer for the Kingdom of Lochac.

Lady Fabia Maxima who developed a 'Drab to Fab' Roman Attire TikTok for the Kingdom of Lochac's inaugural Scavenger Hunt which has received more than 190,000 views.

The West Kingdom TikTok Social Media team – their most recent video is sitting at nearly 250,000 views

All those officers who are building presences on TikTok for the Society since the platform was endorsed for use. This is a significant marketing and outreach opportunity for the Society and it is great to see SCA content starting to build in this space.

Thank you to John, Lis, Marla, Renee, Jessica, Rusty, Ross, and Sarah for their continuing support of the office.

#### Publishable Summary:

With the return to face-to-face events across much of the Known World, we see increased opportunities to share the joy, pageantry, and adrenaline rush of in person events. Kingdoms continue to work to maximise the opportunities offered through hybrid event models and continuing to offer appropriate online events. Thank you to all SCA participants for their continuing work promoting, supporting, and sharing the SCA.

#### **Society DEI Officer - Jessica Van Hattem (Zahra Astridr Tesfave)**

#### Commendations:

I'd like to commend Denise Cicuto in the West Kingdom for her work in ensuring all are safe and comfortable at events in her kingdom.

I'd like to commend all those who are working so hard to maintain the SCA presence online as well as safely in-person for many different communities and levels of comfort and risk.

Special thanks to Van Carter, Bekah Shafer-Ross, and Talysha Rubey for their assistance and feedback in moving the DEI Office forward.

As always, many thanks to Brigid, Lis, John, and everyone else working alongside in this trying time.

And as always, I am endlessly grateful for my deputies Drew and Olivia, as without their support I would certainly be overwhelmed. Thank you so much.

#### Publishable Summary:

As we return begin to return to events, we're seeing some of the discussions we've had over the course of the last year and half actualized in terms of inclusivity and accessibility. Please do consider consulting the many resources on the webpage and Facebook page, as well as DEI officers throughout the kingdoms, to learn more about how you can make your events, practices, and demos more inclusive. I'm always available to consult and would love to hear more about successful strategies you have seen!



The official DEI Facebook page here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SCADiversityEquityInclusion">https://www.facebook.com/SCADiversityEquityInclusion</a> has a variety of classes, interviews, and panels available as begin to transition back to in-person events. I will continue to produce digital content as well as teaching in person, and I am accepting suggestions and recommendations for topics folks would most like to see explored. All DEI videos have now also been uploaded to the SCA Youtube page. For more questions, please feel free to message the Facebook page or email me directly at equity@sca.org.

I continue to teach various classes on topics related to DEI, as do our many Kingdom DEI deputies, officers, council members, and many others. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you would like to know more about when these might be, or if you are interested in scheduling these for your area, and I will do my best to facilitate this.

# **Vice President for Operations (SOCIETY SENESCHAL) - Lis Schraer (Elasait ingen Diarmata)**

## Commendations:

I would like to commend Master Cerridwen verch Ioreword, who just stepped down after an exceptional tenure as seneschal of the Middle Kingdom. Master Cerridwen kept her kingdom on an even keel throughout the pandemic (and before) and dealt with a number of vexing circumstances with aplomb and grace. I wish her a joyous return to civilian life.

I would also like to commend Tom Conti (Sir Theron Andronikos), who likewise stepped down in September as the kingdom seneschal of Trimaris. The pandemic and other things conspired to make what might normally have been a routine tenure much more interesting than I am sure he or any of us anticipated, and his work is appreciated.

And I would like to mention my deputies. Deanna Lewis (Countess Ylva Jonsdottir—I know she uses a Norse title, but I do not have it to hand) is my administrative assistant, and she has quietly and efficiently helped bring order to files and folders where chaos previously existed. Lee Clark (Duchess Eilis O'Boirne) is helping to streamline and improve our investigation procedures. And my emergency deputy, Shep Sheppard (Graf Ulrich von Brandenburg) has turned into the person who is quietly supportive, but will tell me if I'm off base somewhere, and to whom I can send a Facebook message that simply says, "Arrgh!" and he will usually know what I'm talking about and commiserate. I deeply appreciate all three of them.

I also have lots of Kingdom Seneschal commendations:

From Ansteorra: I would like to commend Jason Drysdale (Jason Douglas) and Margherita de Mantua (Vallie Copley), King and Queen of Ansteorra, for their efforts over their 16-month reign. As they step down in September, I cannot express my gratitude for their tireless efforts through a most difficult time. They put popularity on the line to make what they believed were the right decisions. On behalf of myself and my predecessor, Master Avery Shaw, it has been an honor working with them to serve Our Kingdom.

From Atlantia: This has been a busy period as we invested new Crowns after 14 months. I commend their previous Majesties Duke Anton and Duchess Luned, Doug and Diane Stevens, for their extraordinary service to Atlantia and the SCA. They provided wise, stable, and innovative leadership through the long months.



From Ealdormere: As an aside, I'd like to make note of the following people: HRM Isabel Atwyll, Master Lars Erikson, Duchess Jocea Valante and Baroness Kersteken, who've all been my helpful sounding boards and some of my go-to people in getting all the plans and such written; especially HRM Isabel.

From the East Kingdom: Commendations to the Shire of Quintavia and the Barony of Carolingia and to the Barony Beyond the Mountain for their successful "feeder" tournaments to select the final entrants for Consules Tindal and Alberic's Crown Tournament. Commendations to the Shire of Hartshorn Dale for their successful Crown Tournament. These tournaments were planned and run under difficult, often shifting, conditions, and the staff of all 3 events did outstanding work to ensure all went as smoothly as possible.

From Lochac: I would like to make special mention of the following officers in this quarter:

- Mistress Elspeth Caerwent she stepped into a delicate situation to mediate and after one session developed a positive outcome.
- Duchess Englin Teufel She agreed to take on the role of Acting Kingdom Seneschal with no hesitation. She has excelled in this role and continued as I have had health challenges. She is definitely an asset to the society and our kingdom.
- Mistress Anne, Lady Adrienne and Duchess Englin for the Lochac Scavenger Hunt. So many ideas and the passion to create this venture for the Kingdom has been amazing.

And from Northshield: I would like to commend my Law Clerk, Duchess Petranella Fitzallen of Weston for going above and beyond over the last year. Additionally, our Transitions and New Groups officer, Maestra Sofonisba Vespasiana Gabrielli who has overseen very smooth baronial polling for almost all of the baronies in the kingdom.

## **Publishable Summary:**

During the third quarter, most of the SCA re-opened to in-person events. The Board has implemented several changes to its pandemic policies in response to the rapidly changing COVID situation. At first it looked as though the Known World would soon be able to return almost completely to normal; sadly, that has not been the case. However, with flexibility and a modicum of goodwill, we can manage to enjoy our hobby more fully than was possible prior to this quarter.

The biggest, late-breaking news has of course been the Board's new policy regarding requirements for vaccinations or negative COVID tests, which kingdoms in North America may choose to adopt if they wish. The intent of all COVID-related policies is to try and keep our participants as safe as possible, while maintaining some flexibility for local areas. As is always the case, any local, state, provincial, or federal law or regulation takes precedence over SCA rules. Anyone who has questions about implementation should contact their kingdom seneschal, the Society Seneschal, or the President. Anyone with questions or comments about the policies themselves should contact their Board ombudsman or write to sca-comments@lists.sca.org.

At the Corporate level, the end of the third quarter marks the end of an era. Renee Signorotti and Theresa Anderson are leaving after decades of incredible service to the organization, to be replaced by Louise DuCray and Nataalya Urosevic. I wish Renee and Theresa much enjoyment of their newfound leisure and want to welcome Louise and Nataalya aboard and wish them every success in their new endeavors.



## Vice President for Corporate Operations - Louise Du Cray

## Commendations:

I would like to offer my sincere thanks and admiration to Renee Signorotti and Theresa Anderson for all their training, support, and guidance during these past few months. Obviously, there's nothing I can say that you don't all already know, but it is readily apparent how much passion and dedication Renee has put into shaping the Corporate Office during her time with the SCA. Passing along the knowledge and tools of a life's career is no small task, and I am grateful for all the work she's done and continues to do during this transition. I am honored to have had this torch pass to me and will ensure it continues to burn brightly under my stewardship.

#### Publishable Summary:

Publications Manager Gloria Woodard would like to express her deep gratitude to all the amazing people who serve the SCA through the Publications Team — all of the Chroniclers, editors, contributors, photographers and others who provide the technical expertise and content for our publications. She extends a special thanks to Renee Signorotti who has been a pillar of support and guidance to her for many years; she is deeply appreciative for her many kindnesses and friendship. Gloria sends her very best wishes to Renee on her retirement, and a warm welcome to Louise Du Cray as she joins us. Another heartfelt thank you to Stephanie Sitzes (Mistress Arianna Stefana Falconi, OP) for her tireless work as the Society Chronicler. She has been a great leader for the years of service she has provided, as well as a critical part of the Publications Team. We will all miss her and are thankful for her guidance and support to the Chroniclers of the Known World.

## **Publications Manager - Gloria Woodard (Countess Honor of Restormel)**

#### Commendations:

This section could easily be pages and pages long given how many amazing people serve the SCA through the Publications Team. I am deeply grateful to all of the Chroniclers, editors, contributors, photographers and others who provide the technical expertise and content for our publications. A special thanks to Renee Signorotti who has been a pillar of support and guidance to me for many years, and I am deeply appreciative for her many kindnesses and friendship. Very best wishes to her in her retirement. A warm welcome to Louise Du Cray as she joins us. Another heartfelt thank you to Stephanie Sitzes (Mistress Arianna Stefana Falconi, OP) for her tireless work as the Society Chronicler. She has been a great leader for the years of service she has provided and been a critical part of the Publications Team. We will all miss her and are thankful for her guidance and support to the Chroniclers of the Known World.

#### Publishable Summary:

The Society Chronicler is going to be stepping down in December 2021 and applications are being accepted for that position. The Publications Team continue to provide information and welcome the return of event announcements to their content. The SCA is truly lucky to have such an amazing staff of Chroniclers serving the Known World.

## Tournaments Illuminated - Dar'C O'Neal (Riordan MacGregor)

#### Commendations:



In the production of Issue 216, I am especially indebted to Quest Guest Editor Debbie Coyle | Mistress Lynnette de Sandoval, and also Juli Chavez | Lady Charlotte Aedelwulf, Cybal F. Hall | HE Cecilia Medici, OP, Dale Holcomb | HE Clota of Holecumb and Kirsten O'Brien | THL Rekon of Saaremaa, all of the Kingdom of Caid. My gratitude also to Quest contributors Kathleen Burrell | THL Sigveig Solvig of the Kingdom of Calontir; Linda J. Doerksen | Halima al-Rakkasa, OP; Piglet Evans | THL Alienor Salton of the Kingdom of the East; Amy Glier | THL Lynne Fairchild and Anne McKinney | Sofya Chyudskaya Smolyanina, OP, both of the Middle Kingdom; Shirley Hackworth | Lady Cicily Bridges of the Kingdom of Ansteorra; Roxanne Hatfield | Lady Linnet Hatfield of the Principality of Cynagua; Jean Kveberg | HE Eithni ingen Talorgain OL, OP of the Kingdom of Northshield; Deborah Terry | THL Umamah bint Zaid al Andalusiyyah called Zada of the Kingdom of Outlands; plus Kenneth Mearns | THL Deorwine aet Earneleia and Tracy Peterson | Yoshida Kiku. You gentles all made it a Quest beyond compare.

My warmest thanks and particular admiration to Melinda Sherbring | Eowyn Amberdrake, OL, OP of the Kingdom of Caid for her two incomparable contributions to the issue on the subject of Elizabethan needlework.

My lasting appreciation to TI stalwart extraordinaire Susanne Mayer | Lady Katharina Woinowich of the Kingdom of Drachenwald, for another wonderful entry in Medieval Destinations.

## **Publishable Summary:**

Tournaments Illuminated Issue 216 is going to press, to be followed shortly by Issue 217. Issues 217, 218, and 219 are in production; Issue 220 is on the drawing board.

#### **Compleat Anachronist - Ellen Rawson (Ariel of Lindisfarne)**

#### Commendations:

Thanks to Anne Rosebery for her work on CA 192, *The History and Construction of Netted Hairnets in Medieval Europe*, which was published at the start of this quarter. Thanks also to Elise Fleming for her expert copy-editing help and major kudos go to Sue Gilbert for her layout expertise. CA 192 had many more images than usual, which made Sue's job challenging, but the final result is beautiful.

I also owe thanks to Julian Mocq and Jennifer McGowan for their assistance with the Old French translations that are in CA 192. Without their hard work, those translations wouldn't make much sense.

## **Publishable Summary:**

Current Issue: CA 192: *The History and Construction of Netted Hairnets in Medieval Europe*. Hairnets originated due to practical needs and, as with much fashion, transitioned throughout Europe into a more decorative role as time progressed. This Compleat Anachronist focuses on the history and use of netted hairnets in Western Europe, including Scandinavia, from 1000 to 1600 CE. Using both artwork and extant hairnets from those centuries, such nets are examined in terms of materials, mesh sizes, and overall net sizes, along with decorations, colors, and edgings used. Close-up images collected in one place allow readers to see details in numerous nets. Note: A future CA is planned on how to make netted hairnets. Watch this space!



## **Society Chronicler - Stephanie Sitzes (Arianna Stefana Falconi)**

## Commendations:

My gratitude to Countess Honor for her help with the Chronicler Policies.

## **Publishable Summary:**

I never seem to say enough, how very impressed and honored it has been to work with such talented and hardworking people. From the smallest shire to the biggest Kingdom, your (the SCA, the Populace and everyone) chroniclers are fantastic. I ask that if you are able to submit works to be published in your local and kingdom newsletters and show your version of the SCA for all to experience.

## Treasurer - Mazelle Attiya (Alysia Gabrielle de Fougeres)

#### Commendations:

I would like to commend all the SCA-rs Deputies that are administers for the Online reservation system, for working with their populace in training them how to use the system. As a whole a majority of people have found it easy to use.

## **Publishable Summary:**

The SCA corporate office is still operating under a negative balance for 2021 due to the decrease in membership revenue and non-member registration fees. Subscriptions for the Tournaments Illumination and Complete Anachronist are still strong even though membership revenue is low. Now that in-person events have started back up, membership is starting to increase again. Even though the SCA is now allowing in person events, we still will need to have a tight budget until we are in the black again.

The first draft of the 2022 Corporate Office Budget has been presented to the BoD for discussion and possible approval. There are still a couple of areas that I am waiting for the 2022 renewal rates (all the insurance policies and medical insurance for the employees).

## **Society Exchequer - Bonnie Stringer (Marcel Orillion)**

## **Commendations:**

I would like to thank Myria Slater for her service as Kingdom Exchequer of Ansteorra.

I would also like to thank James Baker for his service in Gleann Abhann for over a decade. James has been served as a local exchequer, as Kingdom NMR deputy, Kingdom forms deputy, Kingdom exchequer deputy, Kingdom Exchequer. While he will be stepping down as Kingdom Exchequer, he will continue to serve as Gleann Abhann's reporting specialist. Thank you, James.

## **Publishable Summary:**

Many Kingdoms are using the SCA registration system to have attendees to register for events. Kingdom are beginning to use PayPal for Heraldic submissions. This helps with tracking payments for submissions.



## **Laurel Principal Queen of Arms – Jennifer Smith (Emma de Fetherstan)**

#### Commendations:

Our second Virtual Heralds Point has been another success! We had 134 submitters from 18 kingdoms with a total of 259 submissions (Ansteorra won again!). I want to especially commend my key staff, Lillia de Vaux, Marie de Blois, Juliana de Luna, þorkell Palsson, Owen Tegg, and Groza Novgorodskaia. Of course we had a lot of help from others, notably Alexandra (Shandra) Vazquez de Granada, Joscelin le esqurel, Tanczos Istvan, Alys Mackyntoich, Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Jeanne Marie Lacroix, Iago ab Adam, Ursula Georges, Seraphina Delfino, Herveus d'Ormonde, Elsbeth Anne Roth, Beatrice Domenici della Campana, Shauna of Carrick Point, Konstantia Kaloethina, Ollivier Le Floch, Alaric MacConnal, Arwyn of Leicester, Li Xia, and all the consulting heralds and artists that unfortunately really are too many to name. All told, there were well over seventy volunteers in total who worked on this event, which is fantastic. This is amazing, and I want to commend each and every one of them.

A great deal of the work involved in keeping our published rules and precedents up to date falls squarely on the shoulders of Palimpsest Herald, Jeanne Marie Lacroix. Like heraldic submissions, any proposed changes to our handbook, rules, or references in various appendices are published online for a commentary period, during which holes in the logic are found and patched (or the idea scrapped all together!), wording is hammered out, and a final version is published. Jeanne Marie handles the rather tedious and finicky work of this diligently and thoroughly, and I wanted to thank her publicly.

#### Publishable Summary:

We have started the planning stage for next year's Virtual Mid-Year Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, to be held sometime in January 2022. As we had such a good response from around the world from the first vKWHSS, we've decided to make it an annual tradition.

The Virtual Herald's Point held in late August was another success. We are in the process of getting the submissions to the various kingdoms now!

## Marshal - Ray Dubose (Sir Rey RiBeaumont)

#### Commendations:

The Society Marshal would like to commend all the marshals in the society that have given their time and knowledge to help keep activities going during these times.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Armored Combat with Rebated Steel wishes to commend Sir Arria Cara for the work to complete the Implementation plan for Caid, and Baron Gavin MacFergus for the work to complete the Implementation plan for Trimaris.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Combat Archery would like to commend Sir Cassius in Ansteorra for starting up IKCAC shoots to encourage participation. (Inter Kingdom Combat Archery Competitions)

The Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier Combat states that during this quarter, there were three reportable instances of marshals needing to realign with convention. She commends the individuals who exhibited courage and even headedness to note and amend the situation, and the individuals



who then changed their behavior. She also wishes to commend the marshals who are running tournaments, despite wanting to participate themselves.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Siege Weapons would like to give kudos to those that have taken advantage of the downtime for construction of new engines and authorizing new engineers.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Target Archery & Thrown Weapons would like to offer the following commendations:

- 1) High praise and thanks to Master Edward for pulling together an archery range at West Kingdom Crown when the venue was changed at the last minute.
- 2) Thank you for your service to Countess Aibhilin, the outgoing Midream Kingdom Archery Marshal.
- 3) He would like to thank Marshal-at-Large Alana O'Keeve for their MANY years of service. Alana recently passed after an extended illness.
- 4) Thanks are sent to Forveleth Dunde and Ishiyama Gen'tarou Yori'ie for their absolute kindness and generosity for their time and skills to create Thrown Weapons badges to give to the populace.
- 5) Thank you to Baron Snorri skyti Bjaransson for becoming a freshly warranted TW marshal.
- 6) Thank you to Gunter of Ealdormere for continuing in the Kingdom officer position even after his term has come to an end.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Youth Combat would like to commend several Kingdom Deputy Youth Combat marshals who have continued to work hard through the Covid challenge and deserve a lot of praise: m'lady Eyrny Ormarrsodottir of Ealdormere, Miyamoto Toramasa of Trimaris, m'lord Abelard die Elster of Northshield and Count Fergus of Avacal. Also, m'lady Eikaterine tin Elliniki of Anglespur of the East Kingdom continues to help keep Youth Combat interest going when the young warriors are wanting to be active again!

An Tir KEM, Althaia filia Lazari would like to offer commendations to Decimus Marius Gavinius Britanincus, Sir Einar Knuteson, Sir Mikolaj Thorkelwicz, and HL Jadwiga Radomyskova who dealt with the situation with Sir Thorkel FitzHrothgar with a very high level of professionalism and compassion for him, his wife, and everyone present; and made sure she was promptly and thoroughly informed about what happened.

Althaia would also like to offer commendation to Archos Ts'ai T'ien-P'u who is her deputy Earl Marshal in the Principality of Tir Righ and has had to write a lengthy set of procedures on how to resume martial activities in accordance with detailed expectations from the Province of British Columbia's health department rules; and then train all of the Branch Marshals and Branch Seneschals on those procedures.

## **Publishable Summary:**

There were quite a few injuries reported this quarter. Make sure to check your weapons and armor to make sure they are in good repair. While everyone is getting back into the swing of being out there, please continue to stay safe and follow your local government and kingdom mandates.

There are a couple of positions that will be opening up soon that I'll be taking resumes for. The first position that is open is the DSEM – Target Archery and Thrown Weapons, and resumes will be accepted for that soon. Also, I'm looking for an ER Deputy, and will be taking resumes for that shortly, as well.



## **Minister of Arts and Sciences - Richard Allen LeMons (Etienne Le Mons)**

#### Commendations:

I would like to offer commendations to the following individual artisans (and groups in some cases):

- First, I would like to thank and offer commendations to all of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences officers for really stepping up to the plate and throwing themselves into the virtual world of arts and sciences! They continue to amaze me with their fortitude.
- Kudos to the Barony of Lions Gate for their online discussions, Lions Den, which have been extremely successful.
- Mistress Malkin of Artemisia has been teaching classes in many different online venues and doing a marvelous job.
- Ramon de Javier has also been doing a lot of teaching and is a constant cheerleader for the arts and sciences, encouraging many in Artemisia and beyond;
- THL Oswyn of Bathon has been an absolute amazing organizer and manager of the online RUM for the Midrealm;
- Thanks to Mistress Ellen de Lacy for her continued support of online A&S socials in Meridies;
- Mistress Alliette Delecourt and Lady Shinjo Takame continue to run regular online activities for dance and bardic respectively;
- Master Francois Henri Guyon ran a series of lampworking classes over several weeks in Politarchopolis which proved so popular it will likely become a regular monthly activity once in-person activities resume;
- Lady Kathelyne Berghart, the A&S officer of St Florians, is to be commended for her enthusiastic engagement with all aspects of A&S in her barony; &
- Johanna Stafford, a newcomer of Ynys Fawr, has been proclaimed Baronial A&S Champion after making an entire 12th century outfit and a competition-winning Elizabethan needlebook for her first event.

#### Publishable Summary:

The Society for Creative Anachronism continues to fulfill its mission to research and re-create the arts and skills of the pre-17th century world, now more than ever. While branches are allowing more in-person interactions, COVID-19 is still impeding our activities. The arts and sciences has really shown itself to be the glue that holds the Society together. As this is my last report, I would like to look back and give a few accomplishments from my tenure in this role.

- There have over 20 Known World A&S Symposiums held throughout the Society. These have been very successful and showcase the breadth and variety of the arts that we strive to re-create.
- The Kingdom A&S Officers, for four full years, have maintained a near 100% reporting rate for the Kingdom reports. These reports are instrumental in showing the SCA's dedication to our 401(c)3 educational mission and provide the Board with an essential overview of the arts and sciences activities within our organization.
- There have been over 300 individuals inducted into the Order of the Laurel. Because of the teaching requirement to become a member of this illustrious Order, these inductions are a wonderful way of showing the SCA's dedication to our educational mission.
- The A&S Office consists of (on average) 600 warranted officers.
- I would also like to take a moment to say how proud I am of the Kingdom Officers, their deputies and warranted local officers. They have, as a whole, risen to the challenges that have been presented and are working through any complications in amazing, surprising and



creative ways. I would encourage any member of the Society looking to help to reach out to their local officers as many Kingdom Officers have increased their roster of deputies to help with the increased duties.

#### **Sanctions**

A. Lee Cockerham (Kief av Kiersted)

Director Craig Carter recused himself from acting on this matter.

Motion by Gigi Coulson to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Lee Cockerham (Kief av Kiersted), effective immediately. Second by Natalie Degerstrom. In favor: Gigi Coulson, Natalie Degerstrom, Dale Fong-Frederick, Ross Roegner. Opposed: None. Recused: Craig Carter. Chairman Dan Watson exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

B. Faunus Michael Doney (Faunus de Arden)

Motion by Dale Fong-Frederick to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Faunus Michael Doney (Faunus de Arden), effective immediately. Second by Craig Carter. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

C. Hayes Holland (Halvdan Lynkehand):

Motion by Ross Roegner to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Hayes Holland (Halvdan Lynkehand), effective immediately. Second by Dale Fong-Frederick. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

D. George Parker (Hakon Thorgeirsson Von Eignersfojord)

Director Gigi Coulson recused herself from acting on this matter.

Motion by Dan Watson to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, George Parker (Hakon Thorgeirsson Von Eignersfojord) effective immediately. Second by Ross Roegner. Opposed: None. Recused: Gigi Coulson. Motion carried.

E. Newton Scott (James Newton de Stile)

Motion by Gigi Coulson to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Newton Scott (James Newton de Stile), effective immediately. Second by Dale Fong-Frederick. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

F. Charles Spence (Argyll of Bruce)

Motion by Dale Fong-Frederick to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Charles Spence (Argyll of Bruce), effective immediately. Second by Natalie Degerstrom. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

G. David Mitchell (Damingo de Vasquez): Appeal of Revocation of Membership

This item was returned to the Society Seneschal for additional work.