



The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

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From: Bao Pham, President of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
To: Participants of the Society
Re: President's Board Report

Salutations,

The greatly anticipated report from the October 18, 2025 Board of Director's meeting is here! A recording of the meeting should be available at a later date on the SCA website.

This report is an abbreviated version of the quarterly meeting. The Officer summaries and commendations have been placed in this report exactly as presented in the original reports. The meeting minutes can be viewed by SCA members at <https://members.sca.org/apps/#SignIn>.

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STATUS CHANGES

Dissolutions

- a. Outlands: Shire of Plattefordhelm (Rural Wyoming)
- b. Meridies: Shire of Terminus Terrae (Panama City, FL)

Advancements

- a. Meridies: Shire of Glen Rhy (Huntsville – Decatur, AL metro area) to Province (July 19, 2025)

New Branches

- a. Atenveldt: Shire of Vallis Aeris (Majority of Graham & Greenlee Counties, AZ)
- b. Lochac: Shire of Sherwater (Woodville and Waipukurau, NZ)

QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE (Tentative)

- a. January 25, 2026
- b. April 25, 2026 – Hybrid – Location TBA
- c. July 19, 2026
- d. October 17, 2026– Hybrid – Location TBA

By consensus, it was decided that the Directors-Elect and all major Society officers receive virtual invitations to all meetings. The officers were instructed to monitor their emails for more information.

CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULE (Tentative)

- a. Tuesday November 18, 2025 (Tentative)
- b. Tuesday December 16, 2025 (Tentative)

BOARD RECRUITING

The report of Director Krista Capps noted that as of October 18, 2025, there were twenty-three (23) candidates on the list of Board nominees with fourteen (14) kingdoms represented. A breakdown by kingdom is as follows:

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

BOARD REPRESENTATION

The Board expressed their appreciation for the courtesy shown by the populace of Calontir during the October 2025 Board Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on October 18 and 19, 2025.

CORPORATE POLICY XXI

Execution of the *Confidentiality and Responsible Information Use Agreement* by Royal Heirs

Motion by Krista Capps to circulate proposed Corporate Policy XXI – Execution of the *Confidentiality and Responsible Information Use Agreement* by Royal Heirs to the membership and participants for commentary. Second by Kate Poore. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

SOCIETY WEBMINISTER

Policy Interpretation: “Webministers execute oversight over content to ensure it complies with local standards and regulations.”

“Decisions about the appropriateness of web content should be addressed by the Webminister responsible for the content of the website(s) in question. In matters of dispute concerning the Webminister’s decision to publish, or not publish, content the concerned party should escalate the issue through the established proper channels.”

Motion by Joan Steurer to uphold the policy interpretation that oversight of website content falls within the responsibilities of the Society Webminister. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

New Policy /Edit to Webminister's Handbook - Generative AI Guidance

The proposed edit would add the following to the Webminister’s Handbook under the ‘Website Construction’ heading.

Generative AI Guidance

Webministers should avoid the use of generative AI in the construction of official SCA websites. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of generative AI for the creation of text, images, and videos. In cases where generative AI is utilized, or where you are unsure whether a tool incorporates generative AI, Webministers should take care to disclose which generative AI/tools were used and provide attribution to known source materials used in the creation of new content.

By consent, it was determined that this matter falls within the purview of the Society Webminister.

SOCIETY EXCHEQUER

Variance – Approval of use of Interac e-Transfer Network in Canada

Motion by Joan Steurer to uphold the variance requested by the Society Exchequer on October 18, 2025 to implement use of the Interac e-Transfer network as a means of transferring funds for Canadian groups. Second by Kate Poore. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Variance Request – Use of Zeffy by the Kingdom of Ansteorra, Barony of Bryn Gwlad - This variance request seeks approval for the Barony of Bryn Gwlad to the Kingdom of Ansteorra to implement Zeffy as an electronic donation platform for a period of one (1) year. The primary purpose is to test the feasibility and efficiency of Zeffy for collecting electronic donations to support baronial activities and projects.

Motion by Krista Capps to uphold the variance granted by the Society Exchequer to permit Kingdom of Ansteorra, Barony of Bryn Gwlad to test the use of Zeffy as an electronic donation

platform. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

LAUREL PRINCIPAL QUEEN OF ARMS

Requested Board Actions: SENA: Please approve the following updates to SENA and it's Appendix:

- a. Updated PN2C "Name Requirements" to treat name elements registered under the Existing Registration Allowance as gender-neutral.
- b. Added examples to PN2C2, "Culturally Mixed Names" to clarify how a name element registered under the Existing Registration Allowance is treated in culturally mixed names.
- c. Updated Appendix E2b "Generic Order/Award Patterns" to add the generic pattern *Order of <Someone> with <a heraldic charge>*. This includes an explanation of what "Someone" means.
- d. Updated Appendix G "Some Specific Elements that are a Step from Core Practice" to include the use of non-identical charges in more than two different tinctures in the same charge group. The appendix was also revised to note that the step from core practice for the use of charges in annulo which are not in their default palewise orientation applies to all charges, not just animate charges.
- e. Updated Appendix M1 "Some Resource for Conflict Checking" to note that magnolia blossoms are considered mulit-petaled flowers.

Changes to the Glossary of Terms (<https://heraldry.sca.org/coagloss.html>)

- a. Updated the definition for *Tincture* to clarify that it is the variants of *scaly* and *papellony* that consist of solid-tinctured scales of two alternating tinctures that are considered furs. The other versions are considered field-treatments.
- b. Updated Table 2 "Reserved Charges" to include a white livery collar for members of the Order of Defense and two white vambraces or bracers for members of the Order of the Mark.
- c. Updated Table 4 "Conventional 'Proper' Colorings" to include the definition for a woad plant.
- d. Continued the project to update Table 5 "Default Postures and Orientations" with the revision of charges beginning with G and H. Also added defaults for axolotl, coracle, lizard, salamander, and scythe blade.

Changes to the Administrative Handbook appendices:

- a. Revised the heraldic will template in Appendix D, "Suggested Standard Form Letters" to include an option to grant blanket permission to conflict.
- b. Updated links in Appendix H, "Sources That Do Not Require Photocopies to Laurel" and added *Scandinavian Personal Names in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire* by Gillian Fellows-Jensen.

SANCTIONS

James Acton (Alexander Caidus)

Motion by Joan Steurer to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, James Acton (Alexander Caidus), based on violations of Corporate Policy XX.A, Sections 1, 2 and 3, and Corporate Policy XX.C, Sections 1 and 3. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Chairman Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Jonathan Brown (Marco Di Giuhanni)

Motion by Krista Capps to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Jonathan Brown (Marco Di Giuhanni) based on violations of Corporate Policy XX.A, Sections 1, 2 and 3, and Corporate Policy XX.C, Sections 1 and 3. Second by Kate Poore. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Tammy Miller (Berke Chinua)

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Tammy Miller (Berke Chinua) based on violations of Corporate Policy XX.A, Section 1, and Corporate Policy XX.B, Sections 1 and 2. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Keith Bates (Connor McEldridge)

Director Joan Steurer recused herself from discussion of, or voting on this issue.

Motion by Kate Poore to uphold the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Keith Bates (Connor McEldridge) as issued by Caillin and Danielle, Crown of the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann and their Kingdom Seneschal on August 23, 2025, to extend the Temporary Removal from Participation, and to further direct the Society Seneschal to begin an investigation into possible sanctions up to and including revocation of membership and denial of participation effective immediately. Second by Jonathan Foster. Opposed: None. Recused: Joan Steurer. Motion carried.

Malachi Eldridge (Marcus Brutius Leonitus Daemonium)

Directors Kate Poore and Joan Steurer recused themselves from discussion of or voting on this issue.

Motion by Krista Capps to direct the Society Seneschal to issue a Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Malachi Eldridge (Marcus Brutius Leonitus Daemonium) and to further direct the Society Seneschal to begin an investigation into possible sanctions up to

and including revocation of membership and denial of participation effective immediately. Second by Megan O'Shea. Chairman Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Opposed: None. Recused: Kate Poore, Joan Steurer. Motion carried.

Deandre Pipkin (Leaf)

By consensus the Board instructed the Society Seneschal to close this matter as directed.

EXCHEQUER EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT DEPUTY

Motion by Krista Capps to appoint Robyn Stinson as Exchequer Emergency Replacement Deputy. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR RESIGNATIONS

By consensus, the resignation of Director K.T. Sheppard from Seat F of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism was accepted effective at the close of the October 18, 2025 quarterly meeting.

DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS – SEAT F

By consensus, the appointment of Keith Howard to Seat F of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism was acknowledged effective at the close of the October 18, 2025 quarterly meeting.

DIRECTOR SELECTION – SEAT G

Motion by Krista Capps to appoint Carl Chipman (Jean Paul de Sens) to Seat G of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism, for the standard three-year term and subject to the standard probationary period, effective at the close of the April 2026 quarterly meeting. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CHAIR ASSIGNMENT

Motion by Kate Poore to appoint Jonathan Foster as Chair for the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, effective at the close of the January 2026, quarterly meeting. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

VICE-CHAIR ASSIGNMENT

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to appoint Megan O'Shea as Vice-Chair for the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, effective at the close of the October 18, 2025, quarterly meeting. Second by Joan Steurer. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

OMBUDSMAN ASSIGNMENTS

Mark Faulcon - Chair

President, Society Seneschal, Corporate Office, Executive Assistant, Financial Officers

Megan O'Shea - Vice-Chair

A&S, Ansteorra, East, Northshield, Publications (TI, CA, Chronicler)

Krista Capps - Director

Atenveldt, Atlantia, Meridies, Middle, Recruiting

Jonathan Foster - Director

Calontir, Chatelaine, Information Technology (Webminister and Webmaster), Outlands

Keith Howard - Director

An Tir, Artemisia, Caid, Marshal, West

Kate Poore - Director

Inclusive Programs / DEIB, Heralds, Aethelmearc, Gleann Abhann, Trimaris

Joan Steurer - Director

Avacal, Drachenwald, Ealdormere, Lochac

WARRANT EXPIRATIONS

The following upcoming warrant expirations were noted, and returned to the appropriate officers for further work:

1. Society Seneschal – ER Deputy – October 31, 2025
2. Webmaster – January 1, 2026
3. Marketing – January 31, 2026
4. In-House Counsel – April 30, 2026

CLOSING BUSINESS

It was noted that this was the last meeting for Vice-Chair / Director K.T. Sheppard. Director Sheppard was thanked profusely for his extensive service, not just as a participant, but as a Kingdom Seneschal, Society Emergency Replacement Seneschal, a Director and finally as Vice-Chair for the Board of Directors.

Director Sheppard was then presented with a token of appreciation for all his extensive, important work.

President – Bao Pham (Baudoyne de Lafayette)

COMMENDATIONS

I would like to commend Lori Ford for all her work on the special projects. Her expertise has been invaluable and has greatly moved the SCA towards better organization on the corporate level.

I would like to commend Petra of the Rozakii, for her work on the special projects as well as serving as the liaison between the Canada Working Group and Corporate.

I would like to commend Melissa Midzor and her team for all the work to update and create a wiki for the Armored Combat handbook.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Diversity. Equity. Inclusion. Belonging. Modern terms that do have equivalents in the historical game we play. Courtesy. Hospitality. Grace. Chivalry. Justice. Generosity. Compassion. Protection. The parallels are many. One of the primary goals of this organization is growth. That is more easily accomplished when we facilitate and foster an environment that is accepting of others. Being inclusive means considering the reasons that prevent someone from being able to participate in the SCA. Whether it is looking at socioeconomic barriers, accessibility of our activities and sites, or making an inclusive environment, our organization is greatly improved when we are more mindful of ways to help people belong. With Renee as our Inclusivity Officer and Roxi as the Society DEIB Officer, I look forward to continuing building a welcoming environment in the SCA.

The SCA is focused on growth, and an organization needs the right infrastructure to support and promote that growth. We have a lot of projects to help this organization move towards more standardization and consistency. Society officers are working with Kingdom officers to form policies that will be effective. Every project includes professionals and experts from various kingdoms. For instance, there has been a lot of discussion regarding Corporate having an AI policy. The Society Officers are working with Kingdom Officers and the community to develop a policy that respects the property of artists while not removing an effective tool for the SCA. The issues our organization faces are complex, but if the Society and the Community work together, we can surmount any challenges.

A volunteer organization benefits from some guidance, direction, and best practices which better the chances of the various groups in the SCA finding success. Often, volunteers are left to their own devices to figure things out. The SCA can grow at a much greater rate if we aren't constantly reinventing the wheel while trying to figure things out. That is why there is an emphasis on creating a more consistent structure in the SCA; it makes a more solid foundation to promote the ability to grow.

The SCA is one of the largest historical organizations in the world although much of the general population is unaware of it. To increase the reach of the SCA, we are bringing on a marketing strategist to help us reach external audiences to further grow the organization on a bigger scale.

Vice-President for Information Technology – Sam Davis (Thomas Blackmoore)

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

It has been a quiet month in the IT department. That does not mean that progress has been made. The development department has been working hard to develop our abilities to interact with NeonONE. Russ has been diligent with system upgrades to ensure the security of the server. Kevin has stepped in and assumed the office of the Society Webminister quickly and professionally. I have a great team backing me up.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

None

Society Webminister – Kevin Baun (Mechior zum grauen Wolf)

COMMENDATIONS

As I get settled into this new role I would like to collectively thank the Kingdom Web Ministers for their support, with the development of the proposed AI guidance in particular, and Nicholas Milano (previous Society Web Minister) & Sam Davis (VP of IT) for sharing their institutional knowledge.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Kingdoms continue to make progress on their respective projects. Common areas of focus over the past quarter include advancement of email services and system stability. Several Kingdoms have raised questions regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools and the office of the Web Minister will be researching this issue to provide actionable guidance.

Society Communications and Social Media Officer – Kelly McKinnon (Koia Karasova)

COMMENDATIONS

First, I want to start by congratulating and thanking Brigid for her magnificent contribution to the organization. Her service over the last seven years has delivered exceptional results and a supportive community. Her leadership and mentorship created a prosperous environment that allowed all KSMOs to thrive and take

ownership in their positions—me included. She will be missed in this position but she deserves a well earned retirement. Thank you, Brigid.

Next, I would like to thank Brigid (again), Katie, Ross, Bao, and many more who have provided guidance and support as I fully transition into this role. Your knowledge and kindness have been vital as I learn how I want to make this office my own.

Thank you to all the KSMOs who have welcomed me as their new point of contact with open arms.

Thank you to those who volunteered to join our Discord Moderator team. It is wonderful to have our server grow enough to require more volunteers: Arcill Biodach, Síona Ní Ríordáin, Jotun-Bjorn and Ysabel D'lyle. Thank you to everyone who sent in applications. Your willingness to service is greatly appreciated.

The Kingdom of the Middle Ran their first social media tournament. They had 9 videos entries with 118 total votes!

Olivia Trivisana and Cassair Warwick of Alantia have been actively involved in managing the Official Alantia discord and promoting content for the kingdom respectively. Thank you for your service!

Aine ingen Gilla Crist of Gleann Ahbann has taken over the role of KSMO and done an excellent job of transitioning into the position.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

During this quarter, social media officers continued producing strong content across multiple platforms while also working on refining internal processes. Efforts remain focused on supporting community development, updating handbooks and policies to reflect evolving technologies, and ensuring branches are equipped to share appropriate local content.

Work is underway on broader policy updates, including considerations for AI policies, with discussions planned to ensure fair, firm, and flexible implementation across kingdoms. Additional reviews of existing media and publicity policies are also being considered.

Looking ahead, projects include exploring new content formats, developing collaborative opportunities, and expanding the society's presence on underutilized platforms to reach wider audiences.

Society DIEB Officer – Christina Gonzales (Roxi J. Elliot)

COMMENDATIONS

None.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The past three months have been spent settling into office and working to build the groundwork of this new office. Fully finalizing the roles, responsibilities, & reach of this office is an ongoing conversation between myself, the office of inclusive programs, the board of directors, and the current kingdom DEIB officers. The prioritize is building the foundational resources, structure, & support for current and future kingdom DEIB officers including: an updated/ revised DEIB handbook, an official reporting system, and comprehensive onboarding/training materials.

Corporate Officer for Inclusive Programs – Emily Renee Carroll (Dominica Maquerelle)

COMMENDATIONS

I just want to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped me transition into my role as Officer of Inclusive Programs:

- a. Roxi Gonzales: for being so transparent, flexible, and willing to communicate and listen
- b. Leslie Luther-Fulton: for the reminders, encouragement, and endless patience
- c. Bao Pham: for your guidance, advice, and kindness
- d. Eva Vach Wyllt: for getting the ball rolling with the creation of a LMS

All members of the BOD: for being so welcoming

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Greetings, Members! I'm thrilled to share an update as I settle into my first quarter as your Officer of Inclusive Programs. My focus so far has been on two projects designed to promote inclusivity in the SCA.

The first project involves a team of five people, including me, Bao Pham (SCA President), Roxi Gonzalez (Society DEIB Officer), Eva Vach Wyllt (Project Manager), and Tiana Hanson (Professional Audio/Video Editor). This dedicated team is laying the groundwork for the creation of an online Learning Management System (LMS) tentatively titled The Known World Learning Library. Our aim is to provide consistent, high-quality education to help us foster a truly welcoming and inclusive environment across the Society.

In addition to the LMS development, Roxi Gonzalez and I are conscientiously working to create clear guidance that promotes cultural appreciation over cultural appropriation. We are hoping to achieve this by emphasizing research, respect, accuracy, and consulting with experts on this topic. This effort is vital to ensuring respectful engagement with the historical cultures we study.

These projects are key steps in making the SCA a safe and welcoming space for everyone. As always, I would love to hear your ideas, comments, and feedback as we move forward. Please feel free to reach out to me at inclusivity@sca.org. Your input is invaluable to our success.

Vice President for Operations (Society Seneschal) – Stacy Hall (Gwendolynn ní hÁilleacháin)

Commendations:

For this quarter I have the following commendations:

As of this writing, we have three KSens ending their watch for their respective kingdoms, and I would like to take this moment to express my deepest appreciation for their outstanding contributions, diligence, and steady leadership.

Dan Watson (HG Bart Hightower), Artemisia: Dan has made an impact during his tenure as KSen Artemisia and I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for his contributions to improving efficiency by updating the office by use of Google suites, sharing that knowledge with others, leaving a legacy of innovation that will continue to benefit Artemisia (and others!). Dan has been a pleasure to work with, and, after he's had a chance to relax, I look forward to some projects he and I may tackle in the future.

Viki Foster (Læremoder Sadb Jofreysdottir) Avacal: Viki has only been in office for 3 months as of this writing, and in true KSen fashion, has weathered some fast challenges with a calm and professional demeanor. Her leadership and communication skills have helped to guide smaller branches with options that will, hopefully, suit their changing needs. Thank you, Viki, for all that you do!

Nicolette Deplazes (Contessa Giulia Isabella da Venezia), Calontir: No matter the challenge, Giulia has approached every situation with clarity, composure, and a solutions-focused mindset under some very trying circumstances at times. I wish her all the best, and a well-earned rest!

Alex Kolassa (Master Gwynn Bleyne), Gleann Abhann: As Alex prepares to step down as KSen GA, his service continues in other areas to help benefit the society; and I am so thankful that he shares his unique expertise and experiences as Gulf Wars host kingdom. Good luck, Alex and thank you for all your efforts!

As always, I would be lost without the considerable efforts of my two outstanding deputies, Amanda Grayson and Lis Schraer. Lis was my predecessor, and stayed on as my ER, and in addition to her experience, expertise, institutional knowledge and practicality, Lis is one of the few people I can turn to when “things get weird”. So, Lis,

thank you again for your help, your proof-reading, sharing a brain and walking down this occasionally pot-hole pocked road. And yes, I have a project for you . . .

From the kingdoms I have the following commendations:

Caid: Kudos to the Barony of Calafia for their participation in this year's Comic-Con in San Diego. Their efforts provide an outstanding introduction to the SCA for the event's 135,000 attendees from around the world.

Publishable Summary:

There are a handful of smaller branches that are requesting dissolution to take advantage of the hamlet experiment approved by the Board in April 2025; and while the idea of dissolution is regrettable, these branches are not vanishing! Rather they are taking on a more manageable form for their geography and needs and forging ahead into a new and potentially exciting frontier for SCA, Inc.

KSens are reporting that things go apace and they are working with the local groups to find solutions to branch designations: Some kingdoms are enjoying renewed interest in local areas; demos happening there are gaining the Society visibility and interest that is translating into some increases in membership. Concerns continue in some areas for very small and isolated branches.

Communications continue to be somewhat of an issue and reporting, but that is always being worked on. Several kingdoms have had Curia recently and have made changes to their laws; in many cases to further clarify a process, or in the case of hard and fast kingdom event dates to add some wiggle room to avoid the need for variance requests.

Society Youth Activities Officer – Michelle Santy (Amytis de la Fontaine)

COMMENDATIONS.

I would like to commend Baroness Nasira al Zarqa bint Ivaz and Baroness Elizabeta de Venezia who coordinate the Youth Mentorship Program at Pennsic.

I would like to commend Mestresse Leonete D'Angely and Dame Elizabete Alles who are the Family Activities Coordinator at Pennsic.

These gentles cheerfully take on designing classes, coordinating instructors and mentors for our youth population. They ensure not only that there are interesting classes, fun activities, but that our youth can safely attend Pennsic, ensuring parental peace of mind.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

MoY's in various Kingdoms have been really busy this year in creating opportunities for SCA Youth to participate at events. Larger events such as "Wars" benefit from Youth Officers, and other volunteers providing classes and creating interesting activities such as "SCA D and D" games, mentorship programs and updating or creating Youth Handbooks. Royalty and Kingdom Officers across the SCA have been instrumental in supporting these efforts.

Outside of 'official' Youth activities such as Boffer, and classes, there are increases of Youth/Teen/Family participation in archery, thrown weapons, 'adult' classes, and other areas that have been 'traditionally' more adult-centric.

Vice President for Corporate Operations – Louise Du Cray

(None)

Publications Manager – Gloria Woodward (Honor of Restormel)

COMMENDATIONS

Thanks to the Publications Team and the members of the populace who support their endeavors.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The Publications Team continues to create beautiful, informative works for the education and enjoyment of the populace. As an organization we are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers to provide us with such amazing publications, as well as the preservation of those materials in our archives.

Tournaments Illuminated – Kendra Jones (Kendryth filia Gerald)

COMMENDATIONS

I would like to commend the following people:

The MOAS officers for Aethelmarc, An Tir, and Atenveldt, who responded to my email to all A&S Kingdom officers to ask for more content for the TI.

Thegn Riordan for offering counsel and suggestions for more sources of content.

Mistress Gwendolyn of Amberwood for her continued work making the TI the beautiful publication it is.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

None.

Compleat Anachronist - Ellen Rawson (Ariel of Lindisfarne)

COMMENDATIONS

Many thanks are owed to Emily Pretzlaff, who has just completed her final draft (post-peer review) on what will be CA 209, *The Foods that Built Spain*. She has been very receptive to suggestions from the peer-review process, has checked out other resources and translations, and made appropriate revisions. I have just started the final editing/proofing. I also must thank Elise Fleming and Ellen Perlman for their useful constructive criticism and help in seeking out different translations of SCA-period recipes. In advance, I thank Elise Fleming for what I know will be essential help with proofing, and I also expect nothing but the usual expertise from Sue Gilbert with layout and design.

To echo my previous report, many kudos are owed to Volker Bach for CA 208, *Hanseatic Cooking, Volume II*. He has published professionally, sometimes with academic presses, so it is quite generous of him to offer these new expert translations and recipes to *Compleat Anachronist*. Sue Gilbert's layout is superb.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Current Issue: 2025 Q3 CA 209 *The Foods that Built Spain*

Publishable Summary and for Advertising within the SCA:

Starting with Phoenician influence on Spain and then moving to the Romans, this *Compleat Anachronist* examines the history of food in Spain, including the impact of three major religions, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, on what people ate. Translated recipes and tried-and-tested modern adaptations for today's cooks are included, along with photos of the final products. Examinations of and experiments with different translations of spice blends also are presented, with the results displayed in clear tables for cooks to interpret. This book is a must for anyone interested in the history of food, the history of Spain, and adding more recipes to their repertoire.

Society Chronicler – Krystle Smith (Cecilia Blythe)

COMMENDATIONS

To all kingdom chroniclers who are working on getting their newsletters in on time. Everyone was in on time last two months.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

No problems to report. Still in need of a deputy chronicler. Have had one person interested. Vetting them.

Society Archivist –Travis Schenck (Ramon de Javier)

COMMENDATIONS

The Archives would like to thank and recognize Keith Redenbaugh of Davis, California, for his donations of Copies of Tournaments Illuminated, dating from 1969-1970, as well as an early copy of The Page.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

None.

Corporate Treasurer – Carolyn Richardson (Tetchubah of Greenlake)

COMMENDATIONS

I would like to give a shout out to all the kingdom exchequers for their diligent work in getting the 2024 financial statements done on time this year. I'd particularly like to thank the exchequers of Meridies (Keri Henderson), Atenveldt (Tiffany Stelldraga), and Trimaris (Jade Premer) as their jobs were SUBSTANTIALLY more difficult for 2024, in some cases having to rebuild the entire year from the ground up. I would also like to thank the former kingdom exchequer of Northshield, Angie Gilmore, for her prompt assistance with my many questions that helped me to finally get their investment accounts properly updated in their Quickbooks.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

We have finally finished up resolving the consolidated reports for the kingdoms and forwarded those on to the auditors. Financially, we are in good condition for the moment with a surplus in our checking account and strong performance in our investment account. Let's hope it lasts through the year, although we do have several large bills that normally come due in December and January (like our insurance renewal).

Society Exchequer – Erin Potter Teehan (Katalena Ivaniaia zhena Shishova)

Commendations:

Bonnie Stringer – for her long years of service to the office of the exchequer at the Kingdom and Society levels. She continues to be a font of knowledge and assistance

informally and through her work with Gulf Wars. Best of luck in her transition to landed baronage.

Tiffany Stelldraga – the newly installed exchequer of the Kingdom of Atenveldt did the quickest turnaround of financial reports I've ever seen and submitted quarterly and consolidated reports in less than 6 weeks from the time she took office. She and her deputy, Tina Batt, are a tremendous team demonstrating diligence and skill worthy of note.

Publishable summary:

A few kingdoms have not yet uploaded their FY24 4th quarter reports to the Report Drop. Continued delays may incur disciplinary actions including warnings, probations, training, etc.

Notices have gone out to Kingdom Exchequers and the respective seneschals if the 2025 Q1 and Q2 reports have not been submitted.

NMR reporting and invoicing continues to work efficiently and effectively with the collaborative efforts of James Baker, the Exchequer NMR Deputy, and Louise Du Cray. We are in the process of choosing a successor to the NMR Deputy. We had an excellent response to the call for applications.

The special project team has completed their work on the revised Society Financial Policies and hopes to implement them at the beginning of the fiscal year. Work continues on the handbook which will include procedures for the updated policies.

Reviews of Books for Atlantia, Gulf Wars, and Artemisia have been completed. Avacal, Outlands, Ansteorra, Middle, Gleann Abhan, Pennsic War, Atenveldt, Meridies, and Drachenwald are also scheduled. All of the Kingdoms and Greater Wars need to complete a Review of Books by the end of 2025.

Training will commence on Quickbooks and other topics as soon as the financial policies are approved.

Laurel Principal Queen of Arms – Unni Leino (Birgitta Lulli)

Commendations

Commendations to senior heralds who have finished their terms this quarter: Magdalena Lucia Ramberti, former Society Sign Herald; Þorkell Palsson, former Laurel Exchequer; Penelope de Bourbon, former Beacon Principal Herald of the Kingdom of Meridies; and Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon, former Dragon Principal Herald of the Kingdom of the Middle.

Publishable summary:

Warrant for Thomas Diment (Ollivier Le Floch) as Wreath King of Arms, responsible for decisions on armory submissions, is being forwarded to the Board with this report. The plan is to do the office transition gradually during December–February with the formal changeover at the start of March, similar to the office handover for Pelican Queen of Arms in July–September 2024.

There are currently no bids for the mid-2026 Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium; this may end up being a virtual event.

Marshal – Melissa Midzor (Arabella da Siena)

COMMENDATIONS

The Society Marshal would like to give a special thanks to Kerry, David, William, Davin, John, Caitrin, Marleen and Kate, for their tireless work this quarter creating Kingdom Specific versions of the AC-Rattan handbook, completing the new online Rapier Handbook, and updates to the AC-Rattan handbook. Your ability to support these three major efforts at the same time was beyond impressive!

The Deputy Society Marshal for Armored Combat- Rattan commends the entire Marshal staff for Pennsic. Outstanding service, minimal issues and low injury rate made this Pennsic a great time.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Target Archery – commends Lady Muirenn from Artemesia (disclaimer, my partner). She re-opened the range and stayed late a number of times to get new shooters an opportunity to shoot.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Thrown Weapon commends all the Sovereigns who are recognizing the Peers of the Thrown Weapons community and marking Marks. It is having a meaningful impact on the interest and excitement the SCA as a whole expresses about throwing. The Kingdom Archer Deputy for Avacal commends Alexandra of Myrgan Wood for masterminding the buying of thrown weapon group gear in Myrg, the building of targets at the local range, and spearheaded practices in that area.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier/C&T - Thank you to Master Lisabetta von Atzinger, Rapier One at Pennsic 52, for ensuring the safety and fun of all rapier combatants and spectators. Additional marshal support from all participating kingdoms was much appreciated. Thank you to Mizuno Kiko Ibara Kensei, called Ibara, for stepping up as Deputy Society Marshal for Cut & Thrust under the purview

of the Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier. I look forward to her expert assistance in the discipline.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Youth Combat - In An Tir special praise goes out to Rashida bin Yusuf for helping rebuild their YC participation to record numbers. In Northshield, Aodhan praised Abelard whom he replaced for being a tremendous help with the "data management" part of being a Kingdom DEM. The Midrealm KEM would like to give a personal shout out to HE Oda Umi for her diligent work with the Youth Rapier program. May she enjoy her retirement.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Siege - My kudos this quarter is to Master Dirk Edward of Frisia. He is the DEM of Siege in the Middle kingdom and was the MIC Siege at Pennsic. He provided a very detailed report for the siege aspects at Pennsic, including an extensive report of the performance of the 3D printed fins at the battles. He also provided a lot of feedback on design to prevent breakage.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Equestrian commends Mistress Else Hünrvogt (West). She has been a driving force for the Mounted to Ground program, offering various practices and recording training sessions for both riders and ground fighters in multiple kingdoms. She has also worked on different footwork and testing out new weapons.

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New Policies:

1. Updated AC-Rattan Handbook, submitted for review and approval.
2. New online-format Rapier Handbook, submitted for review and approval.
 - a. There were no major changes to Rapier game play (fighting conventions, target areas, use of weapons).
 - b. Most of the functional changes were to Global administration, management, and oversight functions, which were approved in June with the AC-rattan handbook. Global sections apply to all martial disciplines.
 - c. Significant changes include:
 - Rapier and Cut&Thrust will be separate handbooks
 - Removal of Light Rapier for adult combat (still available for Youth Rapier Combat),

- Removing the Society level requirement of marking minors (yellow diamond),
- Rapier combat archery is now a separate authorization,
- Removal of electrical tape as an approved method for securing the tip.

Highlights

- Marshal office changes:

Atenedlt – Viscount Dmitri (outgoing – Duke Craven)
 Midrealm – Sir Marcus (outgoing – Baron Robert Thorne)
 Ansteorra – Sir Absolon (outgoing - Sir Skeggi)

- Around the Kingdoms:

An Tir's new online marshal database is ready to go live.

Ealdormere completed a large effort updating their marshal database, and resolved their issues with background checks and are happy to report they now have 8 Youth AC and 8 YC Fencing warranted marshals.

An Tir and Northshield recently updated their Fencing handbooks, and An Tir has used that recent experience to help with the new Society Rapier Handbook.

The Middle is experimenting with slings for Thrown Weapons.

Caid has updated their Kingdom rules with the new online Society AC-Rattan format, being the first pilot of the new format.

Trimaris - The "team" competitions are inspiring members and giving a healthy dose of camaraderie among the fighters. The experiment is working well, without deleterious side effects.

Atlantia - Fighter Improvement Plans reaching formalized status. This will enable training deputies to be better tracked and more efficient.

Nordmark (Drachenwald)- 127 archers participated in Archery during Double Wars. That is the highest number so far. Competitions included Royal Rounds, Portsmouth, IKAC, and a 3D Hunting Trial. A full day workshop was also held at DW, including fletching and making your own bow strings.

Outlands – At Battlemoor, the Archery field hosted Equestrians for a Mounted Archery class and workshop. Several of the Target Archers were also able to try shooting from horseback.

- The Society Marshal rules modernization project:

This extended effort is a complete update and modernization of ALL the marshal handbooks, along with the marshal parts of Corpora, to better reflect the current structure, culture, and safety best practices we use today in our martial activities. This will also create online focused, user-friendly handbooks to make it easier for newcomers and current members to find relevant information.

Current Progress:

- Armored Combat (rattan) – 100% complete – *BoD Approved 06/23/2025*
- Rapier Combat – 100% complete, submitted for BoD approval
- C&T and Target Archery – 90% complete
- Equestrian, and Thrown Weapons – 75% complete
- Siege, Youth Combat – in process

Observations and Lessons learned

- Increase efforts for earlier and wider communication with the broader martial communities on changes and progress.
- One rule, one line approach – old rules are getting more attention and discussion now.

General Status per Discipline

Summary: Martial activities continue to increase across all disciplines. The experimental programs are helping grow enthusiasm and renew interest. Target archery and Thrown Weapons continue to grow and be immensely popular. More kingdoms are creating online authorization systems and training materials. Increased communication, shared best practices, and new resources are helping Marshals address fighter issues more effectively and fairly.

1. *Armored Combat - Rattan:* Injury rates in AC- Rattan continue to dip lower. This trend shows that the process of encouraging communication among participants is working and fighting across the Society is growing at a steady rate. Amazing job by the Marshal teams for all disciplines at Pennsic War. Communication is up, injuries are down. Kingdoms are reporting growth across the board.

2. *Armored Combat - Rebated Blade (Steel)*: A team has been formed to update the ruleset to address issues. On hold due to the large push on the new handbooks.
3. *Combat Archery*: Combat archery continues this past quarter throughout the Society. 17 Kingdoms have submitted reports, with no reports of injuries or serious incidents related to combat archery activities. I have received several inquiries regarding the updated Armored Combat (Rattan) rules as they relate to Combat Archery activities. These questions primarily involve clarifications on some of the revised wording in the rules. Several questions were asked about rules that have been in place for many years, and a few comments were received requesting some of the wording be modified for easier understanding. This last item will be addressed in upcoming revisions.
4. *Equestrian*: Overall our program continues to grow. Atlantia, Midrealm and Atenveldt have been more active this quarter. All kingdoms are eager for the new equestrian handbook to come out. The West Kingdom has been working hard to document different fighting techniques for the Mounted to Ground experimental program, including multiple videos and reports about their experiences. The Rossfechten program has new online report forms and has been increasing in participants over the past quarter. Midrealm has focused on growing their mounted combat participants, including education for riders about armour and weapons. And Atenveldt doubled their numbers in riders over the last quarter.
5. *Rapier Combat*: Overall rapier is strong and growing. A few kingdoms expressed ongoing concerns with calibration and calling of blows. Also heat, especially for C&T still in full armor. Drachenwald has challenges sourcing some of the required equipment, Many thanks to the Drachenwald KRM for helping with language in the new handbook, especially for non-native English speakers.
6. *Siege*: No injuries were reported to me this quarter. The kingdoms have reported that siege is continuing to pick up. Slowly, but it is increasing. At Pennsic there was a total of 22 engines that were approved for combat. With new things being proposed for siege, such as the 3D printed fins, I hope this will continue to improve the environment for everyone. As for Target Siege, it has been picking up well in a handful of kingdoms. The only challenge we've seen is convincing archery marshals that they are safe.

7. *Target Archery*: This summer quarter saw the expected increase in activity as groups can host events and practice outdoors. This was coupled with the excitement and elevation of the first Orders of the Mark in many kingdoms. Some Kingdoms are still working on their premiers so not all kingdoms have 3 premiers at this time.

The Society Seasonal Shoot for this past quarter was Horseman. This was based on an Arabic version of the Triangle Target, which represented a warrior on horseback with two circular disks (shield and the head). Leaders in each category were:

Overall - Callum of Skye (*Outlands*)

Period Handbow - Kristofer hárfagri (*Outlands*)

Open Handbow - Loegaire (Loric) mac Lochlainn (*Meridies*)

Period Crossbow - Callum of Skye (*Outlands*)

Open Crossbow - Arnbjorn Karlsson (*Northshield*)

8. *Thrown Weapons*: Thrown Weapons continues to be strong. The existence of the Order of the Mark continues to have a positive impact on interest and excitement around Thrown Weapons. In quarter 3, there were 930 participants reported. There are currently 411 Thrown Weapons Marshals and 57 Thrown Weapons Marshals in Training, with 247 practices spread over 50 local groups. There were also 48 events that had Thrown Weapons in Q3. These are low estimates as several kingdoms have not reported for quarter 3, and several major Wars and camping events do not yet have their data included. Monthly meetings are held including kingdom-level Thrown Weapons marshals, with 2/3rds of all kingdoms represented. With input at these meetings and from other stakeholders, the updated Society Thrown Weapons rules are moving towards being ready to be presented to the Board of Directors. There is interest in Lochac to start a Thrown Weapons program there.
9. *Youth Combat*: Pennsic War saw a large participation in both YC & YR, and those that attended have all reported exciting surges of interest. Recruiting and growth are up all over the Kingdoms, in particular East, An Tir, Aethelmearc, and Northshield. From what I'm hearing about Fall events & participation for all Youth Combat, the 4th Quarter report should be VERY good news!

[Experimental Programs](https://www.sca.org/document-library/#marshal) – Status now on SCA.org/Document, Marshal section

<https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/#marshal>

Minister of Arts and Sciences – Katheryn L. Nikolich ([Thorkatla Herjolfsdottir](#))

COMMENDATIONS

I offer commendations and congratulations to the following individuals, artisans, and groups:

Commendations to all Kingdom and local A&S officers for their continued good work in the A&S community. I am proud of everyone who facilitates, plans, and participates in A&S activities.

Commendations to all those who are trying a new-to-them art or science, keep going!
● Special thanks to all Directors who served as A&S Ombudsmen over the past three years, your support is much appreciated.

Congratulations Baron Snorri skyti Bjarnarsson who won both the Populace Choice and Queen's Prize both for his Viking hacksilver demo at Aethelmearc's Arts and Sciences Faire and Queen's Tourney in which. Furthermore, his project was selected to represent Aethelmearc for Pennsic's A&S War Point.

Commendations to Aethelmearc's Clothiers Guild who hosted the first "Known World Fashion Show" at the AE Kingdom party.

Commendations to Glenna Cholmondeley the former A&S Minister of the Barony of Delftwood, who recently stepped down as a most enthusiastic minister.

Commendations to Casimir Zeleny zr Strasnaskala who coordinated and ran the allied team for Pennsic 52 A&S War Point within the competition war point team.

Commendations to the kingdom of Ansteorra for its successful Kingdom Collegium that held over 80 classes with more than 300 attendees! As San Antonio, TX, is a great distance for a majority of the kingdom, the organizers worked tirelessly to ensure that the event was worth the drive.

Commendations to Baroness Esme Malespina who just retired as the minister of music. She promoted many playing opportunities and created a large ensemble of musicians in the Barony of the Steppes.

Commendations to Magistra Czena Angielczyka who was the Emergency Replacement deputy for the soon-to-be retiring Ansteorra KMoAS.

Commendations to Artemisia's KMoAS Metressa Miri Nader and her University staff for a successful challenge that increased the reporting of the kingdom's classes a whopping 552% from 2024!

Congratulations to Baron Beorn of the Northern Sea in Caid for being selected as the kingdom bardic championship (Bard of Caid) after a multi-round competition!

Congratulations to Lancer Courtney of the White Meadow for being selected as Her Majesty Caid Roisin's Arts & Sciences Champion!

Commendations to Duchess Stæina Hálfdanardóttir of Caid for her years of devoted service as the Chancellor of Collegium Caidis. Her hard work in reviving Collegium after the pandemic was invaluable.

Commendations for the many participants from different cantons across Ealdormere who performed two plays from the York Cycle as part of an 18-hour extravaganza of all 50ish plays at the University of Toronto. Included were *Three Wise Men* and *Pilate*, both were performed wearing period costumes, playing music, and crafted a language that was close as possible to the original while being understandable for a modern audience.

Commendations to the collective Pennsic 52 A&S War Point Generals, Abu-Duruz Ibrahim al-Rashid (East), Beatriz Aluares (Atlantia), Cas Zemba (Aethelmarc), Tonis van Driele (Mid), and Roana Aldinoch (Mid). Despite being war by committee, it ran smoothly between four kingdoms.

Commendations to Jason of Iron Ox, Anastasia Kievich (Anahita), and umm Ya'qub Yamina bint Ibrahim al-Zahra' of Ardanroe for their inspiring work to reconstitute local A&S meetups back in their respective area in Gleann Abhann.

Commendations to the Honourable Nicola de Coventre who is working to create a new Lochac University system.

Congratulations to Linnette Horne, Lochac's new A&S Champion!

Commendations to Shire of Loch Cairn who participated in a weeklong demo of "Medieval Life" at the Coffee County Fair in Sparta, TN, at a converted "village" with banners, a museum, fiber arts demos, heavy fighting, and an information booth.

Commendations to Siri Toivosdottir for her continued work in preparing, arranging, and performing music at many Midrealm events.

Commendations to Louis Xavier for sharing his love of period games, teaching at Pennsic and in Midrealm.

Commendations to Alys of Alwrick learned how to woodwork so she could make small inkle looms for the students in one of her weaving classes in the Midrealm.

Congratulations to Lady Celestria won the open category at the Northshield Arts and Sciences Faire with Italian needle lace.

Commendations to the Shire of Skerjastrom who participated in a day-long demo of medieval life including cooking, bronze casting, armoring, and other A&S displays at Pasty Fest in downtown Calumet, Michigan.

Commendations to the Barony of Caerthe In Outlands who hosted a new A&S camping event "Fire on the Plains." The purpose was to create a crafter's green that focuses on crafts that do not require electric power.

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The Society for Creative Anachronism continues to fulfill its mission to research and re-create the arts, sciences, and skills of the pre-17th century world. Many kingdoms are finding a variety of ways to communicate with the arts community. Several either constituted—or strengthened—their newsletter online.

During the third quarter, five of the fifteen reporting kingdoms successfully held Kingdom and regional A&S competitions. Predominately, however, many were gearing up for larger events and wars. Even as competitions are expanding, so are the opportunities for artists to participate in non-judged A&S events arguing that low-stakes experiences are a foundation for people to enter formal A&S activities. This allows people to participate at varying levels.

There is a rising interest in forestry, field, foraging, and farming topics. Guilds in several kingdoms are growing and some are stagnant. The forestry, field, and farming guilds of Aethelmearc and Atlantia created a treat that recognizes ranks across their borders.

An exciting virtual interkingdom 24-hour university is being planned for early 2026. Atlantia, Lochac, and Drachenwald are working to create an incredible opportunity for people to attend classes from around the globe.

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

Society Chatelaine – Andrew Harness (Ottar Surtson)

COMMENDATIONS

Lady Madelaine le Mercer, Kingdom of Lochac: For ensuring all local groups have a Chatelaine. And for the excellent news that there were multiple applicants for some of the roles.

Having an officer in each local group is imperative to the growth of our game.

Master Gregory Bryant, from the Kingdom of the Middle: For hosting a well-received Pennsic Newcomers Party at Pennsic War. There were guests that have been in the SCA ranging from 2 days to 3 years that wanted to know more about what was happening and how things worked. They were able to spend time with many different persons in the SCA, from Peers to Chatelaines, and were encouraged to ask questions to find out more about the War and this game of ours.

As the Society Chatelaine, I consider this a good practice for all Wars, be they Kingdom civil wars or large foreign wars, to include and incorporate.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Greetings everyone!

The SCA Survey Group opened for registrations in early August, and we have received 783 responses as at the time of this report. Of those, 762 Group members have responded to the first survey.

A second Known World Newcomers Virtual Symposium is coming up on November 29th, 2025. This is hosted by the Kingdom of Atenveldt, and more information including event registration and class proposals are available on the website.

Work continues on the Society Chatelaine's Handbook, and we are also looking forward to collaborating with the new Society DEIB officer.

Finally, the Virtual Chatelaine summit is now open for registrations and will be held 31st January 2026. This is intended to bring Kingdom and local officers together to learn and connect with fellow Chatelaines.