



# 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 July 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/MjVG2HcDXiM>

The Board will continue to have the quarterly meetings online and live tentatively through April 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 July 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. October 16, 2022 (via ViOP)
2. January 22, 2023 (via ViOP) (Tenative)
3. April 23, 2023(via ViOP) (Tenative)
4. July 22, 2023 (Tentative)
5. October 22, 2023 (Tenative)

The Board of Directors is considering the possibility of a return to live meetings in late 2023. Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant (ea@sca.org) for information on meeting requirements and how to submit a bid.

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

1. Monday, August 29, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. PDT
2. Monday, September 26, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. PDT

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

The Board approved the dissolution of the following groups:

1. An Tir: Shire of Druim Doineann (Port Angeles, WA):
2. Meridies: Shire of Talmere (Carrollton, GA):
3. Artemisia: Shire of Crystal Crag (Kalispell, MT):

### **Board Nominations**

As of the July 24, 2022 meeting, there were thirty-five (37) 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	1	Meridies	3
Atenveldt	1	Middle	6
Atlantia	4	Northshield	2
Avacal	0	Outlands	1
Caid	1	Trimaris	1
Calontir	3	West	1
Drachenwald	0		

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

### **Variations Granted by Society Seneschal**

1. Outlands: Variance granted to allow Crown Tournament to occur as scheduled despite the lack of a full event announcement in the kingdom newsletter. The event did appear on the newsletter calendar, on the kingdom website, and on social media; however, the newsletter did not publish a full announcement as required by Corpora. Variance granted 4/10/2022.
2. Aethelmearc: Variance granted for Aethelmearc to hold their kingdom Curia, as specified in Kingdom Law, at Aethelmearc War Practice despite not having published an announcement in the newsletter as required by Kingdom Law. It was publicized on social media and the web site. Variance granted 4/13/2022.

3. Caid: With agreement from the VP of Corporate Operations, variance granted for the Barony of Lyondemere to send a one-time special edition of their newsletter to all paid members residing in the barony's zip codes. Variance granted 4/15/2022.
4. Atlantia: Variance granted to Atlantia Kingdom Law to allow the Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills to extend their term by four months without having to poll for a second term as normally specified in law. They do not want a full second term, but due to early resignation of their predecessors they stepped up at an inconvenient time for the barony and wish to return to the traditional calendar for changing the baronial seat. The Crown and heirs are in agreement with this variance. Variance granted 5/17/2022.
5. Outlands: Variance to allow a change of site for Grand Outlandish and Baronial Investiture, due to fire considerations. The event was supposed to be held at a site with high wildfire risk; instead it was held within the city of Albuquerque over Memorial Day weekend. Variance granted 5/17/2022.
6. East: Variance granted to allow a one-time change to several bid deadlines for kingdom events specified in kingdom law. The variance was requested due to the recent shutdown of the kingdom because of the Omicron variant, which threw things off schedule. Variance granted 5/20/2022.
7. Aethelmearc: Variance granted to the new policy, approved by the Board at the April quarterly meeting, to allow the Barony of Thescore to continue with an event that had been planned prior to the policy's approval which would violate the policy because the local exchequer is the site owner and also part of the financial committee approving the budget. Because the policy was not passed until late April, this is within the window usually allowed for enforcement of new policies. Variance granted 5/24/2022.
8. Outlands: Variance granted for their Queen's Prize/Clan War event, scheduled for June 10-12, to change sites on short notice due to the original site being closed because of wildfires. Variance granted 5/25/2022.
9. Calontir: Variance granted to allow the kingdom to have an online "law court" without an announcement having appeared in the kingdom newsletter. Calontir had quite a few law changes and decided to do a virtual court to read the law changes. The kingdom was unaware that this needed to be published as the previous blanket variance for online courts had expired. The "law court" was broadcast live the evening of May 12, 2022, and the broadcast was recorded and made available via the kingdom website and Youtube channel for later viewing, which was publicized. Variance granted 5/31/2022.
10. East: I granted a one-time variance on the recent policy forbidding site owners from being event stewards, because by the time the policy was published in May, there was already an event planned where this would occur and it was too late to change the event steward. I consider this to fall under the "60 days to implement a new policy" guideline. Variance granted 5/31/2022.
11. Meridies: I granted a one-time variance to their kingdom law which specifies that Crown Tourney must be held on the second weekend of October. This was so that the Crown could attend Great Western War. (I also advised them to consider building some flexibility into that kingdom law). Variance granted 6/15/2022.

## **Oral Tradition Resolution**

To further inclusion of cultural diversity in the SCA, the following Resolution was adopted by the Board:

Whereas some historical cultures are based on oral traditions; and

Whereas some historical cultures lost historical documentation due to environmental and human intervention; and

Whereas many historical cultures existed outside of the European sphere.

The Board of Directors does hereby direct all officers whose area of influence would be naturally affected by this directive, to develop a protocol for the full recognition and approval of aspects of cultures not based wholly on written documentation, but sufficiently shown to be in existence during the period covered under SCA guidelines.

## **SCA ARCHIVES TRANSFER PLANS**

Charles Alderson (Master Aldred von Lechsend aus Froschheim) is the current Society Archivist. For years he has graciously allowed storage of the SCA archival documents on his property. However, the time has come that the archives will need to be transferred to a new facility. Plans are currently in development for this project, and information on how the membership can help will be forthcoming soon. In the interim, if you have not seen it already, please take some time to watch a tour of the archives as filmed by Director Natalie Degerstrom. That video can be located here:

<https://www.facebook.com/NatSnap/videos/10105626576751939/>

## **Updated SCA Bullying and Harassment Policy**

The SCA stands against bullying and harassment in all forms. Please find the updated policy here:

<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Bullying-policy-revision-approved-7-24-2022.pdf>

## **Banishment from the Royal Presence**

A Banishment from the Royal Presence is defined in the Sanctions Manual as follows: “A Banishment from the Royal Presence, at any function, activity or event which the Sovereign or Consort attend, precludes the sanctioned individual from attending any Royal Court, any meetings where the Crown is present including Peerage or officer meetings, entry into the Royal Encampment, contacting the Crown in any manner, or otherwise being within 50 feet of the Crown.”

The question was asked as to whether an individual who has been banished by the Crown can

continue to act as a warranted marshal. The following policy interpretation was requested by the Society Seneschal and upheld by the Board: Banishment from the Royal Presence does not mean that an individual cannot act as a warranted marshal (or by extension other warranted officer) during the banishment, if such duties can be conducted within the restrictions set forth by such a sanction.

### **Authority of the Earl Marshal**

Per Corpora IX.A.1: "The Earl Marshal shall warrant marshals in order to conduct martial activities within their kingdom. Marshals are officers of the Society and shall be warranted in accordance with Society procedures laid down for warranting officers. In addition, marshals shall be warranted with particular authorities as defined by the Earl Marshal, whether those be by discipline (e.g. armored vs. fencing), role (e.g. field marshal or authorizing marshal) or other defined roles in the chain of command (e.g. Deputy Earl Marshal)."

The question was asked with regard to the Earl Marshal's authority to issue authorizations for individuals regardless of the system or discipline. The following policy interpretation was requested by the Society Seneschal and upheld by the Board:

The Earl Marshal is the ultimate arbiter of authorizations for all martial systems within their kingdom. For the duration of the Earl Marshal's term, they have the authority to issue or confirm authorizations in any such system, in accordance with any relevant kingdom laws, regardless of whether they had previously been an authorized marshal in that particular system.

### **Baronial Officer Roster - Chroniclers.**

The following policy interpretation was requested by the Society Seneschal and upheld by the Board:

Baronies must produce a baronial newsletter; however, the newsletter may be produced by an officer other than a chronicler. Production of a newsletter may be combined with the duties of another office if desired.

### **Virtual events**

The following policy interpretation was requested by the Society Seneschal and upheld by the Board:

Virtual events are still events and as such, they are permitted if a kingdom or branch wants to hold them. If the royalty wishes to hold a virtual court, they may do so, so long as all other requirements regarding events, such as properly timed announcements, are maintained

The following policy interpretation was requested by the Corporate Treasurer and upheld by the Board:

Virtual events do not require the charging of the NMR if the event charges a fee to

attend.

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

At the request of the Society Exchequer, the Board approved the Kingdom of Artemisia Financial Policy.

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

1. Approval of a change to A5F1b “Substantial Change of Direction of Division” to add *orly* as a field division that is substantially different from all other field divisions. This is a recently documented period field division and adding it to this section makes it clear that it does not conflict with other field divisions.
2. Approval of changes to the augmentation rules in A3A3, A5C4, and A6C to support the use of chiefs as a method of augmentation, another practice found in period. Also, approval of a change to A6C to clarify that a lozenge with a single, non-ordinary tertiary charge is not considered arms of pretense or an augmentation. This is in line with precedent since SENA has been implemented.
3. Approval of changes to A3D2c “Unity of Posture and Orientation” to clarify how we determine if charges in a group must have the same or similar orientations or postures. This incorporates existing precedent and makes it easier for heralds to determine when the section does, and does not, apply.
4. Approval of an addition to the examples in PN4B1 “Use of Elements That Appear to Be Titles” to make it clearer that the section also applies to elements that appear to be forms of address (such as Friar and Widow) even if we don’t protect those elements.
5. Changes to SENA appendices: Updated Appendix A “Patterns That Do Not Need Further Documentation by Language Group” to include updates to naming practices in the German, late period English, Irish Gaelic, Russian, and Baltic languages. These changes align the SENA appendix with existing precedent and make it easier for submitters and heralds to find acceptable patterns in various languages and reduce the amount of supporting documentation needed.
6. Changes to SENA appendices: Revised Appendix B “Types of Bynames” to clarify what is meant by locative bynames and how they are formed.
7. Changes to SENA appendices: Updated Appendix C “Regional Naming Groups and Their Mixes” to include Indian regional groups. This will make it easier for submitters wishing to register names from the Indian subcontinent to understand the allowed lingual mixes.
8. Changes to SENA appendices: Updated Appendix E “Currently Registrable Designators for Non-Personal Name Submissions” to include more examples of approved household designators and adding references so that determining when each designator is appropriate is easier.

9. Changes to SENA appendices: Simplified Appendix H “Low-Contrast Complex Lines of Division” to make it easier to use.
10. Changes to SENA appendices: Updated Appendix J “Documented and Forbidden Arrangements of Charge Groups on Armory” to include more period patterns of charge arrangement.
11. Changes to SENA appendices: Updated Appendix M “Some Resource for Conflict Checking” to include a section on comparable posture and orientation. This adds existing precedent to the appendix, making it easier for submitters to understand what needs to be compared when determining if their armory meets our style standards.
12. Changes to the Glossary of Terms: Updated the definition of *overall* to match that used in SENA.
13. Change to the Administrative Handbook appendices: Updated Appendix H “Sources That Do Not Require Photocopies to Laurel” to include a second URL for Juliana de Luna’s articles.

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

### **Marshal’s Office Updates**

#### *Handbook Update*

Marshal’s Handbook page 23, Section VII.G.5.I regarding Combat Archery - Rule updated to read *Allowed commercial blunts: Baldar, Fathead, Fathead 2 and Star only.*

#### *Policy Updates*

With regard to helmets with gaps on sides or top that are greater than 1”: covering a gap as a temporary measure where something was bent out of place is o.k., such as using cording or tape to build up a bar grill so that it does to have a 1” gap, but this is only a temporary solution. If there is a larger issue such as a large gap on the side or top of a helmet you cannot use a non-approved helmet material to fix the issue (ie putting chain mail, tape or leather over the hole/gap).

With regard to whether or not a person can be an authorized/warranted youth marshal but not have a background check. Interpretation determined the answer is no. You can’t be an authorized Youth Combat Marshal without getting a background check. However, all adults helping with children’s activities, including youth combat, do not need to be background checked. There needs to be a duly authorized and background-checked youth marshal present and overseeing the activities, but others can assist.

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**

Bart Roegner (Barthelemy of Illyria) – Chair – Board of Directors

Aaron Lloyd (Aaron Palomides of Buckminster) – Interim Fill – Board of Directors – Seat A

Mark Faulcon (Duke Martin Lochner) – Director Elect – Seat G

Nicholas Milano (Iain MacArthur) – Society Webminister

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).

In service and respect,

John

John Fulton

Duke John the Bearkiller

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## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

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

Commendations: I would like to commend all of the Exchequers across the Known World for their work. THL Petra of the Rozaki mka Petra Hall the Kingdom Exchequer of Ealdormere is especially noteworthy of thanks by my office. Petra has handled multiple issues dealing with banking questions and continues to help SCA, Inc. and the SCA participants and groups in Canada identify and address issues that deal with financial responsibility.

Publishable Summary: SCA Kingdoms and their groups are continuing to hold in person events while making continuing efforts to keep everyone safe due to the ever-present Covid threat. Interkingdom events are ongoing. I will submit this report to the Board on July 1, 2022, while at the same time An Tir West War XXXVI begins. Gulf Wars was a success a few months ago and Lilies War XXXIII ended on June 26, 2022.

While this has been going on Pennsic 49 will begin on July 29, 2022. It has been a long two years but as we toil through the hot summer months it is with anticipation that we all get ready for the increase in a wide variety of in person events that fall of 2022 will bring.

Now would be a good time as any to remind everyone that the cost of event attendance for those who are not members the SCA may be eased by purchasing a paid membership. In addition to saving a bit of coin on attendance fees SCA membership also provides the benefit of becoming an

officer in the organization as well as helping our Not For Profit pay for insurance, office and business expenses, and other costs associated with keeping the SCA going as a legal entity. The price of membership, including family memberships, has not risen in a good many years and it is, certainly in my opinion, a pretty good bargain. Please consider becoming a member today. Membership signup and additional information on benefits of membership can be found here: <https://members.sca.org/apps/#SignIn>

The SCA is in the process of replacing our old and nearing end of life software used for membership, the SCA Market Place, and event registration. The new software is being provided by Neon One. The nonprofit CRM is in the process of installation and testing with a planned final implementation date of October 2022. This will provide a substantial saving in cost which should be realized before the end of 2022 as well as a planned upgrade in availability and reliability for all users. An announcement will be forthcoming on this soon.

The Board meetings in this July (approaching fast) and October 2022 as well as January 2023 will continue to occur on GoToWebinar. Meetings past January 2023 are planned to also be online in the foreseeable future. Information on Board meetings can be found here as well as details on agendas and other items. <https://www.sca.org/board-meetings/>

SCA, Inc. continues to be healthy though we are having to be as careful as possible with our budgeting and spending. As I mentioned above the new member software should bring immediate savings.

### **Manager for Information Technology – Sam Davis (Thomas Blackmoore)**

Commendations: I commend David Dewbre for his continued efforts to maintain our IT infrastructure and his patience with my learning curve; Louis Du Cray for her assistance in getting me up to speed, her patience and dogged determination in navigating the current CRM issues, and her efforts in the CRM replacement search; Nicolas Milano for being willing to step in and help me with issues that have arisen within purview of the webminister position; Aaron Rusty Lloyd for his years of service and his excellent mentorship as I stepped into the large shoes he left behind; Hunter Eidson who was willing to step in and help me trouble shoot some of our more confusing issues. His service is all the more appreciated since he has never been active in the SCA. He is a friend who was willing to help in a time-critical situation.

Publishable Summary: Things in IT are going well. I am beginning to feel settled into my new position. We have corrected several email issues related both to traditional emails and our email lists. This includes the issues emails coming from our current CRM. These issues were difficult to diagnose and correct as they were a Gordian knot of minor issues across several subsystems that compounded each other.

IT continues to look for ways to improve our offerings. Spam reduction is one of our top priorities at this point. We have made progress there, but more can always be done. We look forward to welcoming aboard a new webminister. The new CRM promises to be an excellent replacement for the current system and should provide many ways to improve the membership's experience.

### **Communications - Brigid Costello (Anne de Tournai)**

Commendations My thanks to Katie Gilroy, Leslie Luther-Fulton, John Fulton, Louise Du Cray, Lis Schraer, Jessica Van Hattem, Myah Tree and Marla Sellinger for their continuing support of the communications functions.

Publishable Summary: Effective corporate communications supports and enhances the purpose of the organisation. Building on strong foundations, the office is currently reviewing opportunities to increase transparency, minimise misunderstanding, improve engagement and understanding, support officers and continue to build the Society's identity.

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

Commendations: I commend to the Board's notice: Lady Bella Dona dei Sorci, KSMO and the Kingdom of the West SM team (Christina O'Riain, Rhys ap Gwion Baird THL, William of the Red Valley, Tellina di Giuseppe da Fiesole, Ásta Bjarnardóttir) for surpassing 10k followers on TikTok and ongoing excellence. Faustus Cantilius Lupus for his excellent work as the KSMO of Calontir.; Olivia Trevisanna for doing an amazing job running the Discord channel for the Kingdom of Atlantia; Miriam bat Shimeon and the photographers of Lochac for sharing so much wonderful photography through their social channels; All of those content creators on Instagram, TikTok, YouTube and beyond who are putting the "Creative" in Society for Creative Anachronism. Thank you to John, Lis, Rusty, Ross and Brigid for their continuing support of Social Media

Publishable Summary: In person events are back, and it is showing in the amount of content being shared online. Many groups are now utilizing TikTok as a platform to share the SCA online which is wonderful! Online engagement and interaction looks good; our communities largely seems to be growing and gaining more members. The KSMOs have been doing a great job moderating these official platforms and keeping everyone safe online. I am also currently working on multiple projects to help keep our online and physical presence up to date and give local groups some resources to help with recruiting, retention, and education.

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

Commendations: I'd like to commend all of the DEI Kingdom Officers, who have approached the beginning of the summer with classes, information, and tips to make their kingdoms more accessible and inclusive; 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: The official DEI Facebook page (which can be found 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: The kingdom seneschal of Drachenwald, Margaret Menzies (Mistress Margaret de Mey) turned over her office in June. Margaret had done a somewhat extended term of close to three years. She has been communicative and thoughtful in guiding her very complex kingdom through COVID. Of all the kingdom seneschals, she is the one who must deal with more than a dozen different countries, each with its own laws and public health regulations, as well as several SCA affiliate organizations with their own Boards of Directors. She has done all this with grace and intelligence, and she has my everlasting respect.

Also in June, Pat Jackson (Duke Albrecht von Rugen) stepped down as kingdom seneschal of Avacal. He stepped into this job right as COVID began. He followed a couple of shortened terms and completed a full term filled with interesting times for his kingdom and the SCA. Congratulations on a job well done.

By the time this report is publicly read, the seneschal of Meridies will have changed. Mittie Lees (Mistress Zayn al-Munajjima, though she assures me that nobody ever calls her that or even knows who that is) stepped up a bit early when her excellent predecessor found that her modern job had become too demanding to continue with a demanding SCA job. Mittie has also guided her kingdom through difficult times, and done a fine job. I hope to see her in the future as I have realized that routine travel to parts of Meridies is not as difficult for me as I used to think.

And the West Kingdom has acquired a new seneschal. They were in need of an interim seneschal for six months, and Nancy Reimers (Viscountess Else Hunrvogt), the erstwhile emergency deputy, filled the gap. Thank you for your service to the kingdom.

Finally, at the end of this month the Society Chatelaine's office will change over. I inherited Anne Stevenson (Maestra Giovanna Adimari) as a deputy, and she has done a magnificent job in the office. She is perforce pretty self-sufficient due to my having other responsibilities, and she has been well capable of the task. Even during the pandemic and shutdown of SCA activities, she has kept in close touch with kingdom chatelaines and helped them through their recruitment struggles and office struggles. I have every confidence in her successor, but she does leave large shoes to fill. Thank you, Anne, for your continuing service to the SCA.

From the kingdom seneschals I have the following commendations:

Drachenwald: The members of the Drachenwald Law council are to be commended for their diligence and efforts in completing this gender neutral project as well as updating other sections to make the law document more understandable. The members were Baron Gilbert Blakthorn, Master Dubhghall mac Ébhearáird, Duchess Alienor of Farryngdon, Viscount Duncan Kerr, Mistress Memorantia van de Linde, Duke William of Richwood, Lord Aodh Ó Siadhail, Lady Ellisa von Styra, Mistress Anna Syveken, Viscountess Kareina Talvi Tytär, Countess Anna von Urwald,

Master Pietari Uv and Baroness Maerith aff Weselax. Special thanks to Master Dubbghall and Lord Aodh who chaired the council over the past 2 years.

Northshield: I want to thank Alinore for being a great Kingdom Seneschal through the roughest of times and being kind enough to answer all my questions as I learn the ropes. This is very different from just watching as emergency deputy, I have some big shoes to fill. I want to also thank THL Kate de Mallow as one of our first of three Kingdom Advocates for her time in the position. She is the first of the three to be able to step down and I know that she has and is a great asset to our kingdom and to that fledgling position. Thank you Kate.

Meridies: As this is my last quarterly report as Kingdom Seneschal, I wish to offer the following commendations: Mistress Annora Draper, Graf Ulrich von Brandenburg, Mistress Gwendolynn of the alphabet soup, Mistress Jane Wolfdon, Grafin Katerina von Brandenburg, Mistress Catja Mulyovskaya, THL Dubhghall mac Pharthalain, Sir Griffin o'Suaird, Baroness Geira Dansdóttir, THL Iain MacArthur, Baroness Genevieve d'Avignon, Baroness Emelina le Norreys.

These individuals provided immeasurable support, whether it was personal, logistics, emotional, advisory, investigative, spare brain cell, or any number of other things. Some of them have been or are Kingdom Officers, some are the void into which I scream, some have been willing to handle any ugly task that I handed them, and ALL of them have proven themselves to be invaluable.

Caid: The Kingdom of Caid is doing well and we have our officers & volunteers to thank for their time and energy. We are glad that people are excited to return to SCA events. Our Kingdom Exchequer Cara Michelle DuValier, stepped down at Potrero War this past weekend and we cannot thank her enough for all her work to keep the lights on during quarantine and the height of the pandemic. We are sure her replacement will keep up the fantastic job she has set. Their Majesties Drada & Valrik bring a joy to our Kingdom and we are looking forward to the upcoming summer events. Thank you to everyone who works hard to continue to make the magic of the SCA happen in our Kingdom.

Lochac: This quarter I'd like to thank: Her Excellency Countess Beatrice Maria Malatesta for staying on as my deputy. There have been a few curly question thrown at me, and to have her there to bounce ideas off and nut out problems has been invaluable. The entire Rowany Festival stewarding crew. Rowany Festival is our largest event, and the crew successfully navigated the pandemic requirements to hold the Festival for the first time in 2 years. Whilst the event was capped at a reduced attendance number, it was still a good event. Was my first time attending and I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Publishable Summary: After a winter lull caused by the Omicron variant of COVID, most kingdoms seem to be resuming something close to normal activity. It seems to me, based on quarterly reports, that with outdoor events being the norm there are more events and practices happening. The majority of kingdoms have dropped any COVID restrictions; most of those continuing are in the Northeast which is understandable as they were hit hard by the latest surge. Several kingdoms do continue to use the COVIDSafe Policy, which will be in effect for Pennsic War. The populace is hereby reminded that either a negative test within 72 hours of initial entry to Pennsic, or proof of being fully vaccinated per CDC definitions, will be required of anyone age 5

and up. The populace is also reminded that when traveling to other realms, the rules on masks and vaccinations may be different from those at home, and the wise traveler will check this out before departure.

Most kingdoms who have signature spring/summer/autumn events seem to be returning to holding them at this time, and the populace generally seems to be happily returning to them. As we have all gotten a little out of practice interacting with larger groups of our fellow humans, I'd like to remind everyone to offer a little patience and grace to our fellow participants. I occasionally need those reminders too. Not every careless word is worthy of a full-fledged complaint, and not every disagreement is a major incident. We all need to extend the same benefit of the doubt that we would want as nobody capable of speech is entirely innocent of committing thoughtless acts. And please extend that grace to your officers and volunteers—modern communication methods notwithstanding, most things that happen in the SCA do not require an instantaneous response! In fact, it is often better not to respond immediately, for several reasons.

Follow the rules, have fun, learn new things, enjoy being together again. And please help out to whatever extent you are able, be it running events, holding office, or something as simple as spotting a piece of trash on the ground and taking it to a trash can. Thanks to all our volunteers, from the highest officers to the person sweeping the hall after feast—this organization could not exist without you!

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

Commendations: I would like to commend the advisory group who were involved in the decision-making process that brought us to move forward with our new CRM system: President John Fulton, Treasurer Carolyn Richardson, Accounting Specialist & Event Module Manager Mazelle Attiya, IT Manager Sam Davis, Director Ross Roegner, SCA-rs Deputy Kenda McCormack, and Administrative Assistant Nataalya Urosevic. Thank you for taking the time, asking great questions, and bringing so many ideas and perspectives to the virtual table.

Thanks to Sam Davis (again) and Sys Admin David Dewbre for investigating and sleuthing out some persistent technical issues we've been having, particularly around Gmail problems with the sca.org domain; working with the Members Only team to resolve subdomain and email processing issues; and helping us get the SCA Marketplace online store back in working order.

#### Publishable Summary

I am pleased to announce that we have chosen Neon One CRM as our next system for membership management, event registration, and the web store. This system, a platform which specializes in cost-effective data management solutions for non-profit organizations, will allow us to update and streamline some of our processes to create a more user-friendly technical experience for our members and volunteers.

The anticipated go-live date for the new SCA Membership Portal & Registration System is early in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, on or around October 1. We are planning for only minor downtime during the migration of systems but thank you in advance for your patience.

Some recurring technical issues have now been resolved (thanks to Sam Davis, David Dewbre,

and the team at Members Only), These include some persistent email issues, particularly around Gmail, as well as some back-end problems with the SCA Marketplace ordering system. We are now working through the resulting shipping backlog and thank you to everyone for your patience so far.

The Corporate Office is in the beginning stage of our 2021 financial audit, which is being conducted remotely as in previous pandemic years. As always, our Accounting Specialist Mazelle Attiya will be working closely with the audit team and the Kingdom Exchequers.

The Membership Assistance Fund continues to be utilized regularly, and we remain continually grateful for the generosity of our donors. We have distributed nearly \$4,000 in assistance, with a balance of \$3,600 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.

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.

Please update your documentation and forms. Though mail forwarding will continue for another few months to allow for stragglers, the Milpitas PO Box (360789) is now closed.

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

Commendations: Thanks and commendations to the Publications Team for their hard work and diligence in providing the populace with beautiful and informative newsletters, magazines and scholastic journals. A very special thanks to SCA Librarian (Archivist) Charles Alderson (Master Aldred von Lechsend aus Froschheim) for his incomparable service by preserving the historical documents of the SCA. He has spent decades housing, caring for, and organizing huge number of publications, documents, and historical memorabilia.

Publishable Summary: The Publications Team works hard to provide the populace of the Known World with quality publications. Please consider sharing your talents by contributing artwork and articles.

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

Commendations: As always, I want to express my appreciation to TI staff, kingdom liaisons, contributors and supporters, without whom the magazine would not exist as we know it. I'm also grateful to other members of the SCA publications team, who have been and are so very supportive.

Publishable Summary: *Tournaments Illuminated* Issue 218 is going to press in July, to be followed approximately six weeks later by Issue 219. Issue 220 is in production; Issue 221 is on the drawing board.

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

Commendations: Many thanks to Natalie Aked for CA 195, *Of Herd and Water: A Yuan Dynasty Mongolian Food Primer*. She had been working on this *Compleat Anachronist* for several years, and I'd hoped to have published it in 2020. However, due to various (non-COVID related) health issues on her part, it had to be postponed. I kept trying to stay in touch with her, writing to her every few months to check in. Earlier this spring, she wrote back, stating that conditions had improved and she was ready to make the final necessary changes I am delighted that it's finally ready and am particularly happy with her photographs of dishes completed from her redacted recipes. Thanks also to her reviewers, Craig Jones and Alec Story. 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. This became the late First Quarter 2022 *Compleat Anachronist*.

The Second Quarter 2022 *Compleat Anachronist*, CA 196 *Aiglets: Medieval and Post-Medieval*, by Gerald A. Livings, is another publication that's been in the works for a couple of years. Many thanks to Gerald A. Livings for persevering with his research and writing, making recommended changes, and allowing me to make more changes to shape the book into what it is now. It's a *Compleat Anachronist* that has been some time in the making, reflecting the author's fascination with and thorough research about aiglets, an important dress accessory. Thanks to his reviewers, John Cherry and Charles Lewton-Brain. Per usual, many well-deserved kudos must be sent to Elise Fleming's for her excellent copy editing and to Sue Gilbert for her incredible layout and design work.

Publishable Summary:            *Current Issue: CA 195: Of Herd and Water: A Yuan Dynasty Mongolian Food Primer*

Publishable Summary and for Advertising within the SCA:

Many SCA members are familiar with pre-17th century Western cooking, but not as many have experienced Asian food from that time period. CA 196, *Of Herd and Water: A Yuan Dynasty Mongolian Food Primer*, wants to familiarize the reader with the food served in the latter part of the Yuan Dynasty, 1279 CE to 1368 CE, the time when the great Mongolian Hordes ruled Asia. While dispelling some myths about Mongols' food, it provides original recipes (translated in English), along with 21<sup>st</sup>-century versions including ingredients easily obtainable today, and photos of many prepared dishes. These recipes have been tried and tested not only by the author and her family, but also by many people in the Kingdom of Lochac (Australia and New Zealand). Not only will you learn about Mongolian food and cooking, but you also will be able to replicate it.

Current Issue: CA 196 *Aiglets: Medieval and Post Medieval*

Publishable Summary and for Advertising within the SCA:

Aiglets, lace tags, and chapes are all terms describing items that are in some way used to finish the end of laces (such as shoelaces), thongs, or cords. Although aiglets seem to have been both functional and decorative throughout the centuries, little is known about the actual manufacturing process before the modern era. *Aiglets: Medieval and Post-Medieval* attempts to fill in this knowledge gap with a combination of research and experimental production of aiglets using such tools and processes as can be inferred from the finished forms of extant aiglets, extant tools, and any surviving tool marks. Readers also will see pictures of different types of aiglets as

used in SCA-period artwork, extant aiglets as they appear today, and re-created ones to be used in living history.

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

Commendations: My gratitude to the Kingdom Chroniclers who are making Blackfox recommendations and to Countess Honor for being there to keep me in line.

Publishable Summary: Slowly but surely getting more comfortable in this fairly new-to-me position. I appreciate that there are plenty of people willing to help in any way they can.

**Corporate Treasurer** – Caroline Richardson (Tetchubah of Greenlake)

Commendations: Many thanks to Mazelle and Bonnie in their assistance in getting me moved into the Treasurer's office so quickly. While gaps do still exist, they are quickly closing.

Publishable Summary: The SCA corporate office is still operating under a negative balance for Q2 2022 due to a variety of factors such as decreased membership. On the bright side, membership revenues are currently ahead of projections and year-to-date we are showing a small profit for a few months versus our budgeted loss. The beginning of actual events versus virtual events has helped to some extent; however, our investment account has suffered a considerable drop since the beginning of the year, due to the bear market that has been occurring since the middle of January.

I am still working on updating the published Treasurer reports such as the budget and membership statistics, which have not been published on the website since 2020. I hope to have the 2022 reports updated and published no later than the end of August, using a June 30, 2022, cutoff. I'm not certain if 2021 can be recreated entirely. 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 following Exchequers that have stepped down or in the process of stepping down Artemisia – Shelly Johnson, Outlands – Dawn Reed, Northshield -Ron Williams, West – Kris Gulliver, Middle – Valerie Parks – Thank you all for your service to the Society in the craziest of times. I hop some day we may hoist a glass in person.

Publishable Summary: Reminder Kingdoms that are approved to use PayPal (per current Society PP Policy) may continue to use PayPal. Kingdoms and groups 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. All groups and Kingdoms must remain vigilant – several checks have been stolen from the mail system. Please watch account balances for fraudulent charges.

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

Commendations At the end of April, Alizan de Fontaine stepped down as Vesper Principal Herald of the West Kingdom. Many thanks for her service, particular during an extended tenure

due to the pandemic! In her place now is Antonio Giordano da Sicilia, a familiar name, who we're sure will do great things.

Over the past several months, I've been told about a fantastic number of heralds and scribes who have been elevated to the peerage. For the Order of the Pelican, we have Marya Kargashina, Sarra the Brave, Kattera Giese, Dagrus Stjarna and Michael Leyland Sinclair, all from An Tir, Mirian bat Shimeon from Lochac, and Æðeluulf munuc from the Outlands (patent pending). For the Order of the Laurel, we have Etan Moira MacNessa and Alicia du Bois from An Tir, Malkin Allardson from Artemisia, and Ariana verch Gwenllian from Caid. I'm sure there are others I have missed. Congratulations to all!

Last month, Elena Wyth, Star Principal Herald of the Kingdom of Ansteorra, raised Reis ap Tudor to the rank of Herald Extraordinary, and charged him to register a personal heraldic title. Along with all the heraldic work Reis has done for the kingdom of Ansteorra, including writing and maintaining the kingdom's OP software, Reis is the webmaster of the SCA heraldry website, as well as doing the behind-the-scenes dirty work of helping us process the monthly Letters of Acceptances and Returns.

**Publishable Summary:** This year's summer Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium is again virtual, although we hope next year will be back in-person. Hosted by the Principality of Vindheim in conjunction with the Kingdom of Ansteorra on the weekend of July 22-24, classes are expected to run all around the clock in an attempt to be as widely available as possible. I want to thank the event stewards, HL Annais de Montgomerie and Master Brian O'hUilliam, and their staff of volunteers for hosting a smooth and fun event!

We are now accepting bids for KWHSS 2023. If your kingdom is interested in hosting next June or July, please contact my office as soon as possible.

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

**Commendations:** The Society Marshal would like to thank William of Effingham, and Angel de Savigny, the KEM of Lochac, for their work on the project to bring the Society Handbooks into Wiki format. Heartfelt thanks go out to John Fulton and Lis Schraer for putting up with me and my hundreds of questions I bounce off them at all times of the day and night. And finally, as always, thank you to the lovely Countess Miriel, my Special Projects Deputy, for her support and assistance with keeping this office running smoothly.

The DSM for Armored Combat states the KEM for Lochac, Mistress Angele Marie de Savigny is to be strongly commended for her long and tireless work on a MediWiki version of the handbooks for all martial disciplines. Her work will allow the SCA to simplify and better track handbook changes and creates a much more user friendly format. She has been instrumental in developing and testing this format.

The DSM for Armored Combat with Rebated Steel would like to commend Doug Stevens.

The DSM for Combat Archery commends Countess Brenna for a well-run Gulf Wars. It was an excellent return to large Wars.

The DSM for Equestrian would like to commend Lady Gesa von Wellenstein (Gesa Wellenstein) for her help with organizing and teaching a Known World Marshal in Training course. She started this as an online zoom class, and it has gathered momentum! I have made her one of my deputies to continue helping our community grow by teaching people the basic needs of becoming a marshal in the equestrian community. She also teaching these classes in person and helps to get people the experience they need to become a marshal. We really need more marshals in our program as it has been difficult to do authorizations for people in outlying areas without a decent marshal base. Gesa has really stepped up to the task with flying colors!

The DSM for Rapier Combat would like to commend the following recently stepped down KRMs: Brian deMoray -Atlantia, and Yoshi-Ealdormere. Also, he offers a big thank you to Merriam dHawke for helping with the computer side.

The DSM for Youth Combat states in Northshield he's told that Luftwine Byrnsmiþ in Inner Sea is regularly holding the largest practices & Hjorleif Ottarrson has enlisted 5 armored fighters to get their Sparring authorizations to recruit & train more YC fighters. Also Rhys ap Ishmæl Llygad Odd and Jack Flanders are constantly coming up with new ideas to rebuild Youth Combat in the Kingdom. Finally in the West, Friedrich Sybold is the new marshal of the Principality of Cynagua & working hard to get Youth Rapier active there.

**Publishable Summary:** At this time sixteen of twenty kingdoms and six of seven Society Deputies have reported. There seems to be a significantly larger amount of injuries this quarter with things still opening back up. Many kingdoms are starting to pick back up at a fairly decent pace, however, some Kingdoms are still struggling due to Covid. As most of us have been fairly inactive until recently due to Covid, keep in mind that while understandable and even appreciated, over enthusiasm on the field can result in unintended injuries. Be Excellent to Each Other.

### **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):

I commend all Kingdom Arts and Sciences officers for their constant adjustments as we continue into the world of hybrid and in-person activities.

Congratulations to Æthelmearc 's Arts & Sciences Champions: Populace choice: Baron Snorri skyti Bjarnarson and The Honorable Lady Astriðr Vigaskegg His Majesty's choice: Lady Aurelie de la Rose Her Majesty's choice: Lady Avitoria Vidua

Congratulations to the winners of An Tir's new Kingdom A&S Champions: ðora Jolsafari was the victor with a very impressive Birka brocaded tablet weaving and a research paper on the Silk Road trade routes. Second place went to Gareth Hyre who presented two incredible John Dowland pieces, incorporating lute playing, singing and original English pronunciations. Gareth also received the Sable Bonnet, an An Tir award for highest scoring entry.

Commendations to Artemisia's new Kingdom A&S Champions Kingdom Champion: Aonghus ill ullfr. Reserve Champion: Marguerite Delemontagne Novice Champion: Adeliz Fergusson and

to the following A&S Nobles: Noble of Historical Technology: Janna atte Hille Noble of Needlework: Adeliz Fergusson Noble of Writing: Isgerthr Bjargeyjardottir Noble of Performing Arts: K Braden von Sobernheim Noble of Costuming: Marguerite Delemontagne Noble of Manuscript Arts: Adeliz Fergusson Noble of Cooking: Aonghus ill ullfr Noble of Lace: Helena Boccardi Noble of Textile Arts: Isgerthr Bjargeyjardottir Noble of Carving Non Wood: Sven Brazhnikov Noble of Brewing: Aonghus ill ullfr Noble of Enameling: Marguerite Delemontagne Noble of Printing Arts: Iain MacKellar Noble of Woodworking: Sven Brazhnikov Noble of Heraldic Display: Kiyome Baigetsu Noble of Metalwork: Aonghus ill ullfr Noble of Alchemy: Marguerite Delemontagne

Congratulations to Atenveldt's new A&S Champion Sir Caell Robertson, who was selected by the Crown to serve as their A&S Champion for the remainder of Their reign, and to M'Lord Taillefer called Tails who was named Atenveldt's Bardic Champion to serve until the end of the present reign.

Commendations to Atlantia's new Royal Baker, Lady Isobel Henry, and to the new Poeta Atlantiae, Baron Paganus. Commendations also go to Naila al-Zarqa' for the excellent Persona Pentathlon entry, and to Tempore Atlantia winner for prehistory-1000AD, Lady Anubh na Preachain for her excellent entry of birch bark hats.

Commendations to all the kind Gentles who offered their time and expertise to share classes during The University of Avacal's most recent session. Thanks to Her Ladyship Li Xia, who was of enormous help in organizing and running The University of Avacal. Extra special commendations to Saxa Amelia Africana for her time serving as Avacal's Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences.

Congratulations to Locac's new A&S Champion Lord Dytryk Lehrer, and to Mistress Katherine Kerr who had the highest scoring entry of the year. Commendations to Mistress Clara van der Maes, for coordinating the Rowany Festival Costume Competition for several years, Master Hugh de Calais, Lord Eilifr Lukasson, Lord Johan Huslangr, Lady Jeneur de Geline, and Lady Louise Braos, who all contributed several hours over multiple days to running workshops and other activities at Rowany Festival, to Lady Kathelyne Berghart who has been doing an incredible job as A&S officer of St Florian de la Riviere, to Lady Lowry ferch Gwynwynwyn ap Llewelyn and Lord Gillucan ua Tomaltaig who have been spearheading a new Games Guild and revival of the Performers and Entertainers Guild respectively, and to The Barony of Southron Gaard's new A&S Champion, Lady Joana de Bairro.

Commendations to the Middle Kingdom A&S Fair Staff: Odette, Brigid, Francoise, Sarai, and Aveline. They ran the Fair smoothly, and efficiently. Congratulations to Valya Abnikova doch' , of MidRealm, for earning the highest score at Kingdom A&S Fair for her Opus Cyprense fabric embroidery.

Commendations to Domina Berenice Calvina for her time serving as Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences in Northshield.

Commendations to Lady Liliana Isabella Arioldi dell'Edera of the Outlands, who has been organizing 9 months of Build Your WARdrobe classes to help people make clothing. She credits Alexandra Orchestriss for helping her develop the patterns.

Commendations to Lady Svala Thorasmodir for her exceptional service as A&S Officer for the Barony of Wyvernwoode in Trimaris during the Pandemic.

Congratulations to Sir Brion of Bellatrix and Mistress Gisla Ēðikollr, who tied for the Wreath of Athena A&S Competition. Commendations to Sir Brion of Bellatrix, who made replacement coronets for the Crown Prince and Princess of The West on VERY short notice. They are exceptionally beautiful!

**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 a return to more in person activities, including Arts and Sciences classes, competitions, and displays at Gulf Wars, Rowany Festival, and Kingdom Arts & Sciences Fairs. Online and hybrid A&S activities including universities, collegia, competitions, Zoom gatherings, classes, and workshops have continued. The overall number of online events continues to be reduced slightly, but they do continue to be a way in which the Arts & Sciences are being explored and shared even as in-person events are rapidly picking back up. Kingdom and local officers are successfully continuing to adjust and adapt to the changing ways in which we do Arts & Sciences activities, including working toward regular hybrid (online and in-person) activities and displays, and returning to more in person events.

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

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 my return home).

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

**Publishable Summary:** The committee has delivered a timeline of the committee’s history, including work done and waiting to be reviewed by the board.

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

The 2020 SCA Census committee want to remind everyone that Kingdom Seneschals (or individuals authorized by the Seneschal) can request data from the census by completing the online form at: <https://forms.gle/DUnwThuhjqek4LUa8>. 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:**

Kevin Dillard (The Burlap Begger)

*Director Natalie Degerstrom recused herself from discussion or voting on this matter.*

Motion by Ross Roegner to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Kevin Dillard (The Burlap Begger), effective immediately. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Recused: Natalie Degerstrom. Motion carried.

Todd Griffin (Matthias von Greifsburg)

Motion by Aaron Lloyd to rescind the motion of June 14, 2022 denying the appeal Todd Griffin (Matthias von Greifsburg). Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Chair exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.