



# 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 22, 2023. The Sunday meeting was online and was available live. Information on how to view the video of the meeting for those who are interested can be found under "Announcements" on the SCA website.

My continual disclaimer: This report contains some highlights and information from the July 22, 2023, meeting. It has the publishable summaries and commendations from all Society and Corporate officers that submitted reports. All officer summaries and commendations were placed in this report exactly as presented in the original 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. Approved Minutes from past meetings can be viewed by SCA members at <https://members.sca.org/apps/#SignIn>.

Here are other items of interest from the meeting.

## **Quarterly Meeting Schedule:**

1. October 22, 2023 (Tentative)

## **Tentative Conference Call Schedule:**

1. Sunday, August 20, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. PDT (Tentative)
2. September 2023 - TBA

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

The Board noted and/or approved the following new Branches:

1. Atlantia: Canton of Haukesgate (Barony of Hawkwood)

2. East: Canton of Northpass (Province of Ostgardr)

The Board approved the following group dissolutions:

1. Ansteorra: Canton of Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)
2. Atlantia: Shire of Cathenar (Craven and Carteret Counties, eastern North Carolina)
3. Meridies: Shire of An Dun Theine (Madison County and Metro Huntsville, AL)
4. Outlands: College of Scola Metallorum (Colorado School of Mines)
5. Middle Kingdom: Shire of Okenshield (southeastern Kentucky)

### **Board Nominations**

As of the July 2023 meeting, there were forty-four (44) candidates on the list of Board nominees with fourteen (14) kingdoms represented. A breakdown by kingdom is as follows:

Æthelmearc	4	Ealdormere	0
An Tir	6	East	2
Ansteorra	0	Gleann Abhann	7
Artemisia	1	Meridies	2
Atenveldt	0	Middle	6
Atlantia	4	Northshield	1
Avacal	4	Outlands	0
Caid	2	Trimaris	3
Calontir	2	West	0
Drachenwald	0		

Of particular note, is that several kingdoms (Ansteorra, Atenveldt, Drachenwald, Ealdormere, Outlands and West) currently have no representation.

New nominations and commentary on current nominees are always encouraged. Questions should be sent to Board member Gabrielle Fisher at [recruiting@sca.org](mailto:recruiting@sca.org).

### **Variance Granted by Society Seneschal**

Motion by Ross Roegner to uphold the variance granted to the Kingdom of the Middle with regard to the use of Hamlets as group designations, and further instruct the office of the Society Seneschal to conduct this variance as an ongoing experiment with quarterly reports to the board, and after a time of 2 years to conclude the experiment and make a recommendation to adopt this experiment as a permanent society wide group designation. Second by Pug Bainter. In favor: Krista Capps, Gabrielle Fisher, Ross Roegner, KT Sheppard. Opposed: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

### **Request for Commentary – Proposed Corpora Addition: Royalty Selection**

#### *IV.A. Royalty—Selection*

*The Crown may refuse entry into the Royal Lists as either combatant or consort, on an individual basis only, for just cause stated in writing to that individual.*

*The deadline for commentary on this issue will be November 1, 2023. See [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org) for more information.*

### **Request for Commentary – Proposed Bylaw Change – Director Election and Terms**

Current:

E. Election and Term

Directors are elected by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Proposed Change:

E. Election and Term

Directors are elected by unanimous save one vote of the Board.

F. Vacancies and Removal

2. Filling Vacancies

All vacancies may be filled by a unanimous vote of the Directors then in office, whether or not their numbers constitute a quorum.

Change to:

All vacancies may be filled by a unanimous save one vote of the Directors then in office, whether or not their numbers constitute a quorum.

*The deadline for commentary on this issue will be November 1, 2023. See [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org) for more information.*

### **2023 Budget Adjustments Approvals**

- a. \$30,000 increase to General Legal expenses to cover deductibles and corporate document review. This is the largest increase and we had already budgeted \$20,000 for this account. We may not use all of this increase.
- b. \$2,500 for IT/Tech to purchase additional email licenses (to move all deputy positions into SCA.org email addresses), and an SMTP service, and additional equipment.
- c. Increase the office rent budget by \$300/month effective Oct 1. This is our regular annual increase.
- d. \$1,000 for general licensing renewals.

### **Society Exchequer – Variance**

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to uphold variances granted by the Society Exchequer to the East Kingdom and the Kingdom of Ansteorra to allow these groups to use the “request money feature”

in PayPal instead of invoicing attendees. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

### **Warrant Extension – Society Exchequer**

Motion by KT Sheppard to extend the warrant of Bonnie Stringer, Society Exchequer for one year. Second by Krista Capps. In favor: Krista Capps, Gabrielle Fisher, Jennifer Krochmal, Ross Roegner, KT Sheppard. Opposed: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

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

1. SENA update section NPN3D, Standards for Affiliation Conflict, to exempt household names based on ship's names from the standards for affiliation conflict when they use a branch name in accordance with period practice.
2. Administrative Handbook. Update section III.A.10 to clarify the amount of change required between a person's legal name and SCA name.
3. Administrative Handbook. Update throughout to replace "physical legal signature (or a facsimile thereof)" with "physical legal signature (or e-signature)". These updates are not included in Appendix B.
4. Administrative Handbook. Sections IV.C (preparation of submission forms and documentation) and IV.G (heraldic wills) to match precedent. Update section IV.D to clarify how requests for reconsideration are handled with respect to fees. Update section IV.E to clarify the appeals process.
5. SENA Appendix A "Patterns That Do Not Need Further Documentation by Language Group" to include patterns for Japanese names.
6. SENA Appendix C "Regional Naming Groups and Their Mixes" to add Turkic to the Turkish regional naming group, and to allow names from the East Slavic and Turkish regional naming groups to be combined.
7. SENA Appendix E1 "Branch Names" to reference the Cover Letters which explains the requirements for Hamlets.
8. SENA Appendix E4 "Household Names" with additional acceptable designators.
9. SENA Appendix G "Some Specific Elements that are a Step from Core Practice - Motifs" to remove *misutomoe* as this is a Japanese heraldic charge which we no longer consider a step from core practice.
10. SENA Appendix M "Some Resources for Conflict Checking" with notes on hummingbirds, trilliums, and roses.
11. Glossary of Terms: Updated Table 1 "Reserved Regalia" with a note to clarify that items listed in the O&A as regalia are also protected as badges.

12. Glossary of Terms: Updated Table 4 “Conventional ‘Proper’ Colorings”.

13. Glossary of Terms: Updated Table 5 “Conventional S.C.A. Default Postures”.

14. Administrative Handbook appendices: Updated Appendix F “Name Sources to Be Used with Caution and to Be Avoided in Documentation” to include the article "Anglo-Saxon Women's Names from Royal Charters" by Marieke van de Dal as a source to be used with caution. The given names are not always in the nominative case (which is required for the element to usable as a given name).

### **Society Marshal-Elect**

Motion by Krista Capps to appoint Melissa Midzor (Arabella da Siena) to the position of Society Marshal for the standard three (3) year term and subject to the standard probationary period, effective August 31, 2023. Second by Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

### **Board of Directors - Vice-Chair Assignment**

Motion by KT Sheppard to appoint Gabrielle Fisher to the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, effective at the close of the July 2023 quarterly meeting. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Chair Faulcon exercised his option and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

### **Ombudsman Assignments**

The following ombudsman assignments were approved effective at the close of the July 2023 quarterly meeting:

Chair: Mark Faulcon (Duke Martin Lochner)

Ombudsman for: President, Society Seneschal, Corporate Office, Executive Assistant, Financial Officers, Financial Committee, Census Committee

Vice Chair: Gabrielle Fisher (Adrielle Kerrec)

Ombudsman for: Board Recruiting, Æthelmearc, Avacal, Drachenwald, Lochac

Director: Krista Capps (Bricca di Ghelere)

Ombudsman for: Atlantia, Meridies, Middle, Ealdormere,

Director: Pug Bainter (Master Phelim Gervase)

Ombudsman for: DEIB, Heralds, East, Caid, West

Director: Jennifer Krochmal (Duchess Kalisa Aleksandrovna)

Ombudsman for: Communications Committee, Information Technology (Webminister and Webmaster), Calontir, Northshield, Outlands

Director Ross Roegner (Count Barthelemy of Illyria)

Ombudsman for: A&S, Artemisia Atenveldt, Publications (TI, CA, Chronicler)

Director: KT Sheppard (Graf Ulrich von Brandenburg)  
 Ombudsman for: Peerage Committee, An Tir, Ansteorra, Gleann Abhann, Trimaris,  
 Marshal

**In closing:**

Again, please remember also, that the Officer's Reports below are cut and pasted from the officer's reports directly to this document.

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

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 Duke John the Bearkiller  
 President, Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.  
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**OFFICER REPORTS:**

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

Commendations: I would like to thank Ray DuBose (Sir Rey RiBeaumont) for his work as Society Marshal. Ray took over the office as the world and our Society were in the onset of the epidemic. The last three years have been a difficult time for everyone, and Ray dealt with many issues that would be taxing for any officer under normal circumstances. Your service is appreciated Ray.

Special thanks also to Charlotte DuBose (Countess Miriel du Bois, OP) who worked with the Society Marshal's office as Special Projects Deputy. Charlotte helped the Society Marshal on reporting and most aspects of the office. Thank you, Charlotte, for your service, also.

Publishable Summary: The AmazonSmile Foundation has ceased donating to all organizations on June 23, 2023. The Foundation has been donating to Charities and Not-For-Profits for the last ten years and has been generous to the Society's general fund. The final donation to the SCA was received on June 8, 2023, in the amount of \$2591.89. I will be sending a Thank You to Amazon for their donations.

Applications for the position of Society Marshal have been closed and interviews will begin very soon. The current Marshal leaves the office at the end of August 2023 and the new officer will hopefully be chosen around August 1.

Testing is starting on the new SCA Online Registration and Event System (S.C.O.R.E.S). SCORES will allow groups to register their events and have attendees reserve for these events online. Once the testing is completed this will be available to all SCA, Inc. Kingdoms.

The Board has requested commentary on a proposed Corporate Policy "Investment Authority Delegation". This will give more authority to the Society Treasurer regarding investment of the SCA's institutional funds and portfolio. I urge everyone to go to the link below, read the proposed policy, and send your comments and suggestions to the Board. The closing date for commentary is September 15, 2023.

<https://www.sca.org/news/draft-proposal-for-commentary-investment-authority-delegation/>

The SCA Corporate DEIB officer is looking for deputies for future initiatives. The link for more information on that is:

<https://www.sca.org/news/deputies-wanted-diversity-equity-inclusion-and-belonging-office/>

SCA, Inc.'s 2022 Year End Report was released on May 27, 2023.

<https://www.sca.org/news/2022-year-end-report/>

Katie Gilroy, the Corporate Communications Marketing Deputy, organized and produced the report and it contains a great deal of information about the SCA in 2022 including financial information and other important subjects.

For those who are interested this link has announcements and other items of interest on the [www.SCA.org](http://www.SCA.org) website. News and Events

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

At some point during 2023 SCA, Inc. will announce a price increase in membership as well as an increase in Non-Member Registration cost for events in which a fee is charged for participation. It has been over ten years since the last membership increase and well over a dozen years since the Non-Member Registration fee was raised. These increases will probably not come into effect until at least late in 2023 and quite possibly will not start until 2024. Insurance and many other costs, as well as inflation, have continued to rise as our budgeting, especially over the three Covid years, has been carefully controlled.

The announcement will be released at least three months before the implementation date. This will give everyone enough to consider their own budgets as well as let groups adjust to the new Non-Member Registration fee structure.

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

Commendations: Louis Du Cray – for all her hard work and tireless efforts on getting the new Membership Portal up and running.

Lewis Tanzos, Russ Smith, and Hunter Eidson – for their considerable work on migrating to the new server.

Marla Lecin – For putting up with double job duties while we migrate to the new server.

**Publishable Summary:** The IT department has been busy this quarter. The migration to the new server has dominated our efforts this quarter. While we have hit roadblocks, we have made progress. The current goal is to complete the migration by July 15<sup>th</sup>. The web team is working hard to keep the website updated during this migration period. Additionally, the IT team has submitted a set of policies to formalize and guide the actions of information technology personnel throughout the SCA.

### **Communications & Social Media - Brigid Costello (Anne de Tournai)**

**Commendations:** Social Media Administrators and Moderators throughout the Known World for their vigilance, their compassion, their willingness to educate and their support of the Society's Core Values as outlined in Corpora. This is particularly relevant following a challenging June for many.

The Barony of Forgotten Sea is rocking it with their Tiktok/FB Reels. They are at 22k followers on the page.

The West Kingdom Social Media team for their care and compassion following the unexpected loss of the King. They held space for the Kingdom to share stories and grieve while also looking after themselves.

The West Kingdom team has also seen their hard work promoting the SCA to new audiences over the last year and a half create substantial changes in their user demographics. 43.1% of their Meta (FB and Insta) participants are aged 44 and under. 79% of our TikTok Followers are aged 18-34.

Aethelmarc Social Media has been made into a Kingdom Great Office – this is the result of hard work and partnerships across the Kingdom Officer cohort for their Kingdom.

The Kingdom of Trimaris's Discord team – it continues to go from strength to strength.

The Kingdom of Ealdormere's social media team which supported the Niagara Falls Comic Con, seeing an increase of members on their Facebook page and discord.

Mistress Miriam bat Shimon whose work is seeing great growth for the Lochac Tiktok account as well as constantly sharing public facing content showcasing her Kingdom.

The Gleann Abhann Crown List team did an amazing job. This Was Dame Christine O'neil of Cork aka Dame Dot on video and Baroness Raven, with the KSMO Rosalind bint Mihrimah.

Season 1 of AYUP the Gleann Abhann podcast has also completed a successful first season.

My thanks as always to John, Louise, Marla, Leslie, Lis, Eben, Myah and Sam and all the amazing content creators across the Known World who continue to communicate the opportunities and benefits inherent in our community.

**Publishable Summary:** Effective communication creates trust and builds understanding. In 2023, the Communications team will continue to work with officers and participants across the Known World to build the understanding of the mechanics of our organisation, realise opportunities to



improve it and continue to learn and grow. We thank everyone who has provided feedback and assistance with the improvements that have been made so far and those we will make in the future.

### **Society DEI Officer – Charles Burk (Charles de Bourbon)**

Commendations: I really want to thank all of our Social Media Officers. I know this month was tough for some of you, and you are heroes to me!

#### Publishable Summary:

Daily DEIB leanings were published every other day which reached 25,552 people. This was a 292% increase from the prior three months.

We saw 40% increase in page engagement with the SCA DEIB page

We had 198 new page liked which was down significantly, from the the prior quarter, because on March 10, when I published that I would be posting regular updates the message was shared 50 times and saw almost 100 new page likes in one day. If we remove that anomaly we are actually seeing our page likes growing month over month.

Work has begun on the new initiatives approved by the board including:

Training development for officers. Published job for deputy to assist in delivering this, and interviews have begun. Job closes the end of July. Curriculum content identification has also commenced based on analysis currently underway.

Publishing Accessibility features and Accessibility challenges on all SCA sites used for events: The job posting for the deputy to deliver special projects has been posted and interviews are underway. The posting will close the end of July.

Partner with Chatelaine's office to develop newcomer training. In partnership with the Chatelaine's office we are running an entire DEIB track at the Known World Chatelaine's Symposium that will be available to all chatelaines. Secondly, the Society Chatelaine and the Corporate DEIB officer are kicking off an interview series where we interview Landed Nobles, who are experiencing membership growth, by leaning in to DEIB in their recruiting and retention practices. We will discuss how it is paying off and what their approaches are for building their membership base. This is for people who are looking for ideas to grow their membership base.

Build work group and work on DEIB officer handbook to standardize the office across kingdoms and define what a Society DEIB office would do vs. a Corporate DEIB office. The primary author(s) has been identified and we are in the process of gathering notes from a working group that is currently forming.

I appeared on Voices of Color to discuss the new initiatives that we are working on in the DEIB office

I have consulted with officers and royals at all levels in the SCA on DEIB issues

Filled in as a teacher at Atlantian University where I taught a Corporate DEIB 101 class that went well and will be part of the the Chatelaine training offered at the KW Chatelaine Symposium RFP for external consultant was reviewed and approved by board this month, and it is going out for proposals now. This proposal for an external professional to come in and perform a DEIB assessment on the org.

The *Hate has No Place in the SCA* imagery have taken off, due to our posting it on our page, and we are seeing signs and belt tokens showing up all over the SCA. To date, it is our best performing post having reached almost 900 people and spawned its own page and a Pride garb challenge Facebook group approaching 1500 members.

### **Vice President for Operations (Society Seneschal) - Lis Schraer (Elasait ingen Diarmata)**

Commendations: Christine Bishop (Mistress Christine Wayode) stepped down in May as the Outlands kingdom seneschal. Christine assumed the office on short notice and without much training during the pandemic shutdown, and led her kingdom through that difficult time including the SCA's reopening and all the confusing and rapid rule changes that occurred in 2021 and 2022. She deserves a rest!

Melina Chestley (Countess Xristina Viacheslavova) completed a term as the Ealdormere kingdom seneschal which began with the SCA's reopening after COVID. As the laws and restrictions in Ontario were rather different than in the US, Melina had to navigate her kingdom's legal requirements and sometimes educate her Society superior on those differences. Through all of this she showed grace and good humor, and kept her kingdom on an even keel as post-pandemic activity resumed. She also deserves a rest!

I also want to mention (tardily) the kingdom seneschals of Gleann Abhann and Ansteorra, Kendra DeVaughn and Robyn Bainter, who dealt with some interesting situations at the war. Large SCA events aren't always a vacation for the legal representatives of the principal and host kingdoms! Their efforts are appreciated, as are those of the Gleann Abhann emergency deputy, Alex Kolass, who stepped in when Kendra had to be off-site due to her modern job.

Finally, I want to mention the Society Youth Activities Officer, Mickey Santy (Her Ladyship Amytis de la Fontaine). Mickey has jumped into a brand new position with a somewhat vague "wish list" and is actively and enthusiastically working to make my partially-shaped vision for the office begin to see reality. Her work is much appreciated!

From the kingdom seneschals I have the following commendations:

Ansteorra: I would like to give thanks to Lady Iðunn Arnarsdottir, the seneschal of the Shire of Shadowlands, as she very politely diffused a potentially volatile situation concerning the theme of their group's upcoming event.

I would like to give special thanks to the Barony of the Steppes for their grand efforts in recruiting and retention.

Atlantia: I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Duchess Marie-Simone de Barjavel 'la Fildena, who has served Atlantia at least twice as Kingdom Seneschal, her most recent time during the

Covid-19 pandemic where she expertly worked hard to keep the Kingdom safe and functioning. After stepping down last May when I stepped up, she served as my Emergency Deputy, offering me her guidance and wisdom as I assumed the role of KS. I could not have done it without her, and I value her counsel and her friendship. She is what all Atlantians should aspire to be!

East: Medhbh ingean ui Ceallaigh has been a fantastic support in my first year+ as East Kingdom Seneschal. I am pleased to announce she gets to breathe for real, and step down as the Emergency Seneschal for the kingdom. She will be a resource going forward, and work on occasional special project. I look forward to seeing what she gets to put her focus on! I am eternally thankful for her ongoing friendship and guidance.

Lochac: I need to call attention to the Kingdom deputies who make my job possible. Without the help of Reporting, Masonry Team, my Deputy, Crown Events, and Social Media Deputies I could not begin to tackle this work.

Northshield: I want to in particular compliment Lady Muirenn Bhallach for her steadfast commitment to her shire. I also want to compliment the ever articulate, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa, he was part of a news spot on the local Fox news about the SCA and represented the Society excellently. With him to well respected members opened up their home to news crews and gave a wonderful taste of the SCA as a lifestyle, thank you Duke Vladimir Radescu and Duchess Petranella Fitzallen of Weston.

Publishable Summary: First, an erratum: In April, I submitted a variance which the Board decided not to uphold. In the variance I referred to the Baroness of Bright Hills as requiring the variance to serve as a kingdom officer while also serving as a landed baroness. I have been informed that I got my Atlantian baronies confused, and the barony in question was actually Marinus. I want to note the correction here.

This quarter a new guide for kingdom seneschals doing sanction paperwork was completed and the seneschals were trained on its use. This should hopefully make it easier for them to file correct and timely paperwork when kingdom sanctions are necessary as they unfortunately are from time to time.

On a brighter note: this spring, finally, most kingdoms are reporting that event attendance and general SCA participation are looking similar to pre-COVID levels. This seems to be reflected in the fact that the corporate office has been fielding many more requests for insurance certificates and similar event-related items than previously. I see evidence and hear reports that quite a few newcomers are showing up, initially attracted by the online presence, both official and unofficial, of SCA content during the pandemic. Now they are excited to check us out in person. I saw evidence of this with my own eyes at a recent event in the Middle Kingdom where the Crown handed out “newcomer mugs” to at least 20 people who were attending their first royal court ever. We need to make the effort to continue that strong online presence which is clearly paying off, and to be welcoming to these new participants—to make sure their in-person experiences are as positive as their online impressions. It’s easy to get caught up in the excitement of an event and the comfortable feeling of being among old friends—I am absolutely guilty of this—but newcomers are vital to the Society’s health, and they can bring back an old magic by the gift of seeing the Society anew through their fresh eyes.

### **Society Chatelaine – Michelle Hays (Jeanne-Marie la Verriere),**

Commendations: I would like to commend Master Fergus DeBotha, OP of Atenveldt, as he is leading the charge for the eagerly anticipated Knowne World Chatelaine Symposium which will be held on December 30, 2023 via Zoom. Master Fergus has been a joy to work with, and is incredibly motivated about this event. He and the members on his team are working especially hard to be as inclusive as possible, and have been working with the Society DEI Officer, Master Charles de Bourbon OL, to ensure that it will be the best event it can be for all chatelaine/hospitalers across the Knowne World.

I would also like to commend my predecessor, Megan Ladd, as she continues with her work heading up the Newcomer's Point at Pennsic. Despite dealing with personal concerns, she continues with these efforts because she loves to welcome newcomers to the SCA.

Publishable Summary: The Office of the Chatelaine continues full steam ahead as we continue with the summer months. The Chatelaines/ Hospitalers of the SCA are on the move as we gear up for Lilies, Pennsic, and other exciting large events. As you pack for these exciting events, please remember to reach out to new members to your groups, welcome them home, and introduce them to your local newcomer officers. Let's have a great summer!

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

Commendations: A million thanks are due to Carolyn Richardson, Nataalya Urosecic, Bonnie Stringer, and everyone involved in migrating the corporate QuickBooks and subsequently getting our financial reporting up-to-date!

Publishable Summary: This was another busy quarter! Fun fact: we have processed more insurance certificate requests as of mid-June than were processed in the entirety of 2022, or in any of the preceding three years.

In May, we upgraded and migrated the corporate office QuickBooks, thanks to a subscription provided through TechSoup, the Microsoft tech grant program that IT Manager Sam Davis savvily signed us up for last year. As a bonus, this much-needed system upgrade represents a savings of over \$2,000.00 annually.

As of late June, members now have the opportunity to access their membership cards electronically. These digital membership cards provide a more efficient and convenient way to carry your membership information with you to events. They update automatically when you renew your membership or update your information. There is no need to download a separate app; they are installed directly into the existing wallet app on your smartphone, and once downloaded, don't require internet to access. You also have the option to print a physical copy at any time, as well as the ability to easily share family cards between devices.

Existing members will have received an email containing your digital card from membership@cuseum.com. Going forward, new members will receive their digital cards within 3-5 days of membership activation.

Membership details will of course continue to be accessible through the Membership Portal, and

we are continuing to print and mail blue membership cards. Just select that option from the drop-down menu during the renewal process. If you need to replace your card for an already-active membership, you can select Request A Membership Card from the left navigation menu on your Dashboard, or email [membership@sca.org](mailto:membership@sca.org) if you have questions or need assistance with your membership; at [insurance@sca.org](mailto:insurance@sca.org) for insurance questions and certificate requests; and for background check matters please contact [backgroundchecks@sca.org](mailto:backgroundchecks@sca.org) or your Kingdom Seneschal.

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

Commendations: Thanks and commendations to all of the Kingdom Chroniclers who submitted nominations for the Blackfox Awards, and to all of the nominees. We appreciate their hard work and willingness to share their creative talents with the Known World. A special thanks to Theresa Crean (Lady Theresa of Cahir) for her work editing special projects.

Publishable Summary: The Publications Team continues to provide monthly newsletters, a quarterly magazine (*Tournaments Illuminated*), and a quarterly scholastic journal (*Compleat Anachronist*). If you have any articles or artwork to enrich these publications, please reach out to the editors. Please note that there has been a change to the email address for digital newsletters to be archived. Please send newsletter submissions to [digitalarchivist@sca.org](mailto:digitalarchivist@sca.org), and inquiries and administrative issues go to [daoud-al-bodmani@outlook.com](mailto:daoud-al-bodmani@outlook.com). Please encourage your local Chronicler to include the Digital Archivist in their distribution of the newsletters.

### ***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 the other members of the SCA publications team, who have been and are so very supportive.

Publishable Summary: *Tournaments Illuminated* Issue 220 is going to press. Issues 221, 222 and 223 are in production.

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

Commendations: Once again, many thanks must go to Matthew Parker for Part 2 of his *De Commentariis Legum et Curia Angliae* (*Commentaries on the Laws and Courts of England*). Due to the length of his original manuscript, it was too long for one CA. He graciously permitted me to split it into two parts, and CA 200 is Part 2. As usual, I must thank Elise Fleming for her copy editing and Sue Gilbert for her fabulous, yet efficient, work with layout and design.

Publishable Summary: **Current Issue:** 2023 Q1 CA 200 *De Commentariis Legum et Curia Angliae* (*Commentaries on the Laws and Courts of England*) Part 2.

Publishable Summary: Part 2, a continuation of *Compleat Anachronist* 199, provides commentaries on heraldic law, due process, the laws of war and the development of international law, the English constitution in the Tudor period, and medieval and Renaissance laws that still affect people today. Included is a glossary of legal terms that originated in the Middle Ages, along with details on rank and address in Tudor England. Written by a 21<sup>st</sup>-century lawyer, this *Compleat Anachronist* allows anyone with an interest in law and/or history to learn about 16<sup>th</sup>-century and

pre-16<sup>th</sup>-century English law, and the real-world use of rank and titles during that time period.

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

Commendations: To almost all kingdom chroniclers being on time with their newsletter submissions!

To Countess Honor for always being there!

Publishable Summary: Everything is going well. Waiting for Blackfox nominations for this A.S. year. Hope to see all kingdoms participate this year.

### **Society Archivist Travis Schenck (Ramon De Javier)**

Commendations: The office of the Archivist would like to give commendations to David K. Bodman (Daoud al-Bodmani) the deputy for digital formats for his continued work to preserve the digitized newsletters and documents being sent to the Archive

The Archive would also like to commend those chroniclers who continue to send copies both physically and digitally to the Archives so that we can continue to preserve the past of the SCA for the future.

Publishable Summary: The office of the Archivist continues to work on settling the archive into its new home. Physical copies of newsletters have already started to arrive on time and digital copies are also making their way to the archives. We are available for consultation as we begin to process the collection to make it even more researcher friendly.

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

Commendations: My thanks to Sam Davis and Marla Lecin for updating the SCA.org website to include all the Forms 990 filed for our state subsidiaries, which I realized were missing (and always had been). We also did some clean up in this area of the documents page, as I really didn't think we needed to keep 20-year-old tax returns on the site.

Also, a HUGE thank you to Mazelle Attiya for putting together a consolidated spreadsheet that shows what the SCA has made as a whole, including Canada and all the state subsidiaries. We haven't had this information in a single report before and we plan to prepare this annually going forward.

Publishable Summary: The continuing migration of the membership system and corporate accounting, has resulted in unusual delays regarding our bookkeeping systems. It also seems to have resulted in a larger amount of errors in the corporate books in the most recent months, which I am still working on with the office and our bookkeeper. The new event registration system, SCORES, is in its test phase and seems to be easy to use from the user end. If things go well, we will be rolling it out to the other kingdoms later this year. And much like the corporation, a return to normal activity levels seems to be generating book errors at the local level, so the consolidated report may take a little longer to be finalized while Mazelle works with the kingdoms to fix those errors. We are still waiting to hear from the corporate auditors regarding the audit for 2022's

financial reporting.

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

Commendations: Many thanks to Robin Legollow for many years of exchequer service in Atlantia. Many thanks to Mazelle and Kenda for their work on the new event system. Thanks to Sam for the new exchequer email list.

Publishable Summary: It is so amazing to watch folks come together and be kind and generous to each other in times of need. Training is always a priority. We have volunteers for the Financial Committee. We only need to know who of the BOD members wish to sit on this committee.

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

Commendations: This quarter I've only had one principal herald changeover. In the Middle Kingdom, Alzbeta Michalik stepped down after a successful tenure as Dragon Principal Herald. Her successor is Gilebert le Braceeur, who is coming into the office with plenty of energy and ideas. I want to thank Alzbeta for her service!

I also want to thank the staff of the Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium. Beatrice Domenici della Campana and Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe along with the rest of their staff did a fantastic job in our first in-person KWHSS since 2019. I've already thanked them in person, but I wanted to put it in writing as well: this was a lot of work, especially as we haven't had one in four years, but they did an outstanding job.

Publishable Summary: As I write this, KWHSS 2023 has just finished. Many thanks to the Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr and the kingdom of Northshield for hosting us. We had over 40 hours of heraldic and scribal classes, which was fantastic, but also great was being able to see each other face to face once again. We're already looking forward to next year's in-person KWHSS, but bids are still open on that so I can't yet tell you an exact location. We do still plan to have our next virtual vKWHSS in January, so stay tuned for more information!

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

Commendations: The Society Marshal would like to thank all field marshals who are giving their time during these hot months to provide a safe environment for fighters. Also as usual I would like to thank my Special Projects Deputy for all the hard work she puts in.

The DSM for Combat Archery offers thanks to Captain Arnora in Skarpa for her efforts to improve the Midrealm marshal process.

The DSM for Rapier Combat sends kudos again to the KRM Caid Baroness Alesone Gray of Cranlegh who has agreed to A) Give a virtual class to him on the adverse event form they developed with an eye to adopting for Society use, and B) Taking on the role as experiments deputy. His wife HE Elyn for not killing anyone at GW despite how many wanted to discuss the "hot topics", and helping him avoid such chats; and a "well done" to the GW marshal staff, Rapier, who ran a good war with little lead up time for such an event with the additional burden of lots of tension among many fighters. Well done to Master Niccolo Romero and crew.

**Publishable Summary:** Injuries have picked back up on both heavy and rapier fighting fields. If you have calibration issues please communicate with your opponent. Also with the record weather heat waves please stay hydrated and take necessary breaks to cool down.

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

Commendations: I offer commendations to the following individual artisans, and groups in some cases:

- I commend all Kingdom and local Arts and Sciences officers for their good work in bringing in person Arts and Sciences activities to an active level. I am proud of everyone who facilitates, plans, and participates in these activities.
- Congratulations to the following people in the Kingdom of Æthelmearc: Master Robert of Ferness for being chosen as Their Majesties' Brewing Champion, THL Avitoria Vidua for winning Queen's Prize Tourney, and both Baron Snorri skyti Bjarnarson and THL Oddkatla Jonsdottir who ties for winner of Populace Choice at Queen's Prize Tourney.
- Commendations to Mano d'Oro to Aila'ntha of Williams Keep, in the Kingdom of An Tir, for her long-time contribution to A&S Community in her Principality.
- Commendations to the following people in the Kingdom of Ansteorra: HL Elizabetha de Picardia for her time as Premier Bard, to Lord Roric Rainerson who is the new Premier Bard of Ansteorra, to Simha bint Yusuf, OP for their time as Ansteorran Middle Eastern Dance Champion, to Adriana Lorelle, OP who is the new (for her second time) Middle Eastern Dance Champion, and to Maestra Masina Da Ferrara received a perfect score for her silk project at Gulf Wars.
- Congratulations to the winners of Artemisia's Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition: Champion Amanda de Spencer, Reserve Champion Malkin Allardson, Novice Champion Stephen Soreeson, and Teen Champion Killian von Wolfgagnhauser.
- Commendations to the following Artemisians for their work on Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition: Vadoma (Miri Nader) for helping arrange the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition and Collegium Event, Aonghus Ill-ulfr for printing forms for the competition, Sarah von Feuerbach for coordinating the Collegium and preparing the Convocation, and Magdalena Lucia Ramberti for helping man the competition table.
- Commendations to Mistress Magdalen Venturosa for her extended service as Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences in Atenveldt.
- Congratulations to the following people in the Kingdom of Atlantia: Cultura Atlantia winner Helena Kassandreia, Tempore Atlantia winner Porfinna Holludottir, Poeta Atlantiae winner Lady Elizabeth Spalding, and Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition winner Lady Mariana Ruiz de Medina.



- Congratulations to Lady Tova of Montengarde won Avacal's Kingdom A&S.
- Commendations to Mistress Whithetmina de Gothia for her time serving as Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences in the Kingdom of Caid.
- Commendations to Guy di Dinan, of Insulae Draconis in the Kingdom of Drachenwald, for putting together an excellent Brewers' Almanac, to Geirdis Geirhardardottir, an herbalist, for putting together a recent newsletter, and to Keldor av Skellitta who made an amazing "scroll" in the form of a beautifully etched sword for a recent Knighting.
- Commendations to Lady Isabella Fuergoso, who was an excellent autocrat for Gleann Abhann's Athenaeum. Also, to Maestra Giata Magdalena Alberti, who, although she is now out of kingdom, worked behind the scenes to help bring Athenaeum back to life.
- Commendations to the following people in the Kingdom of Meridies: Corwin Giollapadhreag winner of the 5 Year Brewing Challenge at Iris Faire, Mistress Derbail for writing a FAQ on entering an A&S fair for the Barony of Bryn Madoc, THL Rhowny Alyna Nic an Chrosain for scoring a 20 at Kingdom A&S, Kenneth and Katerina MacPharlain have been members of the SCA for less than a year but have jumped in and created informal craft nights every Monday evening.
- Commendations to Raphael di Merisi in Middle Kingdom, for his exemplary work in Historic Combat Studies.
- Commendations to the following people in the Kingdom of Northshield: Hlif Aksasmidr (recently from Avacal) who is a formidable tablet weaver and won the Populace A&S Competition at Gulf Wars, Dame Katerinka Lvovicha who won the Triathlon at Northshield's Kingdom A&S Competition, Aine ingen MaelPtraic who won the Open Division, and Judith of Northwode who won the Novice Division.
- Congratulations to the following people in the Kingdom of the Outlands: Lancer Appolonia Zawmstricker for winning Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition, and Cassandra Reglis's Daughter for winning Queen's Prize. Commendations to Countess Richenda who helped greatly in the judging process for Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition.
- Commendations to the Scribes in the Kingdom of Trimaris, they heard of a lack of original scrolls being made and their response was quick and sure with a huge influx of enthusiasm and industrious artists working above and beyond. There is now a scriptorium at each event and all kinds of encouragement and teaching offered for new scribes.
- Commendations to the following West Kingdom people: Sybil the Disobedient for stewarding Kingdom Arts and Sciences Tournament, Michelle Lencrier and Else Hungrovt for helping greatly with the event.

- A special thank you to my husband, Lord Wang Wei Yuan, for making it possible for me to travel and attend Drachenwald 30 Year and Coronation, and for being my greatest supporter and encourager in all things.

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

The 2nd Quarter has seen well attended in person activities, including Arts and Sciences classes, workshops, several local and Kingdom competitions. Some online and hybrid A&S activities including universities and classes have continued. Kingdom and local officers successfully continue to update the ways in which we do Arts and Sciences activities, including non-judged Displays, working toward refreshing and reformatting traditional A&S rubrics, competitions, and activities.

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. Recently, the Populace were invited to share Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Forestry, and Herbal projects. Fascinating projects ranging from Tudor Gardening, Beekeeping, Barley from growing to brewing, Icelandic chickens and Norse chicken husbandry, growing herbs for use in feasts, medieval medicinal herb gardening, pheasants and peafowl, orchards, foraging for wild edible and medicinal plants, pollarding and coppicing trees, Icelandic sheep, and pigs were shared. What an active area to enjoy! Additionally, the Populace was invited to share some current and recent projects. These included new brews, fabric painting, appliqué, pepper sauce, deer sausage, stone carving, and painted pottery. Next, we will focus on Camp Improvement, General Garb, and Accessories projects.

As the Society officer, I continue regular outreach through the Kingdom officers to help encourage and support officers from Kingdom-level all the way through to the branch officers. I strive 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, during storms, or holidays when response time may be significantly longer).

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

Commendations: None.

Publishable Summary: The 2020 SCA Census committee analysis continues. We 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>.

Final reporting on qualitative data should be made public later this year.

## Sanctions

### A. Patrick Haley (Martin MacKeegan)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Patrick Haley (Martin MacKeegan) effective immediately. Second by Ross Roegner. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

### B. Matthew Jones (Matthias)

Motion by Ross Roegner to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Matthew Jones (Matthias) effective immediately. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

### C. Patrick Lomax (na)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Patrick Lomax (SCA Name Unknown) effective immediately. Second by Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

### D. Tyler Marshall (Leofwine Wulfhere sunu)

Motion by KT Sheppard to uphold the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Tyler Marshall (Leofwine Wulfhere sunu) as issued by Gabriel and Sonja, Crown of the Kingdom of Ansteorra, and their Kingdom Seneschal on May 27, 2023, 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 Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

### E. James McClain (Raven)

Motion by Ross Roegner to revoke the membership of and deny participation to James McClain (Raven) for a period of four (4) years, effective immediately and concluding on July 22, 2025. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

### F. David McDowell (Peregrine Falconer)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of and deny participation to David McDowell (Peregrine Falconer) effective immediately. Second by Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

### G. Ryan Nield (na)

Motion by Ross Roegner to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Ryan Nield (SCA Name Unknown) effective immediately. Second by KT Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

H. Randolph Pozos-Brewer (Constantinus Puteolanus Germanicus)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to uphold the Exile of Randolph Pozos-Brewer (Constantinus Puteolanus Germanicus) by Hans and Ciar, Crown of the West Kingdom on May 11, 2023. Second by KT Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by KT Sheppard to uphold the Exile of Randolph Pozos-Brewer (Constantinus Puteolanus Germanicus) by Athos and Alianora, Crown of An Tir on May 11, 2023. Second by Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to direct the Society Seneschal to issue a Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Randolph Pozos-Brewer (Constantinus Puteolanus Germanicus), and further, to begin an investigation into possible sanctions up to and including revocation of membership and denial of participation, effective immediately. Second by Krista Capps. In favor: Krista Capps, Gabrielle Fisher, Jennifer Krochmal, Ross Roegner, KT Sheppard. Opposed: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

I. Barbara Ruble (Maleah bint Abdullah)

*Director Pug Bainter recused himself from discussion of, or voting on, this issue.*

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Barbara Ruble (Maleah bint Abdullah) effective immediately. Second by KT Sheppard. Opposed: None. Recused: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

J. Scott Beecher Smith (Wolf Warpath)

Motion by Pug Bainter to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Scott Beecher Smith (Wolf Warpath) effective immediately. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

K. James Troupe (Khaidu Naranaimo)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of and deny participation to James Troupe (Khaidu Naranaimo) effective immediately. Second by KT Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

L. Valarie Kelly (Raven Whitehart)

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to overturn the Exile of Valarie Kelly (Raven Whitehart) by Andreas and Kallista, Crown of Aethelmearc on May 22, 2023. Second by KT Sheppard. In favor: Krista Capps, Gabrielle Fisher, Jennifer Krochmal, KT Sheppard. Opposed: Pug Bainter, Ross Roegner. Chair Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so against the motion. Motion carried.

M. Louise McCoy Caldwell – SCA Ltd: Banishment

By consensus the Board recognizes the Absolute Banishment (also known as a Revocation of Membership and Denial of Participation) of Louise McCoy Caldwell (Louisa Lyppard Cattone du Lac or Lorix) by the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Limited.