

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

To: Members and participants of the Society

Re: President's Board Report

Greetings,

This is my report for the Board of Director's meeting held on October 20, 2018, in New Orleans, LA. This report also contains the publishable summaries and commendation sections from the Society Officers' reports that were submitted this quarter.

Please remember this document does not replace the Minutes from the meeting. The Minutes for the October 20, 2018 meeting should be approved at the January 2019 meeting.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence for Peter Barclay (Master Rhys Terafan Greydragon) and Kevin Gage (Baron Uryuu Izumitariou Ujishige called Waffle).

The Board has decided that an ad-hoc committee will be created to do a review of Corpora to determine whether edits in form of content or grammar are needed. More information will be available in the months to come. Of course all proposed changes will be available to SCA members and affiliates for comment prior to any decision.

There was a brief change to the Society's Social Media Policy:

“ADDITION: Use of Social Media by Official Representatives of the SCA

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. respects the right of members and participants to write blogs and use social networking sites and does not want to discourage self-publishing or self-expression. All officers are expected to follow the guidelines and policies set forth to provide a clear line between you as the individual and you as the official representative of the SCA. For further guidance, see harassment or bullying policy.”

As mentioned above this deals with SCA officers who post as officers on unofficial forums. This can cause some confusion among members. The addition hopes to prevent future confusion.

The Board meeting was hosted by the Barony of Axemoor in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann. There were at least fifty people in the audience. The Board and SCA officers wish to thank everyone for the grand hospitality and intelligent and spirited dialogue.

Thanks all,

John

John Fulton

President

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

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2019 First Quarter Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place in the Kingdom of Caid.

January 19, 2019

Best Western Plus

Hacienda Hotel - Old Town San Diego

4041 Harney Street, San Diego CA 92110

SOCIETY OFFICER REPORTS

President

John Fulton (John the Bearkiller)

Commendations: I would like to commend and thank Paul Lancaster, Master Stephan of Durham, for his excellent work as a member of the Board of Directors. This quarterly meeting is his last. The last couple of years have been very challenging for the Board and the Society. The Board has initiated a number of new policies over the last three years with the intent of helping the members and participants enjoy a safer and more inclusive Society. Paul has been an important part of those policy improvements.

Much appreciation to Lis Schraer, Mistress Elasa it ingen Diarmata, for her outstanding help and advice over the last few months. Lis served on the Board previously a few years back and thankfully volunteered to help my office handle an important project or two.

Special kudos to Kelly Magill, Ross Thompson, Patrick Anderson, Laura Pate, and Mike Watkins. I work directly with them on a daily basis. Their respective offices of Communications, Social Media, Legal, Special Projects, and Society Seneschal have all had a very busy quarter and they still take time out to keep an eye on me.

Publishable Summary: A report to the Board and membership detailing the Society Archives should be finished within the next month. CT Alderson, the SCA Archivist, will be attending the January 2019 Board meeting in San Diego. My report will hopefully provide a better understand of the historical treasures CT keeps and products for the organization.

AmazonSmile gave the SCA a donation of \$934.51. This was for April 1-June 20, 2018. I wish to thank all our members who tag the SCA for a donation when something is purchased from Amazon.

The Society Social Media policy is in the process of implementation. The policy can be viewed at

<http://socsen.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Social-Media-Policy-2018-06-04.pdf> .

The Kingdoms, along with their social media officers, have been extremely helpful in converting FaceBook pages from “unofficial” to “official”.

While on the subject of FaceBook I would like to remind everyone that if, on your personal FB page, you have something like “Works in the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc.” there please keep in mind that it does tell folks you are part of the organization. Polite discourse is always appreciated.

Better Bullying and Harassment policy guidelines should be out soon. These will be useful in explaining further how to report and handle complaints and issues relating to the policy.

There are plans being discussed regarding a complete and thorough review of Corpora. The intent of the review will be to possibly clear up confusing language and/or clean up obvious grammatical errors. These plans to not involve any major alteration to what the document is. Any proposed changes will, of course, be available to our membership and affiliates before any decision is considered.

**Vice President for Information Management and 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 send my dearest thanks to Wendy Marques for her amazing tenure as Society Webminister, and for training her replacement, Uwe Donaldson. Her service has been exemplary and my office is eternally grateful for all of her hard work on behalf of The Society. My office would also like to thank Joel Schonbrunn for his expertise in streaming and streaming technology.

Publishable Summary

Technology in the SCA continues to move forward. Server migration efforts and technology modernization activities are continuing, and are actually nearing finalization. Implementation work has begun to improve monitoring and email service as well as lessen spam for the corporate officers. We have begun an investigation into advancing the streaming capability of Board Meetings, with requirements from the Board and other stakeholders.

We are also continuing to work on how we can improve the centralization and organization of corporate information by leveraging SharePoint and Office 365. We have selected a new Society Webminister, and he is fully in his new role.

**Society Communications Officer
Kelly Magill (Heather Shea, The Questrix)**

Commendations

Please send my warmest thanks and commendations to President John Fulton, Society Social Media Officer Ross Thompson for all their support and help.

Publishable Summary

The Office of Society Communications is moving forward with implementation of updated online communications for Society Level Officers and Committees using Slack. We have re-initiated the Communications Committee and have rolled out the Social Media Policy in several areas.

Social Media Officer
Ross Thompson (Tiberius Finn)

Commendations

During the last few weeks we have been working to set up the Kingdom Social Media Officers with the new policy. I would like to thank John Fulton, SCA President and Kelly Magill, SCA Communications Officer for all their support, help and guidance during the last few weeks. Without their service, this would have had many more hurdles than needed. Their wisdom and patience is incredibly helpful to me and for the Society as a whole.

Additionally, Brigid Costello, Lochac Social Media Officer, has been running a perfect example of what we would like to see with SCA Social Media. Creating fantastic content and growing their community online. If anyone would like to see what can be done with the tools we have at our disposal, I recommend checking out their Social Media platforms.

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The office of Society Social Media is working with each Kingdom to help line up their social media with current social media policy. Kingdom Social Media Officers are set up in each Kingdom, bringing Official Pages and Groups as platforms for each Kingdoms online community. We are looking forward to this bringing Society Social Media more on the same page to help with recruitment and retention. Social Media is always changing and we are looking to work with online tools to bring the SCA more into the digital age.

Vice President for Operations (Society Seneschal)
Mike Watkins (Alywin Watkyn)

Publishable Summary

The Known World “Zip Code/Postal Code Map Project” is progressing; however, it is becoming apparent that some Kingdoms are not tracking their zip code maps. As such, I will discuss with Kingdom Seneschals the benefits of requesting that each Kingdom provide my office with an annual update of all zip codes per local group. Furthermore, based upon the growth of the SCA, it would appear that we need to secure specific border between Kingdoms. This will require all Kingdoms to effectively coordinate their border zip codes with their adjacent kingdoms at Meridies and Atlantia did recently.

Zip Codes/Postal Code changes

- a. *Kingdom*: East – When the Canton of Bois Ardent is dissolved, the Quebec/Montreal portions of these zip codes will be transferred back to the Barony of Havre de Glaces
- b. *Kingdom*: Trimaris - Proposal for Zip Code redistribution for inactive groups in Trimaris as follows:

Shire of Fiach Ogain (Pasco County, FL)

After discussion with nearby groups and polling of the members residing within the county, it was decided to split the zip codes among the neighboring groups. The member residents have already established patterns of participation with the neighboring groups that roughly correspond with a landmark division marked major highways which bisect the county north-south and east-west. The participation is established enough that members in these zip codes are already holding offices in those groups, assuring that they will integrate well, and that changing their group assignment is mostly a formality. Zip code lines roughly follow this landmark division as well, providing a good, common sense explanation of the division. Additionally, this area and its groups have a long-running tradition of welcoming participants to be active in their groups regardless of where in the Tampa Bay Area they reside, providing further assurance of success with this split.

Add to Shire of Bentonshire (adjacent to the north)

Expands to include zip codes in Pasco which are north of SR52, plus a few adjacent zips south of SR52 along the coast which expressed their current participation preference for the northern group due to easier access to meeting locations*

33523	Ridge Manor / Dade City	Bentonshire
33525	Richland / Dade City	Bentonshire
33526	Dade City	Bentonshire
33537	Lacoochee	Bentonshire
33574	St. Leo	Bentonshire
33576	San Antonio	Bentonshire
33593	Trilby	Bentonshire
34610	Spring Hill / Brooksville / Shady Hills / Weeki Wachee	Bentonshire
34652	New Port Richey	Bentonshire*
34653	New Port Richey	Bentonshire*
34656	New Port Richey	Bentonshire*
34667	Bayonet Point / Hudson / Port Richey	Bentonshire*
34668	Port Richey	Bentonshire*
34669	Hudson / Port Richey	Bentonshire
34673	Port Richey	Bentonshire*

34674	Hudson / Port Richey	Bentonshire
34679	Aripeka	Bentonshire
34680	Elfers	Bentonshire*

Add to Barony of Marcaster (adjacent to the southwest)

Expands to include zip codes in Pasco which are south of SR52 and west of SR589 / Suncoast Parkway, except for a few zips along the coast which expressed their current participation in the northern group due to easier access to meeting locations.

34654	New Port Richey	Marcaster
34655	Trinity / New Port Richey	Marcaster
34690	Holiday / Tarpon Springs	Marcaster
34691	Holiday / Tarpon Springs	Marcaster

Add to Barony of Wyvernwoode (adjacent to the southeast)

Expands to include zip codes in Pasco which are south of SR52 and east of SR589/Suncoast Parkway,

33524	Crystal Springs	Wyvernwoode
33539	Zephyrhills	Wyvernwoode
33540	Zephyrhills	Wyvernwoode
33541	Zephyrhills	Wyvernwoode
33542	Zephyrhills	Wyvernwoode
33543	Wesley Chapel / Zephyrhills	Wyvernwoode
33544	Wesley Chapel / Zephyrhills	Wyvernwoode
34639	Land O Lakes	Wyvernwoode

Canton of Stedborough (Manatee, Sarasota, and Charlotte Counties, FL)

Few members residing in these counties have expressed a particular preference for their zip code assignment. Many in the northern half of the area actively participate in the Barony of Marcaster, and given that the area was canton of the barony, it was decided to allocate the much of the area to its parent group. The northern half of the area has easy access to Marcaster via the Sunshine Skyway Bridge which crosses Tampa Bay. The southern half of the area, south of the I-75 bend near Venice, FL, is more accessible to Trysel, the next shire south. For this reason, the southern portion of the zip codes will be transferred to the Shire of Trysel to the south. Both local groups are agreeable.

Add to Barony of Marcaster (adjacent to the northwest)

34201	Braden River/Bradenton/University Park	Manatee
34202	Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch	Manatee
34203	Braden River/Bradenton	Manatee
34204	Bradenton	Manatee
34205	Bradenton	Manatee
34206	Bradenton	Manatee
34207	Bradenton	Manatee
34208	Bradenton	Manatee
34209	Bradenton/Palma Sola	Manatee
34210	Bradenton	Manatee
34211	Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch	Manatee
34212	Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch	Manatee
34215	Cortez	Manatee
34216	Anna Maria	Manatee
34217	Bradenton Beach/Holmes Beach	Manatee
34218	Bradenton Beach/Holmes Beach	Manatee
34219	Duette/Parrish	Manatee
34220	Palmetto	Manatee
34221	Palmetto/Rubonia	Manatee
34222	Ellenton	Manatee
34228	Longboat Key	Manatee
34229	Osprey	Sarasota
34230	Sarasota	Sarasota
34231	Sarasota	Sarasota
34232	Sarasota	Sarasota
34233	Sarasota	Sarasota
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34236	Sarasota	Sarasota
34237	Sarasota	Sarasota
34238	Sarasota	Sarasota
34239	Sarasota	Sarasota

34240	Lakewood Ranch/Sarasota	Sarasota
34241	Sarasota	Sarasota
34242	Sarasota/Siesta Key	Sarasota
34243	Sarasota	Manatee
34250	Terra Ceia	Manatee
34251	Myakka City	Manatee
34260	Sarasota	Manatee
34264	Oneco	Manatee
34270	Tallevast	Manatee
34272	Laurel	Sarasota
34274	Nokomis	Sarasota
34275	Nokomis/North Venice	Sarasota
34276	Sarasota	Sarasota
34277	Sarasota	Sarasota
34278	Pinecraft/Sarasota	Sarasota
34280	Bradenton/Palma Sola	Manatee
34281	Bradenton/Trailer Estates	Manatee
34282	Bradenton	Manatee

Shire of Trysel (adjacent to the south)

33946	Cape Haze/Placida	Charlotte
33947	Cape Haze/Placida/Rotunda West	Charlotte
33948	Port Charlotte	Charlotte
33949	Port Charlotte	Charlotte
33950	Punta Gorda	Charlotte
33951	Punta Gorda	Charlotte
33952	Port Charlotte	Charlotte
33953	Port Charlotte	Charlotte
33954	Port Charlotte	Charlotte
33955	Punta Gorda	Charlotte
33980	Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda	Charlotte
33981	Port Charlotte	Charlotte

33982	Punta Gorda	Charlotte
33983	Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda	Charlotte
34223	Englewood	Sarasota
34224	Englewood/Grove City	Charlotte
34284	Venice	Sarasota
34285	Venice	Sarasota
34286	North Port/Venice	Sarasota
34287	North Port/Venice	Sarasota
34288	North Port	Sarasota
34289	North Port	Sarasota
34290	North Port/Venice	Sarasota
34291	North Port	Sarasota
34292	Venice	Sarasota
34293	Venice	Sarasota
34295	Englewood	Sarasota

Canton of Mathom Trove (Putnam and Alachua counties, FL)

After discussion with the members and active participants of this group, this group’s zip codes will be absorbed directly into its parent group, the Barony of An Crosaire. In most cases, members have been actively participants of the Barony as well as the Canton. The Putnam County zip codes will be reassigned to the Barony of An Crosaire, with the exception of 32033 which will go to the Barony of Castlemere since it is in St. Johns County.

- **Add to Barony of An Crosaire (adjacent to the west)**

32631	Earleton	Alachua
32640	Hawthorne	Alachua
32654	Island Grove	Alachua
32662	Lochloosa	Alachua
32007	Bostwick	Putnam
32112	Crescent City	Putnam
32131	East Palatka	Putnam
32138	Grandin	Putnam
32139	Georgetown	Putnam
32140	Florahome	Putnam
32147	Hollister	Putnam
32148	Interlachen	Putnam
32149	Interlachen/Edgar	Putnam
32157	Lake Como	Putnam
32177	Palatka	Putnam

32178	Palatka	Putnam
32181	Pomona Park	Putnam
32185	Putnam Hall	Putnam
32187	San Mateo	Putnam
32189	Satsuma	Putnam
32193	Welaka	Putnam
32666	Melrose	Putnam

Request: The following zip codes to be released to the Canton of Lions Bridge. It is approximately 70 minutes from Palatka to the Gainesville meeting location and approx 38 minutes to Lions Bridge. The effects the following zip codes: 32007, 32131, 32177, 32178, 32189, 32187, 32193, 32181, 32157, 32112, 32139

**Vice President for Corporate Operations
Renee Signorotti**

Commendations

I'd like to commend Rusty Lloyd for his continued hard work & dedication to ensuring that the Corporation has a dependable and solid IT presence. Throughout the latest email conversion and upgrade, Rusty was attentive to our needs & never lost his cool. It's always a pleasure working with him.

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**Publication Manager
Gloria Woodard (Honor of Restormel)**

Commendations

PM: My thanks to Linda Tsubaki (Enoki Sayako) for her service as the Editor of Quivers and Quarrels, the newsletter for the Archery Community. She has done amazing work for the last four years after stepping up quickly when the previous Editor had to step down. She has been a pleasure to work with and she will be missed. I also thank Renee Signorotti for her ongoing support. The Publications Team continues to create beautiful publications for the SCA. They are to be

commended for their dedication and creativity.

Publishable Summary

UC-R: The SCA Collection is open to the public. Collections are ongoing, and donations are still being processed and added as they are received. We had a request from UCR for hard copies of the 50th Year Booklet with the Kingdom histories. I have been in contact with the event steward and we are working on getting hard copies for both UCR and the SCA archives. The process is ongoing.

PM: Please consider supporting your local and Kingdom Chronicler as well as Tournaments Illuminated and Compleat Anachronist. Your articles, artwork and patronage are all welcome and appreciated. If you are interested in serving as the Editor for the Archery Community newsletter, please contact the Publications Manager.

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

Commendations

My particular appreciation this quarter to Society Chronicler Stephanie Sitzes (Baronessa Arianna Stefana D'Ovest) for her assistance in presenting the most recent nominees and winners of the William Blackfox Awards for newsletters.

Publishable Summary

Tournaments Illuminated Issue 208 should be mailed on or near October 7, 2018. Issue 209 is in production.

Compleat Anachronist
Ellen Rawson (Ariel of Lindisfarne)

Commendations

Many thanks go to Sue Gilbert, CA Art Director, for her layout and design work – and her perseverance with many italicized words. Thanks also go to Elise Fleming and Ian Walden for their careful copyediting. Thanks also to Susan Verberg, who is now a three-time *Compleat Anachronist* author. This is Susan's second CA on SCA-period alcohol and her third overall CA. (Her first was on soap-making.) I must say that we have developed an excellent working relationship over the years, and I'm pleased that she's now a Laurel since her research is excellent. Thanks also to the reviewer, Patrick McCusker.

Publishable Summary

Current Issue: CA 181: *The Rise and Fall of Gruit*

CA 181: *The Rise and Fall of Gruit*: What was gruit? Gruit as a product changed throughout its history. From a beer additive revered for its fermenting powers, it evolved into a beer with a reputation for powerful headache-causing herbals. The exact nature of gruit as a product was thought to be lost, but the many different sources show an interesting picture: one of gruit not as just a handful of brewing herbs, but as a powerful and necessary wort fortifier. Although not all of gruit's puzzle pieces have been found, this booklet investigates what we know about gruit.

This CA is Susan Verberg's third outing as a *Compleat Anachronist* author. Her first, CA 174 was *To Make Black Sape: A Medieval Soft Soap Manual*. CA 176 *Of Hony: Brewing Medieval and Renaissance Mead* was her second publication. Her research is impeccable, and we are fortunate that she is willing to share it.

As usual, the copy editing of Elise Fleming and Ian Walden was excellent. Genny Grim, as my drop-dead and general assistant editor, made essential contributions to the final editing process. Art Director Sue Gilbert managed to make sure that we stayed within our page limits. Once again, I am grateful and thankful to be surrounded by such a hard-working team that strives to make CA the best it can be.

Society Chronicler

Stephanie Sitzes (Arianna Stefana Falconi)

Commendations

I wish to commend the local chroniclers for the amazing newsletters that I have seen from all kingdoms. You are doing good work and I want to say "thank you" and "great job!" I further wish to say, keep up the good work, your office and your publications are very important for the history and culture you are commemorating within your local group and the Society. You have my gratitude and admiration.

Publishable Summary

The Master William Blackfox Awards will be published soon, watch the Tournaments Illuminated and your Kingdom Newsletters in the next few issues.

Corporate Treasurer

Mazelle Attiya (Alysia Gabrielle de Fougères)

Commendations

I would like to thank all the kingdom and branch exchequers for submitting the requested information for the auditors in a very timely manner. It was a lot of scanning and emails on very short notice and it was greatly appreciated.

Publishable Summary

Work is continuing on creating an online Review of the Books Process. The Board of Directors has

received a summary report of the 2018 Budget versus Actual financials. This will be uploaded to the Corporate Treasurer's website after the Board meeting in October. A thorough Review of the books was completed for the Kingdom of Northshield. The Board of Directors has received a summary report of the 2018 Budget versus Actual financials. This will be uploaded to the Corporate Treasurer's website after the Board meeting in October.

Society Exchequer

Roberta Tower (Elonda Blue Haven)

Commendations

I would like to thank the following people:

- Bonnie Stringer, my emergency deputy for helping out with piloting a new quarterly report form and for taking care of some business in Gleann Abhann for me.
- Christina Lusk for doing such an excellent job with the NMR reports and keeping me up to date with the status of NMR with the Kingdoms.
- Jo-Ann Sturgess, Ealdormere Exchequer, for her service as a Kingdom Exchequer. She has been on top of everything during her tenure.
- Micahel Aaron Rogers, An Tir Exchequer, has done an excellent job in getting PayPal up and running during his tenure as well as getting their NMR up to date and keeping it current.
- And Victoria Howell for the excellent work she did as the Exchequer for Atlantia.

Publishable Summary

Second quarter reports were received from most Kingdoms and both Wars and we are currently up to date through the 2nd quarter with NMR reporting. Many thanks to all of the branches for reporting timely.

Calontir and Laurel's warrants were extended. The Kingdoms of An Tir, Ealdormere and Atlantia had a change in Exchequers. Gleann Abhann and Pennsic War have selected successors.

I would like to thank the following people for their assistance:

Christina Lusk for her on-going work as the NMR deputy. She as kept on top of all of the branch events reporting and kept everyone up to date.

Jo-Ann Sturgess, Michael Aaron Rogers, and Victoria Howell, outgoing Exchequers for Ealdormere, An Tir and Calontir, for their excellent service to their Kingdoms.

Bonnie Stringer, Society Exchequer Deputy for her work with various projects assigned to her.

We had to postpone our first Go To Meeting for the Kingdom's to work on the list of items requested by the auditors.

Laurel Principal Queen of Arms

Julia Smith (Julianna de Luna)

Commendations

I have several people I'd like to commend around the server migration. Reis ap Tudor ap Wyn, the Laurel IT and website deputy, was a rock through everything. Tanczos Istvan was tireless as he did all the troubleshooting necessary to move OSCAR to its new home. A large number of people helped with testing OSCAR. Finally, to the SCA IT team, who stepped up to help with the things we needed from their end. It was quite a project; thanks to all who helped!

I would like to commend Ursula Georges, Palimpsest Herald, for her inclusive and thoughtful work on identifying historically appropriate gender-neutral titles that meet the need of modern communities. She has managed the process in really impressive ways.

I would like to commend Aryanhwy merch Catmael, former Pelican Queen of Arms and former Principal Herald of Drachenwald. She was elevated to the Order of the Laurel at Raglan Fair and now holds the College of Arms Laurel medallion, which was given to the College of Arms by the widow of Herald Breakstone, the first Laurel King of Arms. Heraldry would not be the same without her work over the last twenty years.

I would like to commend Oddr Þiálfason, who stepped down in August from his term as Black Lion Principal Herald of An Tir. He has worked tirelessly to support heraldry in An Tir and around the SCA. His work for the Laurel office over the last few years has been valuable.

Finally and sadly, I would like to commend Stefanu de Mohacs, until recently Albion Herald. He passed away on July 11, 2018. He served as submissions herald of Drachenwald until ill health forced him to pass it on to a successor a few weeks earlier. His dedication to heraldry and to the submitters of Drachenwald went above and beyond. Our thoughts are with his family in this difficult time.

Publishable Summary

The Laurel office is pleased to announce the addition of a gender-neutral titles section to the alternate titles list. We encourage interested parties to check out the titles we've identified to date and suggest more for consideration. If you're interested in receiving Letters of Acceptance and Return, you can subscribe to them at links found at <https://heraldry.sca.org/lists.html>.

We've finished our move to the new server; let us know if you find any broken links or any issues with OSCAR. Reis ap Tudor ap Wyn, the Laurel IT and website deputy, was a rock through everything. Tanczos Istvan was tireless as he did all the troubleshooting necessary to move OSCAR to its new home. A large number of people helped with testing OSCAR. Finally, to the SCA IT team, who stepped up to help with the things we needed from their end. It was quite a project; thanks to all who helped!

I would like to commend Ursula Georges for her inclusive and thoughtful work on identifying gender-neutral titles. I'd also like to commend Aryanhwy merch Catmael on the occasion of her Laurelling; she's one of the people who's made heraldry what it is. I'd like to commend Oddr Þiálfason for his dedicated work as principal herald of An Tir. Finally, I'd like to comment Stefanu de Mohacs, who stepped down as submissions herald for Drachenwald shortly before passing away earlier this year. Under these extreme conditions, he made the transition easy and complete. Our

thoughts are with his family in this difficult time.

**Marshal
Alan Smith (Alan Gravesend)**

Commendations

The DSM Rapier was remiss in the last quarter, but one gentle had stood out at that time such that the DSM Rapier made a commendation in person. The DSM Rapier hears about many members of the rapier community who run afoul of the marshalate, and nearly always the person is counseled, or reprimanded, and while that frequently is sufficient to set the fencer back on the right side of the rules and expectations of comportment, occasionally this is insufficient. Still, even in these times it is difficult for many to pull the authorization card of a fencer. In Q2 2018 Master Diego, KRM of Aethelmarc, reported on one such instance where the difficult step of terminating a fencer's authorization had been taken, and the DSM Rapier commended him in person.

In this quarter, the DSM Rapier wishes to commend the principals of the grappling experiment in the Middle Kingdom, who have with considerable enthusiasm taught many fencers from far and wide about their program so that these fencers may seed new experiments in other kingdoms. Compliments to Master Cecil, Warder Phillip, Master Rafael, Master Tedesco, and the others who are leading this program in the Midrealm.

The DSM Youth Combat provides the following commendations:

Ansteorra Youth Armored Combat commends Redgh the Leather seller, his Lady Czina, and Lady Alexandra Notte Claire for stepping up to insure the required coverage of Marshals for practices and events.

Ansteorra Youth Rapier commends Don Orlando Giovanni of the Barony of Namron (Norman, OK) for his vibrant and growing Youth Rapier program.

An Tir commends Sarah Pixie, Barony of Madrone, who is a driving force behind why there is still Youth Combat in the Kingdom of An Tir. She has been taking steps to keep Marshal's authorized and to help gain new Youth Combat Marshals.

East Kingdom Youth Armored Combat commends Lady Karrah the Mischievous for representing the EK at Pennsic Youth List when life prevented the DEM from attending, Simon (mka Mathghamhain Ua Ruadhain) for his seemingly endless enthusiasm for running youth combat at demos and at events, and the Northern Region Deputy, Thomas D'Marr for developing a training regimen for new MITs.

Meridies youth armored combat commends Lady Mairghread Wilson for her continued assistance with Youth Combat.

Middle Kingdom youth rapier commends Lord Jao Veludo Alfonso d'Albuquerque and Warder Bjorn Arnaldsson for their efforts hosting youth practice in the Kingdom.

West Kingdom commends Mist Marshal Ginevra Lorenzo (Lenore Rossini: mundane name) Cynagua Marshal Ginna Kottir Goormsdottir (Ileah Dotson: mundane name) who bring interest into their Principalities, taking on loaner gear, running Youth Marshal activities and help with the over all running of the program.

The DSM Equestrian would like to commend Lord David Whittaker, Caid Marshal. Lord David has been diligently working to promote the Rossfechten program, and to get participating marshals to write reports documenting their activities. His efforts to track details on where non-SCA Rossfechten practices and training session have been hosted in order to gather data on thrusting within a mounted combat program, and whether any special armor requirements or performance limitations would be necessary to incorporate thrusting into the SCA's Rossfechten experiment. I anticipate having adequate data for an experiment update within a month or two.

Publishable Summary

Martial activities continue to flourish in the Society. Our several disciplines continue to explore new options, and examine our current rules and practices with an eye towards continuous improvement. Activity in all of our disciplines continues to show the vibrancy of our people and the vitality of our games. In short, the Society's martial program is operating as intended.

Minister of Arts and Sciences

Richard Allen LeMons (Etienne Le Mons d'Anjou)

Commendations

I would like to thank the following individuals for their service to their Kingdoms as outgoing Kingdom Ministers of Arts and Sciences:

- Dame Cristiana de Huntington (An Tir);
- Baroness Engelin Von Foxridge (Artemisia); &
- Mistress Clara van der Maes (Lochac).

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

- Dame Gwen the Potter for organizing a wonderful display at An Tir's September Crown Tournament;
- The Bards of An Tir (including Julian Sinclair, Sir Martin the Harper, the Dal Gais Family, Mistress Chiara Fiamma and the An Tir Players) for their multitalented endeavors at the 7th Annual Chorum Leo Bardic Slam;
- Lady Magdalena Lucia Ramberti for serving as an interim KMoAS in Artemisia;
- Lord Cataldo Querini of Atlantia for absolutely stunning metalwork;
- Lady Eva Goch of Caid who is doing wonderful things for the arts in the Barony of Dun Or;
- Lady Cecelia of Gatisbury of Calontir for her work with the judging criteria of that Kingdom;

- Lady Aelin Kausi, MOAS for the Barony of Forgotten Sea, has shown exceptional leadership and enthusiasm;
- Lady Zafara Babur as MOAS of the Barony of Lonely Tower and now also Calontir's new Falcon Signet;
- The College of St John of Rila did an amazing job making countless banners to transform a gym into a feast hall for Drachenwald's 25 year;
- Lady Audette la Tricoteuse de Saint Denis, THL Sarai Tindall Sogliano, Middle Master Cerridwen verch Ioreword, Baroness Alianor bat Asriel, Dame Eleanor Von Atzinger, Baroness Camilla de la Reynarde, Mistress Elska á Fjárfelli, Baroness Ekaterina Volkova, THL Cristina Inghean Ghriogair, and Master Derian le Breton deserve commendation for their work on the A&S War Point at Pennsic;
- THL Audette la Tricoteuse de Saint Denis produced a pair of Coptic Egyptian cotton socks;
- THL Sarai Tindall Sogliano did a hand-sewn late 14th century Italian woman's outfit based on an illumination;
- Kate de Mallow won the A&S competition at Northshield's largest event with a smocked veil; &
- Mistress Melisande de Bourges, Mistress Gwenhwfyr ber Cain, Mistress Finnguala inghean Alusdair and Mistress Madhavi of Jaisalme have been highly supported of the A&S Office in Trimarais.

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. This quarter has seen the approval of several Known World A&S Symposia:

- Known World Commedia (September 2018): This event was retroactively approved through the SMOAS and Society Seneschal. I am awaiting a post-event report at this time.
- Known World MoAS Summit (March 2019): The planned summit has been approved by the Gulf Wars. I plan on holding this in the artisan's row during the Tuesday evening of the war. With luck, we'll have a potluck for refreshments and many discussions about the arts and sciences of the Known World.
- Known World Costume & Fiber Arts (June 2019): Known World Costume and Fiber Arts Symposium 2019 will be hosted by the Shire of Talmere in Kingdom of Meridies from June 21st through June 23rd 2019. It will be at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, GA, and partially sponsored by the University's Anthropology Department.
- Known World Cooks & Bards (September 2019): Known World Cooks and Bards Symposium 2019 will be hosted by the Barony of Shattered Crystal in the Midrealm from August 29th through September 2nd 2019. It will be at Camp Dubois (a reproduction of the winter fort for the Lewis & Clark expedition) in Wood River, IL. The site does boast a blacksmith shop and two clay baking ovens.

- Known World Agricultural & Forestry (September 2019): Known World Agricultural and Forestry Symposium 2019 will be hosted by the Barony of the Sacred Stone in Kingdom of Atlantia from August 30th through September 1st 2019. It will be at Elchenburg Castle in Boonville, NC. This is the same location that hosts War of the Wings and is a primitive campground that is very suited to agricultural pursuits. Livestock is allowed as is brewing. I expect there may even end up being some archery at the event.

As the Society officer, I am continuing outreach through the Kingdom officers to help encourage and support officers from Kingdom-level all the way through to the branch officers. In an effort to be responsive and helpful to the branch officers, I am maintaining an email response time to warranted officers of no more than 48 hours. I am also sending feedback on the quarterly reports of my direct reports within a week of completing my own quarterly report so they know what areas I need more information. This is very well received by the Kingdom officers.

While many of the Kingdoms are focused on bureaucratic efforts, the Kingdoms have also branched out into many diverse endeavors. These include artisan consult tables, Kingdom A&S Championships, novice-level events/competitions, and social media outreach. The A&S officer continue to be some of the most engaged officers on social media.

Finance Committee

Richard Sherman - Chair

Publishable Summary:

The Committee reviewed and discussed the current projected 2018 expenditures through May 31, 2018 vs. budget and the 2019 Preliminary Budget for the Society as provided by the Society Treasurer. After review, the committee recommended that the Board approve the 2019 Budget as submitted.

Communications Committee

Kelly Magill - Chair

Commendations

Please send my warmest thanks and commendations to Dr. Vandy Pacetti-Donelson for chairing the committee and to all members who have participated on this committee.

Publishable Summary

The Communications Committee is reviewing its membership and will be implementing regular discussions this coming quarter.

Peerage Committee Report

Scott Berk/ Chair

Commendations

Thanks to Greg Regnier and “Rusty” Lloyde for their diligence in working on a survey platform to present to the Board for its approval in the near future.

Publishable Summary

The Peerage Committee awaits a suitable platform for its suggested survey.

YAFA

David Keen (David of Caithness) Program Director

Commendations:

I would like to give commendations to the following individuals:

1. Kevin Wolfe (Bledyn Drwg de Caerdydd) for his contributions to the growth of the program in AnTir. And his willingness to take on the task of building reoccurring review process for the periodic review and updating of YAFA topic worksheets.
2. Karen Parker-Buchanan (Katherine of the Doves) for her contributions to the growth of the program in Atlantia.
3. David McDowell (Peregrine Falconer the Navigator) for his contributions to the growth of the program in Avacal.
4. Lee Waldack (Adelaide Sarsfield) for her contributions to the growth of the program in Calontir.
5. Debi Riepe (Nuala Domhnaill) for her contributions to the growth of the program in Meridies.
6. Lori Parker (Alizand Thorgeirsson née LeFevre) for her contributions to the growth of the program in Avacal, Artemisia, Atlantia, Calontir, Meridies, and An Tir. She has been instrumental in growing the program and in the editing of achievement worksheets.
7. Josh Sheets (Kolbrandr Kolsson) for his work in editing and maintaining the code that keeps the website functioning. He ensures the program stays flexible to meet the needs of parents and administrators.
8. Deirdre Rowley (Deirdre Oilithreach) for her work in updating the Mentor Certification Course in Moodle.
9. Kelly Magill (Heather Shea) for her work in updating the Mentor Certification Course in Moodle.
10. Christopher Sweets (Ronan Keith) for his work in maintaining the Mentor Certification Course in Moodle.

