



# The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

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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 April 24, 2022. The Sunday meeting was online and was available live. The video of the meeting, for those who are interested, can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/OwMxzOH2K04>

The Board will continue to have the quarterly meetings online and live tentatively through January of 2023. 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 April 24, 2022, 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. July 24, 2022, Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)
2. October 16, 2022, Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

## **Conference Call Schedule:**

1. Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. PDT
2. Tuesday, June 21, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. PDT

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

The Board approved the dissolution of the following groups:

1. Outlands: Shire of Gleann Medonach (Roswell, NM)
2. Outlands: Shire of Hinterlands (Nebraska Panhandle)
3. Outlands: Loch Thioram (Silver City, NM)

### **Board Nominations**

There are at present thirty-five (35) candidates on the list of Board nominees with fourteen (14) kingdoms represented. A breakdown by kingdom is as follows:

Æthelmearc	3	Ealdormere	0
An Tir	4	East	3
Ansteorra	1	Gleann Abhann	3
Artemisia	0	Meridies	3
Atenveldt	1	Middle	5
Atlantia	4	Northshield	1
Avacal	0	Outlands	1
Caid	2	Trimaris	2
Calontir	3	West	0
Drachenwald	0		

New nominations and commentary on current nominees are always encouraged. Questions be directed to Ross Roegner at [recruiting@sca.org](mailto:recruiting@sca.org).

### **Variances Granted by Society Seneschal**

1. Trimaris: Variance granted for their Coronation, scheduled April 1, 2022, to occur despite a flyer not appearing in the newsletter due to technical difficulties. Variance granted March 3, 2022.
2. Ansteorra: Variance granted to Ansteorra to hold their next Coronation in July, instead of March or April as specified in kingdom law. This variance was requested due to the January COVID surge causing their Crown Tourney to be delayed by three months. Variance granted March 4, 2022.
3. An Tir: Variance granted to excuse the Princess of the Summits from attending the Coronet Tourney to choose her successors, held March 26, 2022. Her Highness was involved in an automobile accident on the way to the event, and while she was thankfully not seriously injured, she was unable to proceed as a result. This variance includes the granting of Viscounty rank to Her Highness upon successful completion of the remainder of the reign. Variance granted March 25, 2022.

### **Corporate Policies Change – Minors as Crown**

The Board has approved following revision of Corporate Policies II.C.2.c to read:

*Minors may not serve as royalty, territorial barons or baronesses, seneschals, exchequers, group marshals, or marshals in charge.*

## **YAFA**

The vote of the Board the Youth and Family Activities program has been dissolved. A new youth program is being developed and will be announced, by the Society Seneschal, in the near future.

## **COVIDSafe Policy**

Effective immediately, the President and Society Seneschal are authorized to work together to make any necessary adjustments to the Society's COVID-policy and Kingdom restrictions due to COVID outbreaks. Any changes will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at the next scheduled Board meeting.

## **Society Seneschal – Golf Cart Policy**

The following revised policy was approved by the Board and will be added to the Seneschal's Handbook:

*Privately owned golf carts are not allowed at any SCA event unless approved in advance by the site owner, the event steward, and the seneschal in charge. Proof of private insurance by the cart owner or operator is also required. If golf carts are loaned or rented for use by an SCA group for an event, SCA golf cart insurance must be obtained as well as a documented rental agreement between the SCA legal representative and the owner or the leasing company.*

## **The Board also approved the following policy for the Seneschal's Handbook:**

A representative of the SCA cannot also represent any private entity with which the SCA does business. There must be a clear separation.

Property owned by SCA members may be used for SCA events. However, the following conditions must be met:

1. The site owner(s) may not be event stewards for events occurring on their property.
2. There must be a written contract, signed by the site owner and the SCA's legal representative (typically the local seneschal) spelling out the terms under which the site is used. This contract must spell out any monetary or other consideration given the site owner in return for the use of the property.
3. This contract must be approved by the kingdom seneschal prior to signing.
4. Property owned by the seneschal or exchequer of the sponsoring branch may not be used for an SCA event sponsored by that branch.

Exception: If the member-owned property is being used strictly for local meetings or practices, and no monetary or other consideration is being given by the SCA to the site owner, the site owner may oversee the meeting or practice if they hold a local office whose duties would normally include such oversight, such as local branch seneschal or marshal.

A "local meeting or practice" cannot be advertised outside the local area, cannot appear in the kingdom newsletter or on the kingdom calendar unless the kingdom customarily lists all such local meetings or practices, and cannot be a multi-day event.

For questions or clarifications please contact the Society Seneschal at [seneschal@sca.org](mailto:seneschal@sca.org) or contact your Kingdom Seneschal

### **Society Exchequer – Policy And Variance Approvals**

At the request of the Society Exchequer, the Board approved the Society Kingdom of Atenveldt SCA – Registration System.

### **Laurel Principal Queen of Arms – Approved SENA Changes**

- a. SENA A2B2c “Constructed Monsters” to allow the construction of monsters from animals and monsters known in period, not just those already used in period heraldry.
- b. SENA A3B1 “Tinctures and their Classification” to allow the addition of wings to animate and inanimate charges *proper*.
- c. SENA PN1B2g “Existing Registration Allowance” to allow greater flexibility when registering new names using name phrases already registered to a submitter or a close legal relative.
- d. Creation of SENA Appendix O “Existing Registration Allowance and Bynames” will be added to aid submitters in constructing gendered bynames based on existing registered name phrases.
- e. SENA PN2B “Name Phrase Requirements” and PN2C “Name Requirements” changed to update the description of Appendix A.
- f. SENA PN2C “Name Requirements” to treat name phrases submitted under the Legal Name Allowance as gender neutral.
- g. Appendix A “Patterns That Do Not Need Further Documentation by Language Group” – Update to include double descriptive bynames in Old Norse.
- h. Appendix D “Acceptable Transliteration Systems for Non-Latin Scripts” - Updated to include Old English. This will make it easier for submitters wishing to register Old English names without ð (eth) or þ (thorn). Also updated the Arabic section with information on the particle *al*. This information will make it easier for people that wish to register an Arabic name using a transliteration system that includes pronunciation information.
- i. Updated Table 4 “Conventional ‘Proper’ Colorings” to include definitions for a cornucopia, forget-me-not, ivy, a pair of stag beetle's attires, and pink lily of the valley.
- j. Updated Appendix D “Suggested Standard Form Letters” with a letter for groups to grant permission to conflict for an augmentation.
- k. Updated Appendix H “Sources That Do Not Require Photocopies to Laurel” to add the *Dictionary of British Arms: Medieval Ordinary*, generally referred to as DBA.

Questions regarding these changes should be directed to the Laurel Sovereign.

### **Marshal’s Handbook**

Updates to the Marshal’s handbook were approved for the correction of grammatical errors and to roll back to the previous definition of what should be protected by kidney protection, i.e.: covered kidneys and short ribs. Moving the term “rawhide” to a different area. Questions regarding these changes should be directed to the Society Marshal.

## **Peerage Committee – Statement by the Board**

The Board notes that there has been no decision regarding new peerages at this time, but future discussions are planned.

## **Position Appointments**

K.T. Sheppard (Graf Ulrich von Brandenburg) – Director, Seat F  
 Eben Kurtzman (Brocc of Alderden) – In-House Counsel  
 Caroline Richardson (Tetchubah of Greenlake) – Treasurer  
 Sam Davis (Thomas Blackmoore) – Manager of Information Technology

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](mailto:president@sca.org).

I hope everyone has a great summer.

In service and respect,

John

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 Duke John the Bearkiller  
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## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

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

Commendations: Aaron (Rusty) Lloyd (Sir Aaron Palomides of Buckminster) is stepping down as the SCA’s Manager of Information Technology. He has served twice in that position at different times for a total of about ten years. Before that Rusty also served as a Board of Director. He is without a doubt one of the most talented individuals I have ever had the honor to work with. His patience with me, and others at times, in resetting my password over the years is legendary. The dedication he has exhibited and complete attention to detail has allowed the SCA to move forward as an organization in a professional and quality manner. He is a consummate family oriented person and I consider him a good friend. I hope he enjoys this well-deserved time away from the business of the SCA and look forward to seeing him soon in person.

Patrick Anderson (Baron Gabriel of Nordskogen) is also stepping away at the end of this April. Patrick has been the SCA’s Legal Counsel for the last 12 years. He was also a past, and most excellent, President of the SCA. In addition, Patrick was Chair of the SCA Legal Committee prior to becoming Counsel. Like Rusty, Patrick’s complete dedication, quality, and service to the Society is without question. Patrick has always been a perfect advisor and friend over the years. He has moved the SCA itself around, through and past difficulties too numerous to count. His

sense of humor, experience, wit, and wise advice have been a constant inspiration for me. Like Rusty, I consider Patrick a trusted friend and boon companion. Patrick has served the SCA completely and has earned our great thanks. He also reintroduced me to Wisconsin Maple Syrup after the 40-year void in my life. I owe you man. Salutes and hugs.

**Publishable Summary:** Winter of 2021 to 2022 has gone, fingers crossed, and we now enter Spring 2022. Last month, March 2022, Gulf Wars went on and over 2100 people got a chance to interact, play, camp, and be in person at a rather large multi-Kingdom SCA event. Meanwhile, Kingdoms and groups have started up in person events on a more regular basis. Additional inter-Kingdom events are coming in 2022. Pennsic!

The Kingdoms of North America continue to have the ability to set their own Covid rules as needed. Being careful and staying safe is still primary on everyone's list of concerns so there are going to be many challenges in 2022. As more people become vaccinated and the medical community learns more about infection and treatment become more available this year, will certainly be safer, again fingers crossed, and in person events can be possible.

AmazonSmile and our participants who are in the program have again helped the SCA. The quarter between October 1 and December 31, 2021, produced a donation to the SCA general fund of \$2819.27. This is a donation from AmazonSmile itself to the SCA and does not cost any Amazon shopper anything. If you are considering naming the SCA, Inc. as a recipient for the AmazonSmile program and would like assistance in how that can be done please email me.

The SCA has been using Member's Only software for all our member needs for the last 10 years. However, that company is approaching a time in which they will no longer be offering support for that software. That is ending in 2022. We are looking for a cost effective, usable, and service-oriented replacement. A great place on the [www.SCA.org](http://www.SCA.org) website to view possible job openings, Board recruiting info, general announcements, CovidSafe Policy information, etc. can be found at <https://www.sca.org/news-events/>. The Quarterly Board meetings in July 2022 and October 2022 will continue to utilize GoToWebinar. The meetings are open to everyone. Information on attending the meetings is made public approximately a week before each meeting. Announcements on how to sign up will be forthcoming. Details and more information can be found at <https://www.sca.org/board-meetings/>.

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

**Commendations:** Please send my warmest thanks and commendations to David Dewbre and Marla Lecin for their valuable day-to-day work to keep our technology and associated services running. Please also commend Sam Davis and Louise Du Cray for their invaluable assistance this quarter. I would also like to send my best wishes to Eowyn Cenek, and thank her for her service as Society Webminister.

**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 fully resuming day to day activities.

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. We are in need of a new Society Webminister. I encourage everyone to apply. If you have questions about the position, we are very happy to answer them! We have also been very busy training the new IT Manager – he is a

quick study and will be great in the position!

**Social Media Officer - Kathryn Gilroy (Margery Heron)**

Commendations: All of the content creators who help us share the SCA across the globe, and a special thank you to those individuals who helped capture Gulf Wars 30 in March. Queen Adelhait Fuchs, Lady Áshildr Inn Hárfagri, and Baroness Agatha Wanderer for sharing the SCA to TikTok and Fru Kolfinna Egilsdottir for her work covering Ansteorra's Norman Medieval Fair Demo on multiple platforms.

Those individuals who run livestreams so that the SCA may still be enjoyed from home.

Thank you to John, Lis, Rusty, Ross and Brigid for their continuing support of Social Media

Publishable Summary: Now that in person events are largely back, groups and individuals are sharing much more content from events, practices, and other meetings. Many Kingdoms and local groups are starting to use TikTok to share the SCA as well, and it has already been used to find new members. The digital scribes program is being revised to provide photographs and video more easily to content creators across the Known World.

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

Commendations: Thank you to Rusty, who has saved me from ever fighting the spambots alone, as well as offered friendship and kindness throughout the last few years. And of course, thank you to Patrick – your jokes and advice (sometimes together) have been a godsend. We will miss you both dearly!

As always, Brigid, Lis, and John – Your support is invaluable and I treasure you all.

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 the weather gets warmer (and colder, and warmer), many kingdoms are beginning to return to in-person events. Strive to show one another compassion as we all enter back into the SCA at our own paces, with different levels of comfort and risk-tolerance.

The official DEI Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/SCADiversityEquityInclusion>) 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](mailto: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 want to commend Kellianne Anderson (Countess Beatrice Maria Malatesta) who stepped down last month as seneschal of Lochac. Bea faced a number of challenges both personal and SCA during her tenure. Lochac has its own governing board, and Bea's quarterly reports are easily as complex as my own. She guided her kingdom through the pandemic and managed varying local requirements as complex and changeable as any I've seen. She richly deserves a break.

I also want to commend Kellie Donovan-Condron (Mistress Medhbh ingean Ui Cheallaigh) who is stepping down as the seneschal of the East Kingdom. Kellie came in facing immediate challenges due to circumstances totally out of her control, and then got to deal with the pandemic. I have appreciated her humor and willingness to communicate with my office. Again, a well-deserved break.

Another kingdom seneschal is stepping down this month, Becky Littlefield (Baroness Alinore Wyndover). She has guided Northshield with a firm and well-organized hand, and leaves things in good shape for her successor. Another well-deserved break, though she has been foolish enough to suggest that after a few months off she might be willing to work on a project or two for me.

The corporate level is bidding farewell at this meeting to a couple of folks who have served the SCA at a high level beyond the point of sanity:

Rusty Lloyd leaves the position of IT Manager. While he is leaving it in capable hands, they can't be any more capable than his. I have found Rusty a delight to work with, and quite tolerant of the fact that technology is not my super-power. One regret I have is that due to the pandemic we have yet to meet in person—I hope to remedy that someday in the reasonably near future. Best wishes, Rusty, and thanks for your wisdom and advice as well as your technological expertise.

Patrick Anderson is departing his job as the SCA's in-house legal counsel. I have known Patrick for quite awhile, and I am not 100% certain I should offer a commendation here, as it's all his fault that I have this glamorous and exciting job. Seriously, Patrick has been a sounding board for me for a very long time, and I deeply appreciate his viewpoint and humor as well as his service to the SCA over the years. Again, I regret we never got to attend the same in-person meeting, but I know I will see him in the future.

From the kingdom seneschals I have the following commendations:

Ansteorra: "I would like to commend Elsa Schemmer von Snackenburg (Libby Snyder) <for> stepping back in as Social Media Officer as Margery Heron (Katie Gilroy) steps in as Society Social Media Officer."

Atlantia: "The Chancellor of the University, Dame Adrianna le Bretonne (Andrea Callicutt)



completed her term of office in January 2022 and I wish to commend her for taking the reins of University firmly in hand at the beginning of Covid in March of 2020, and building a highly successful virtual team. I believe that without Virtual University Atlantia would have suffered greater losses in membership and community spirit. Her leadership created a new and inspiring online presence for Atlantian University, one that will continue to serve the SCA well beyond Covid.”

Drachenwald: “I wish to recognize Lady Yda van Boulogne and Frouva Mallymkun Galpin for their efforts to implement Google Workspace for Drachenwald kingdom administration. They organized the project quickly and worked very hard to make it a success as well as being great fun to work with. Lord Simon Talbot who currently manages the Drachenwald domain and email forwarding, (along with being Kingdom Exchequer) also deserves acknowledgment for his assistance. All are worthy of appreciation for their efforts to make kingdom administration easier and I thank them very much.”

East: “My tenure in office has been eventful, and I deeply appreciate all of the branch and regional seneschals during this period. You have done vital work to keep this Society we love together through a period of uncertainty and insecurity. Thank you for helping me through These Unprecedented Times. The Kingdom Webminister and I stepped into our roles on the same day, and there's literally no one else I'd have wanted by my side as we translated in-person experiences to online, hybrid, and back to in-person. Herr Matthias von Würzburg has led a dedicated team who have gone beyond all that could have been asked of them. I am profoundly grateful that Matthias is my Kingdom Officer Sibling, and more importantly, my friend. Thank you to the Crowns and Heirs with whom I've had the pleasure to work; Your collective confidence in this office helped to keep the Kingdom on an even keel. Thank you to the populace of the East, for your support, your feedback, your commitment to the Kingdom. Serving the East has been my honor. I may be retiring, but I'm not going far. Thank you, Magistra Audrye, for the energy and momentum you bring to the office.”

Lochac: “This quarter I would like to thank: Lord Jean-Christophe le Saussier – known as JC, he is the Seneschal of the Barony of Rowany. He has been amazing in the background for Rowany Festival. He has made this event much easier to manage from an administrative perspective, especially with the challenges that the ever changing landscape of COVID. Baroness Anne de Tournais and Duchess Englin Teufel – These ladies have been my confidants, reviewers, sanity and friends. This has been continual over my tenure, and when things seemed too hard, they kept me going in the role, particularly in February when Porvaldr and I had multiple issues to manage. Baron Porvaldr inn Suðreyski – this guy is amazing. He will do a fantastic job in the role.”

Northshield: “I would like to commend Baroness Aesa Olafskona who has served the kingdom as both Central Regional Deputy Seneschal and Stallari Secretary. She has done a wonderful job and our kingdom processes have improved for her service. I would also like to commend The Honorable Lady Morgaine Scott Blood for her service as Eastern Regional Deputy Seneschal. Morgaine has worked with many of our smaller groups in the eastern region to help them through the past two years of change. Finally, I must recognize Baron Abelard die Elster who has been a constant help in all things web based as well as helping with administrative work in countless ways.”

And from the Society Chatelaine: “I would like to mention Cellach Dhonn inghean Mhic an Mhadaidh (Norah Gregoire) who is the Kingdom Chatelaine of the East. She is about to step down, but I did want to comment to her hard work and dedication to this position. She has had a large geographical area, two countries and multilingual! I have been very impressed by her and have been glad that we got to work together.”

**Publishable Summary:** It was a rough winter in many ways, but the Known World pulled through it and with spring we are beginning to look ahead to a much fuller event season than at this time a year ago (when events weren’t even allowed quite yet). Gulf Wars happened and appears to have been successful, if somewhat smaller than usual. Plans are proceeding for most if not all of the other large, customary outdoor events during the next six months or so.

The populace is reminded that we are still in a pandemic, and kingdoms absolutely have the authority to continue, add, or change whatever restrictions they believe necessary to protect their people. I will continue to back any and all reasonable strictures, and the SCA reserves the right to enact measures of its own if the need arises.

All the kingdom seneschals in the Known World deserve a pat on the back for a job well done during this very trying past season. The kingdoms each enacted precautions that made sense for them, and they did a great job.

The pandemic and lack of in-person activity has caused some of our groups and even kingdoms to struggle a bit in finding volunteers for offices and events. We’ve always been a volunteer organization based in participation, not observation. Please consider stepping up to help out as we move toward more normal activities.

And most of all, enjoy to whatever level you feel comfortable! If you are able, get out into the sun and the outdoor events and practices that will be happening relatively safely in the near future. Remember what brought you into the SCA? I encourage you to try to do it, or find a new passion. That’s what it’s all about.

### **Vice President for Corporate Operations – Louise Du Cray**

**Commendations:** I would like to commend Mazelle Attiya (Alysia Gabrielle de Fougères) and her team of SCA-rs deputies, who have been working tirelessly to battle and overcome a myriad of registration issues. Thanks as well to Kenda McCormack (Maistreas Briana Morgan of the Valley), our SCA-rs Deputy for the Kingdom of Atlantia, for stepping in to assist with event reconciliation.

Commendations are also in order for a trio who are moving on from their roles at the end of April: Rusty Lloyd (Sir Aaron Palomides of Buckminster) as the Manager of Information Technology; Patrick Anderson (Baron Gabriel of Nordskogen) as Legal Counsel; and Dan Watson (Sir Bartholomew Hightower) coming to the end of his tenure on the Board.

More interesting and weighty commendations will certainly be put forth by those who have been lucky enough to work with you longer and know you better, so I won’t try and keep up! Rusty, Patrick, and Dan: Sirs, thank you from the bottom of my heart for being so welcoming, helpful, and patient as I found my footing here over the past year. You’re some extraordinary folks, and I

hope one day we can actually meet in person and raise a glass or a song together.

### Publishable Summary

- The trademark renewal for the SCA laurel shield logo has been filed with the US Patent & Trademark Office as of March 8. Approval can take several months and is still pending. No issues are anticipated.
- As a reminder, the official PO Box for the Corporate Office has been updated As of January 1, 2022. The *new* mailing address is: PO Box 611928, San Jose, CA 95161. Mail forwarding from the Milpitas PO Box will continue for several more months, to allow ample time to update documentation and get the word out.
- The Membership Assistance Fund continues to be utilized regularly, and we are continually grateful for the generosity of our donors. We have distributed over \$3,000 in assistance, with a balance of \$3900 currently remaining in the fund. More information can be found on the SCA website at: <https://www.sca.org/membership-assistance-fund/>. If you have any questions about donating to or using this program, please don't hesitate to contact the Corporate Office. All requests are confidential.
- We are in the intermediate stages of finding a new CRM system to replace Members Only and Cumulus, the system used by the SCA Corporate Office for membership management and the web store, as well as by many Kingdoms for event registration (the SCA-rs Event Module). The president of Members Only intends to retire this year and the Members Only system will no longer be supported after 2022.
- On a related note, we are aware that the system has been experiencing some recurring issues over the last several months, most persistently with the password reset feature, the SCA-rs registration system, and the Marketplace. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone for their patience as Nataalya and I work to sort through the resulting delays.

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

Commendations: Thanks to Matthew Cavalletto / Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin for all the work he has done gathering information about the Release forms and their uses. His work on an initial draft of a Release Forms Handbook has been exceptionally helpful. Commendations to Krystal Smith / Cecilia Blythe for stepping into the Society Chronicler role so quickly. Thanks go to Stephanie Sitzes/Arianna Stefana Falconi for her long service as the Society Chronicler and providing a smooth transition of office for Cecilia. The entire Publications Team for their tireless work providing quality publications for the SCA.

Publishable Summary: The Publications Team continues to do wonderful work in providing newsletters, the magazine *Tournaments Illuminated*, and the scholastic publication of *Compleat Anachronist*. The hard work and long hours of volunteer service from the Team is much appreciated.

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

Commendations: *I thank TI's peerless Art Director Joyce Morris /Mistress Gwendolyn of Amberwood, OL for her adaptability, support, and continuing encouragement in the face of unforeseen complications with Issue 217 in particular, as well as the usual everyday concerns of issue production. I also want to express my particular appreciation to TI authors Beth Wolf / Mistress Elspeth of Stillwater, OL, and Tim and Debbie Coyle /Master Timotheus Zachariah, OL and Mistress Lynnette de Sandoval, OP, for their understanding and assistance with the issue.*

Publishable Summary: Tournaments Illuminated *Issue 217 is going to press in the coming week, to be followed in four to six weeks by Issue 218. Issues 219 and 220 are in production; Issue 221 is on the drawing board.*

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

Commendations: Many thanks to Mia Reeves for CA 194, *Recreating Elizabethan and Jacobean Theatrical Performance*. Although published a little later than planned, it became 2021's fourth quarter publication. Thanks also must go to her reviewers: Jeff Berry, Steven Dempsey, and Elizabeth Faulcon. Kudos also, per usual, to Elise Fleming for her eagle-eyed assistance with copy editing, and to Sue Gilbert for her expert layout and design work, along with her patience.

Early thanks go to Gerald Livings, who currently is finalizing his long-planned and long-drafted CA on aiglets. He expects to send me his final copy later this week, and it most likely will be CA 195.

Publishable Summary: Current Issue: CA 194: *Recreating Elizabethan and Jacobean Theatrical Performance*

Recreating theatrical performance from centuries ago can involve many factors, including historical period-style pronunciation and speech, as best as we know; what costumes or clothes were worn, etc. A lot of research goes into presenting a performance in a similar style to how it would have been seen when it was performed originally. Dramaturgy is the term for theatrical research for the production of a play, and this *Compleat Anachronist* strives to perform the role of a dramaturg, focusing on Elizabethan and Jacobean theatre.

**Society Chronicler** – Krystal Smith (Cecilia Blythe)

Commendations: My gratitude to Countess Honor and Mistress Arianna for their continuing tremendous help in transitioning this office.

Publishable Summary: I am new the job and learning as I go. With the help of the Publications Manager and the previous Society Chronicler, things have been smooth sailing so far.

**Interim Treasurer** - Bonnie Stringer (Marcel Orillion)

Commendations: Many thanks to Mazelle and Carolyn – we have been shadowing each other so the change over will continue to be smooth.

**Publishable Summary:** The SCA corporate office is still operating under a negative balance for 2022 due to the decrease in membership revenue and non-member registration fees. Some savings are now hitting the books since the office move is completed. Old PO Box will be closed within the next few months. We must continue to remain diligent and stay within budget when possible.

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

**Commendations:** I would like to thank the Gulf Wars Exchequer Staff and Gate Staff. These good people have worked before Covid to get a Fast Pass system implemented. This Fast Pass system allowed attendees that have registered for Gulf Wars to check-in at gate without leaving their car. This same team is already working to improve that system for next year. I would like to also thank all of the volunteers that worked at the gate.

I would like to thank Christina Lusk (Mistress Crystyna) for her diligence keeping NMR payments current. She stays on top of Kingdom reports as well as NMR checks that are mailed to Corporate. This helps with the cash flow at the corporate office.

**Publishable Summary:** We are discovering bugs in the SCA registration system. These are being amplified due to the large number of events being held. Corporate office is aware of this issue and each one is being address as they are discovered.

Kingdoms that are approved to use PayPal (per current Society PP Policy) may continue to use PayPal. Kingdoms and group must maintain a clean financial house – all reports, NMR etc must be current. If PayPal Here is used for “at the door” credit card payments – Financial Policy must be updated to use PayPal Zettle. Refresher training is available as needed.

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

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And on a more personal note, I'd like to thank Rusty Lloyd for his help and cooperation with the IT needs of this office. If the SCA is full of nerds, heralds are the nerds of the nerds, and we tend to be pretty heavy technology users. I am certain we've needed the most resources from his department outside of the Board and the central office, but he's always been willing to work with our own IT folks, and I hope they've been occasionally useful in return.

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**Marshal** - Ray Dubose (Sir Rey RiBeaumont)

**Commendations:** The Society Marshal would like to commend Duke Padruig dubh Chlogad of Gleann Abhann, who was Marshal in Charge at this past Gulf Wars, for a fine job in a difficult position. I would also like to thank Master William Hauke of Effingham for this work with the Marshal's Handbook. I'd also like to thank Mistress Bricca di Ghelere and Mistress Barb-ha-Ra of the Crossroads for always helping at Inspection Point – You ladies are a pillar of sanity and organization for the marshals! And as always, Countess Miriel for her support and help.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Armored Combat states Duke Padruig did an outstanding job as MIC of Gulf Wars this year.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Armored Combat (Rebated Steel) would like to commend Alric the Mad and Kari Kel O'Conner for help with steel in Atlantia.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Combat Archery would like to commend Countess Brenna

Jerabek for a well-run Gulf Wars!

The Deputy Society Marshal for Equestrian would like to commend Rhys Le Horsemon ( Dennis Riddlemoser) for all of his hard work during the pandemic helping with organizing Gulf Wars. He was super flexible and positive when all the cancellations would happen, and really worked hard getting everything organized before war could happen. He is focused on everyone's safety, as well as the horses safety and was a pleasure to work with. He really stepped up to the plate in these unconventional times.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Youth Combat would like to commend several people. In the West Kingdom, Lady Ljufvina of Vakkerfjell is mentioned as really stepping up to get Youth Combat going again there. In the Middle, Angus Robertsson has stepped down, highly praised by his successor for his long and very successful tenure for the kids there. In Meridies THL David Duckworth who is a local YC Marshal has stepped up to oversee all the action for the kids at Gulf Wars, a big job!, that he's very capable for. Finally in Northshield Luftwine Byrnsmið & El Gran Senor Antolin el Tunante de Treburgos have been doing an amazing job holding practices at a public park with attendance often around 15 fighters, and they continually are getting a lot of attention from visitors for YC in the SCA.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Siege Weapons states: Kudos to Baroness Caterina in Ansteorra for continuing to push siege in her kingdom during the slow times we have encountered.

**Publishable Summary:** As we roll into spring and the weather starts to heat up, please make sure to stay hydrated. Also, remember to keep the channels of communication open on the field with other fighters – cool heads prevail and get much better results than just getting angry and walking away. Make sure to check your weapons and armor to make sure they are in good repair. There have been several reports of calibration issues, so be cognizant of calibration. 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.

The cut off for resumes has passed for the DSEM – Target Archery and Thrown Weapons Marshal, and the Emergency Replacement Deputy. I am currently reviewing them and scheduling interviews.

**Minister of Arts and Sciences** – Sarah M. Nobel McGee (Hildegard Bergerin)

**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 Kingdom Arts and Sciences officers for their constant adjustments as we move from Covid closures into the world of hybrid and reopening in-person activities.
- Congratulations to Æthelmearc 's Barony of Thescore who held their annual (virtual) College of 3 Ravens Scola. They had 27 classes taught by 23 teachers.
- Congratulations to Ansteorra's newest Kingdom Artisan, HL Anne von Weise.
- Commendations to Artemisia's Baroness Rahmut al-Tayyiba has been hosting a weekly webcast Road to Retention, Duke Sean Kirkpatrick Tarragon has been hosting several webcasts (Including Coaches' Corner and his What Makes a Knight) and guest appearances on several webcasts that have been hosted around the Known World,

- Laurel Maysun al-Isfahaniyya and Baroness Helena Boccardi for their service as their local Baronies Minister of Arts and Science.
- Commendations to the University of Atlantia staff and instructors for holding a two-day, online session with about 140 classes and 750 students.
- Thank you to THL Emelote of Calais for her years of service as Ealdormere's KMoAS.
- Congratulations to East Kingdom for successfully running East Goes East, an online teaching event focusing on Asian art and history.
- Commendations to Lord Bjorn Saemundarson of Lochac for his work as editor of the Cockatrice for the past two years, and to Lady Mathilde Ficke Sitt, who will be the new editor of the Cockatrice. Congratulations to Mistress Katherine Kerr won first place in the Experienced category with a wardrobe of garb for herself and her consort, in a Kingdom A&S Competition. To Lord Dytryk Lehrer who took first and second place in the Intermediate and Beginner categories, with sharab al tuffah, a pair of pickled onion recipes, a wire-wrapped pendant, and dipped tallow candles.
- Commendations to the staff of RUM (Royal University of the Midrealm) who did an amazing job of an all-day online event. RUM included over 250 attendees from 12 kingdoms, and 47 classes, plus keynote speaker and lunch time roundtable. There were 38 different teachers, totaling more than 50 hours of teaching time. Post event there was a Bardic circle welcoming all levels with approximately 30 performing participants. Almost all of the classes were recorded and posted to the Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM) YouTube channel.
- Commendations to Master Egill, in the Outlands Shire of Draca Mor, who has been teaching people to make musical instruments like lyres and tellaharpa cellos.
- Special thanks to Friar Galen of Ockham, MC, OP, OL for his years serving as the Society's first MoAS Sciences Division Deputy.
- Special thanks to Master Donovan Shinnock, for his years of service as MoAS Deputy of Historic Combat Studies.

Publishable Summary: The Society for Creative Anachronism continues to fulfill its mission to research and re-create the arts and skills of the pre-17<sup>th</sup> century world.

This quarter has seen online universities, collegia, competitions, Zoom gatherings, classes, and workshops. While the overall number of these events continues to be reduced slightly from previous pandemic quarters, they are still a prominent way the Arts & Sciences are being explored and shared.

Kingdom and local officers continue to adjust and adapt to the changing ways in which we do Arts & Sciences activities, including working toward hybrid (online and in-person) activities and displays.

The Society Minister of Arts and Sciences has an official Facebook presence located at: <https://www.facebook.com/SocietyMinisterArtsandSciences/>

This page allows members to receive information about arts and sciences activities throughout the Known World and encourages them to share their own projects, promote local artisans, and connect with others who share their interests. I plan to continue the Facebook fun with Work-in-Progress Day, a rotating focus on various areas of A&S, and possibly an occasional Artisan/Scientist Spotlight as the opportunity arises.

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. I continue to



maintain an email response time to warranted officers of no more than 48 hours (except for when I am away at in-person events, when response time may be within 48 hours of return).

**Peerage Committee** – Chair Greg Regnier (Ryan mac Whyte)

Commendations: The Peerage Committee commends Board Member Dan Watson for his invaluable insight and contributions to the committee since becoming its Board ombudsman.

Publishable Summary: The Peerage committee, with gathered data from the populace, finds sufficient mandate and popular support for the creation of a Peerage to be formed to be inclusive of the combined marital pursuits not already covered by the Order of Defense or the Order of Knighthood/Order of Mastery of Arms. The peerage committee also finds sufficient mandate and popular support for the inclusion of the mechanism by which the membership of an existing peerage can petition to segregate a specific activity into a new peerage.

**Census Committee** – Chair Julia Smith (Juliana de Luna)

The 2020 SCA Census committee is pleased to announce that Kingdom Seneschals (or individuals authorized by the Seneschal) can request data from the census by completing the online form at: <https://forms.gle/DUnwThuhjgek4LUa8>. The request will be communicated to the Chair of the 2020 SCA Census committee, and tracked over time to document where the Census data/reports have been shared. Reports will include statistical and qualitative information in summary form, and will not contain any personally identifiable information.

**Sanctions:**

A. David McDowell (Peregrine Falconer)

Motion by Gigi Coulson to uphold the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of David McDowell (Peregrine Falconer) as issued by Vik and A'isha, Crown of the Kingdom of Avacal, and their Kingdom Seneschal on January 28 2022; to extend the Temporary Removal from Participation; and further, to direct the Society Seneschal to begin an investigation into possible sanctions up to and including revocation of membership and denial of participation. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

B. Heather Anne Armstrong (Anna Jane Burd)

Motion by Dan Watson to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Heather Anne Armstrong (Anna Jane Burd) , effective immediately. Second by Natalie Degerstrom. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

C. Robert Housholder (Ronan Blackmoor)

Director Ross Roegner recused himself from discussion of or action in the matter.

Motion by Dan Watson to table. Second by Pug Bainter. In favor: Pug Bainter Dan Watson. Opposed: Gigi Coulson, Natalie Degerstrom, Jennifer Krochmal. Motion failed.

Motion by Pug Bainter to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Robert Housholder (Ronan Blackmoor), effective immediately. Second by Natalie Degerstrom. Opposed: None. Recused: Ross Roegner. Chair Dale Fong-Frederick exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

D. Jeffrey Santo (Geoff the Smith)

Motion by Pug Bainter to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Jeffrey Santo (Geoff the Smith), effective immediately. Second by Ross Roegner. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

E. Wayne Scrivner (Wane of Silvercreek)

Motion by Natalie Degerstrom to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Wayne Scrivner (Wane of Silvercreek), effective immediately, and further to permit publication of same in both the newsletters for the Kingdoms of Meridies and Caid. Second by Ross Roegner. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

F. Wayne Stevens (Lohan)

Motion by Dan Watson to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Wayne Stevens (Lohan), effective immediately. Second by Gigi Coulson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

G. John Transue (Garrett du Bouclier Noir)

Motion by Dan Watson to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, John Transue (Garrett du Bouclier Noir), effective immediately. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

H. John Volungus (No known SCA name)

Motion by Gigi Coulson to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, John Volungus (SCA name unknown), effective immediately. Second by Dan Watson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

I. Bill Mesaros (Bela)

By consensus, no action was taken.

J. Camber Menschel (Tanaka Kamatari)

Motion by Dan Watson to uphold the Exile from the Kingdom. of Camber Menschel (Tanaka Kamatari) as issued by Miles and Jitka, Crown of the West Kingdom, on March 26, 2022; Second by Gigi Coulson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gigi Coulson to direct the SocSen to issue a temporary removal from participation on Camber Menschel (Tanaka Kamatari), and further, to begin an investigation into possible

sanctions up to and including revocation of membership and denial of participation. Second by Ross Roegner. In favor: Gigi Coulson, Natalie Degerstrom, Jennifer Krochmal, Ross Roegner. Opposed: Pug Bainter, Dan Watson. Motion carried.

K. Robyn Houts

By consensus, no action was taken.