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

Greetings everyone,

Please find below my report, from the Board of Director's meeting, held on April 14, 2024. A recording of the meeting should be available soon for viewing. 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 April 14, 2024, meeting. It has 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 www.sca.org/board-minutes

Here are other items of interest from the meeting.

Quarterly Meeting Schedule:

When reviewing the following dates, please keep in mind that they are tentative and based on the current assumption that the meetings will be virtual. If a decision is made to hold a live meeting, the date will shift to a day earlier to allow for travel. All meetings, whether live or virtual, will be recorded for viewing at a later date.

1. July 21, 2024, Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)
2. October 20, 2024, Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

Tentative Conference Call Schedule:

Two conference calls are currently scheduled this quarter. The date of those calls is tentatively set for May 30, 2024, and June 24, 2024. A third conference call for Third Quarter 2024 was tentatively set for August 19, 2024.

Status Changes Requiring Board Action:

The Board approved to dissolve the following groups at the request of the Society Seneschal:

1. An Tir: Shire of Midhaven (Skagit and San Juan Counties, WA)
2. Caid: Canton of Mons Draconis (Greater Riverside, CA area)
3. Caid: Stronghold of Steinsee (29 Palms Marine Base & Surrounding Areas)
4. Meridies: Canton of Hochwald (Corryton, TN)

Board Nominations

The report of Director Gabrielle Fisher noted that as of April 14, 2024, there were forty-four (44) candidates on the list of Board nominees with fifteen (14) kingdoms represented. A breakdown by kingdom is as follows:

Æthelmearc	3	Ealdormere	0
An Tir	6	East	2
Ansteorra	0	Gleann Abhann	7
Artemisia	1	Lochac	1
Atenveldt	0	Meridies	1
Atlantia	5	Middle	4
Avacal	4	Northshield	0
Caid	2	Outlands	1
Calontir	3	Trimaris	4
Drachenwald	0	West	0

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

Board / Corporate / Society Officer Meet & Greet Panels

A Board and Corporate/Society Officer Meet and Greet was held at Gulf Wars Friday, March 15, 2024. Thanks were extended to the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann for their hospitality.

A Board Meet and Greet will be held Lillies War in Calontir on Thursday, June 13, 2024. All are invited to attend.

The Board is currently looking for additional opportunities to set up meetings at different larger local, non-kingdom events. If any groups are interested in hosting one at their event, please send an email to the Executive Assistant at ea@sca.org for more information.

Sanctions Policies and Procedures Manual Revision

Motion by Krista Capps to approve the Sanctions Policies and Procedures Manual Revisions as

presented by the Society Seneschal. Second by Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Please contact the Society Seneschal for more information on this item.

DEIB/ Office of Inclusive Programs

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve a name change for the DEIB Office to the Office of Inclusive Programs. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve Recruiting and Retention structural changes to Corpora as requested by the Office of Inclusive Programs. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Chairman Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in the favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Summary:

Added:

Section VI. Society Officers:

I. Chatelaine: The Chatelaine is responsible for promoting and supporting recruitment initiatives and guiding retention practices.

J. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Officer: The Society DEIB Officer is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, and maintenance of game-facing DEIB initiatives and education.

Changed:

Re-number I. Reservations to the Board, to K. Reservations to the Board, with no changes in content.

Information and Technology Policy Action

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to uphold the policy interpretation of the Vice-President for Information Technology that email accounts provided by the SCA for an office are for official business and communications in relation to SCA functions. Second by: K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Laurel Principal Queen of Arms – Approved SENA Changes

The following changes to SENA (Standards for Evaluation of Names and Armory) were approved either by motion or consensus:

Update to the Administrative Handbook to limit the number of submissions to 50 per month per kingdom. Submissions heralds in different kingdoms have been operating under different views of how long a LoI may be; and while most agree that there is a maximum number of items, this isn't written down anywhere accessible. The update corrects this situation.

Update to the Administrative Handbook to allow branches to retain their old names as Ancient Branch Names, as discussed in the January 2024 report, and at the same time clarify that neither Ancient Arms nor Ancient Branch Names can be returned to the status of active Branch Name or Branch Arms.

Amendment to the policy ruling made by the Board of Directors on September 25, 1983 stating that the names and arms of defunct Society branches may not be reused, and approve update to the Administrative Handbook with notation to clarify that with respect to items registered by the College of Arms, a change of status from full Society branch to Hamlet is treated like other changes in branch status even though one step of the administrative process is formal disbandment and to allow a kingdom to transfer the name and arms of a defunct branch to a new branch established in the same location as Ancient Branch Name and Ancient Arms.

SENA deletion of A2B4a to remove the step from core practice for plants and animals in some situations and revised A2B2 to generally allow plants and animals that existed in the same time and place as period humans to be registered without a step from core practice.

SENA revision of A6C to allow quartered augmentations to be in the second and third quarters as well as the first and fourth quarters as A3A3c allows.

SENA revision of PN1B2c "*Lingua Societatis* Allowance" to make it clear that occupational bynames may use this allowance, which matches existing precedent.

SENA revision of the Japanese names portion of Appendix A "Patterns That Do Not Need Further Documentation by Language Group" to reflect current academic understanding of period Japanese onomastics.

Update to Appendix E5 "Heraldic Tinctures and Ordinary Color Words Registerable in Non-Personal Names" to allow the use of "grey" (in various languages).

Update to Appendix L1 "A Partial List of Postures and Orientations" to include additional postures for sea creatures and other creatures whose default posture is erect.

Update to Appendix M "Some Resources for Conflict Checking" with information on leaves and pelicans.

Glossary of Terms – update of Table 2 "Reserved Charges" to clarify when a pelican is reserved for members of the Order of the Pelican.

Glossary of Terms – update of Table 4 "Conventional 'Proper' Colorings" and Table 5 "Conventional S.C.A. Default Postures" to include yet more definitions for various charges such as paws, sliding door bolts, and Thor's hammers, and to retire the problematic term *Caucasian* from being used to describe human skin color.

Marshalate Actions

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to uphold a variance allowing for a four (4) month extension to the East Kingdom for the use of flexir blades. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to uphold a variance allowing for a four (4) month extension to the East Kingdom for the use of flexir blades. Second by: Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Ombudsman Assignments

There were no changes to any ombudsman assignments. The current assignments can be found here: <https://www.sca.org/about/officers/#board>

In closing:

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

Finally, if you have suggestions, comments, or questions, about this report please contact me at president@sca.org.

This is my final After the Meeting President's letter. My last day in the position is May 31, 2024. The new President is Bao Pham (Baron Baudoyne de Lafayette) and I am sure he will do an exemplary job. Good luck Bao! It has been an honor working for the SCA.

In service and respect,

John

John Fulton
Duke John the Bearkiller
President, Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
president@sca.org

OFFICER REPORTS:

President – John Fulton (John the Bearkiller)

Commendations: I will have a final "goodbye", overly wordy I am sure, commendation letter ready on the last day of my employment as President of SCA, Inc. That retirement date should be sometime in the next several weeks as the Board of Directors selects the new President. Until then my respect, thanks, and commendations go to everyone who work to provide the effort, fun, foundation and execution of the Society's events, meetings, classes so that all of us can enjoy our participation in this historical reenactment organization. Please take the time to actually look at those who toil so that others can get a bit of enjoyment. For every person in front of our vision there are dozens behind the scenes to whom we all owe gratitude. It isn't the grandeur of this organization that is the most valuable of treasures. Our most valuable treasure, in my opinion, are those who continually aid and assist others. We owe them everything.

Publishable Summary: The January 2024 Board meeting produced a large number of possible

changes to Corpora, the By Laws, and Corporate Policies. The DEIB, Society Marshal, Society Seneschal officer, and my office all had suggested changes to the Operating documents. Starting soon after the January 2024 meeting a large multiple announcements have come out requesting commentary from the membership and participants. The requests for commentary will continue to be released over the next several months. Some currently are:

The possible creation of a Patron membership. Commentary is open until May 3, 2024.

<https://www.sca.org/news/patron-membership-corpora-commentary-request/>

Request on a draft Corpora wording for the Omnibus Peerage Proposal. Commentary will be closed on April 2, 2024 but the Board would still appreciate commentary and suggestions after that date.

<https://www.sca.org/news/commentary-request-draft-corpora-wording-omnibus-peerage-proposal/>

By the time the Quarterly Board April 2024 arrives there should be a request for commentary out regarding requiring access to newsletters in order to be an officer in the Society. Kingdom newsletters have been available to everyone on the SCA.org website for several years so that requirement is dated and needs to be removed.

As mentioned above there will be more requests for commentary forthcoming. Everyone is asked to please send commentary to the SCA-Comments@sca.org email address. SCA-Comments@sca.org is also an excellent way to reach the Board, Corporate, or Society officers if needed. A complete list of Society and Corporate officers, along with their email addresses, can be found at <https://www.sca.org/about/officers/>.

Membership rates were increased as well as the non-member registration fee or NMR, at the January 2024 Board meeting. By the April 2024 Board meeting those implementation dates will have already passed. These increases were needed to operate SCA, Inc. Financial information can be found at <https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/#treasurer>.

The SCA Kingdoms and groups continue to hold events, meetings, classes, etc. and 2024 looks to continue the growth of the number of such activities. Gulf Wars 2024 had an attendance of over 2900 and was, except for some usual rain, a success. Other large events, collegiums, wars (such as Pennsic and others), A&S, Coronations, Investitures, and similar enjoyable times are upcoming in the Spring, Summer, and Fall and appear to be encouraging signs that the SCA is growing.

I continue to urge everyone to go to the SCA website and look around. There is a large amount of important information available on the SCA website (www.sca.org).

I admit to spending a good bit of time admiring, and shopping, at <https://the-sca.printify.me/products>. The SCA Feast Beast Oven Mitt is quite attractive (shameless commercial ad).

Several officers should this quarter have some important things in their reports this quarter so, another shameless plug, please check the President's April 2024 President's Report which is a fairly complete recap of what happened at the April 2024 Board. That report should be available near the end of April 2024.

Thanks yet again to all who have contacted me for permission prior to using the trademarked SCA logo and name on merchandise intended to be sold. Permission is needed prior to use. For questions or permissions please contact me at president@sca.org.

Manager for Information Technology – Sam Davis (Thomas Blackmoore)

Commendations: Russ Smith (Reis ap Tuder) - For his continued excellent work for the SCA in all its aspects.

Publishable Summary: Information Technology continues to work to improve our offerings and reduce our budget. The Office 365 migration is complete and has resulted in a significant monthly budget reduction. The Corporate Share Point migration project is ongoing. Once completed, we will have a more efficient and user-friendly Share Point Instance. The Policy project is ongoing and close to completion, but care is being taken to not negatively impact systems that are working and meet the intent of a given policy.

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

Commendations: Rosalind McAlister and her team of amazing judges who recently ran and judged the 5th SCA Magnificently Awesome Scavenger Hunt!

Genevieve Alaiz d'Avignon who has completed an exceptional term as Kingdom Social Media Officer for Meridies. Enjoy your rest!

Feia Pevtsova and team who have successfully streamed 6 Royal Courts for Artemisia this quarter.

Shout out to Laska Koudelka for hosting an A&S crafting night each month in the Trimaris Discord which continues to grow.

Trimaris's Tiktok continues to grow. They live streamed Court from GW to Facebook and also streamed elevations and important moments to Tiktok while at war.

Koia Karasova and the team have started doing weekly posts that are very successful on Facebook. They have Maker's Monday, Word Fame Wednesday, and on Fridays switch around between three options: Family Fridays, Fighting Fridays, and Fun Fact Fridays. This is generating positive engagement and strong conversations.

Glean Abhann's AYUP series has begun filming again – thanks to all who are contributing for this YouTube content. TikTok is building again.

Shout out to Cassair Warwick in Atlantia! She has stayed on KSMO deputy after she stepped down as KMSO, and has been a huge help covering issues and reporting from events.

My thanks as always to Louise, Katie, John, Charles, Lis, Leslie, Sam and Nicholas and all the amazing officers and 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 2024, 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)

No report received.

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

Commendations: Danielle Hunt (Magistra Audrye Beneyt) will have stepped down as East Kingdom seneschal by the time this report is presented. Danielle took office as the SCA was beginning to come more fully out of pandemic restrictions and as the requirements for both the SCA and local/state/provincial governments were rapidly changing. She dealt with a very opinionated populace on that and other issues, and well deserves the chance to get back to that which brings her joy...which seems to include volunteering in other capacities, such as royal retinue work. Thank you, Danielle!

Sarah Oldenburg Garcia (Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe) is stepping down this month as Northshield's seneschal. Sarah also had to deal with changing post-pandemic issues, and handled all that came her way gracefully and calmly. My thanks to her as well for her hard work!

Tammera Gulliver (THL Katrina Yarbrough) is stepping down in early May as the West Kingdom seneschal. Tammera's tenure began with her having to make an emergency phone call to me! She oversaw improvements in communication within her kingdom and the creation and filling of new officerships, and kept a steady hand upon the helm through some challenging times. She likewise has my gratitude for her hard work.

I also want to commend my amazing emergency deputy, Stacy Hall, and Director Shep Sheppard, who both gave up a weekend to help me work on revisions to the Seneschal's Handbook. Stacy and I traveled (at our own expense) to Shep's home and we spent somewhere close to 18 hours over the course of two days in an amazingly productive markup. We could never have gotten this much done over Zoom or via email. Also I want to commend Shep's lovely wife Alice, who was a gracious and delightful hostess to this "Policy Wonk Weekend." Shep and Alice also rescued me from a night in an airport when my flight home got delayed too much for me to make it back to St. Louis Sunday night. Thank you both!

From the kingdoms I have the following commendations:

Artemisia: Commendations for Mistress Tamsyn Sutherland, THL Morgan the Bald, and Lady Imayne de Winterbourne, all of whom have recently completed successful tenures as branch seneschal of their groups.

Atlantia: I would like to give a special commendation to Her Majesty of Atlantia, Queen Mary

Isabel. This is her first time as Queen, and she has really shown grace and courtesy. I have observed her several times in discussions with people regarding behavior issues, and she has shown an incredible amount of compassion in listening to victims talk about what happened, or dealing with people who have been the cause of the issues. She is excellent in dealing with people. She hands out a banner of Inspiration each event to someone she finds inspiring. Truly, though, she is an incredible inspiration herself, and Atlantia has been fortunate to have her serve as Queen.

Caid: I'd like to praise my emergency deputy, Dame Grace O'Kennaith, for seamlessly stepping into the Seneschal office while I was out for a medical procedure. Even with her other mundane obligations, she did an exemplary job in the position and allowed me to focus on my health challenges.

East: (this is long, it is her last report!)

Commendations:

Local & Regional Seneschals - Thank you for each and every one of you for all your hard work during my tenure here. Without your support, your input, your feedback and your voices, the Kingdom would not be where it is now. I am eternally grateful.

Thomas of Effingham - Over the last 6 months, you have been in the deputy role, and my right hand when it comes to decision making. I look forward to seeing where the Kingdom goes under your guidance and will be right here for you whenever you need. Thank you for everything you have done.

Medhbh inghean ui Cheallaigh - No, I still have to look up your name to spell it right. You have been a voice of reason, let me vent, and provided support whenever I've called. I could not have done this without your trust and support. Thank you for the opportunity.

Caoilfhionn inghean Fhaolain - You have provided so much wisdom to me from your experiences both as a member, and as Crown, that I could not have worked through some of the things I had to without you. You have been an amazing friend, a mentor, and staunch voice when needed. Thank you.

Katherine Barr & Mercedes de Calafia - You both know what you did. As always, your knowledge and experience were everything I could have hoped for and more.

Hedewegis Ockenfusin - Thank you. The calming presence I could always find in your space made for a good contrast on the hard days.

To the People of the East - Thank you for feeling confident to share your voices with me, even when we disagreed. Thank you for teaching me to be a better listener. Thank you for standing next to me, and I hope you continue stand with Effingham in the next two years.

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

Northshield: (Again, long as it is her last report!) In highlight:

I want to thank ALL the Seneschals in the Kingdom of Northshield, they have been wonderful to

work with these last two years and I can't think of a better bunch.

I want to thank my fellow Stallari members for working through Kingdom issues in such a respectful manner.

I want to give kudos to Lis, Society Seneschal, she has been a wonderful support and doesn't get enough credit for all she does for us Kingdom Seneschals.

I want to also thank my predecessor Baroness Alinore Wyndover, she set an excellent example for me to follow, I hope I managed to do half as well as she did in this trying role.

Last, Thank you Northshield for being the greatest kingdom in the knowne world because we have the greatest populace, but I may be biased.

Trimaris: Kudos are due to

a. Trimaris' newest Mistress of the Pelican, Ambra Michelli, OL and now OP, who is my very on-the-ball Deputy Seneschal for Administration and newly married. It was Maestra Ambra, her household and Shire Sudrholt who produced the free event we just had.

b. Mistress Aurelia Cassia, OP who used her Excel wizardry to produce a report showing attendance and profit numbers for Trimaris events from 2016 to present, this is super helpful information.

c. the Shire of Sudrholt, seneschal Birna Isleifsdottir, for being on time with reports, producing events and promoting the Arts and Sciences generally throughout the kingdom.

d. Trimaris Social Media Director, HL Gudrun Rauðhárr for general awesomeness and being ever ready to promote and edify Trimaris.

West: My very special thanks and commendations go to Bella de Sorci, Angelita de Guzman and Francisco de Salamanca. Without their unending support, encouragement, and help, I would not have been able to complete this term.

Publishable Summary: Events large and small, indoor and outdoor, have been happening during the winter months. There have been some rough spots with site contracts, sites that now charge a lot more than they did a few years back, and similar concerns, but overall it appears that the Known World is back in session.

There continues to be interest in hybrid and virtual events, particularly for classes. Some kingdoms have started or continued holding online classes on weeknights geared toward newer SCA members. While there is no substitute for the in-person nature of the SCA experience, we can use what we learned during the pandemic to help broaden the reach of the organization.

During this quarter the SCA raised membership rates and the additional fee for nonmember participants at events, for the first time in over a decade. While nobody likes to see prices rise, the reality is that everything becomes more expensive over time and the costs to the organization are no exception. Membership fees allow us to continue playing the game we love at the level we've

become used to by providing necessary insurance, infrastructure, and services. Those items benefit all who attend events whether they choose to become paid members or not.

Several kingdoms have lengthy “trademark” camping events coming in the upcoming months, and Pennsic 51 planning is in full swing. Please remember to dress for the expected weather, hydrate, and use sunscreen. I would also add that if you are old enough and choose to consume alcohol, please be responsible. It is striking how many incident reports cross my email that include that someone had apparently consumed a larger amount of alcohol than was advisable. I enjoy having a beer or two at events that allow it myself, but a lot of questionable behavior might be avoided with a little more care in this area.

Have fun, be careful, and be kind! Remember that next weekend you may find yourself working side by side with the person you had a violent Facebook argument with last week.

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

Commendations: I would like to celebrate the autocrats and their teams who put on the first Known World Chatelaine Symposium (KWCS) via Zoom on Dec 31, 2023. This event was hosted by the Kingdom of Atenveldt, notably Master Fergus DeBotha, OP who initially formed the concept and put together the team that made it happen. This event ran so smoothly, and from the outside, it looked as if the entire event happened effortlessly.

I am also excited to report that this event will be happening again! The next KWCS will happen at the end of the year. The Dates are Nov 30-Dec 1, 2024, with this event being online and will be hosted by the Kingdom of Calontir. The autocrats are Ottar Sturtrson (Calontir) and Fergus DeBotha (Atenveldt.) The event is currently being planned, and at the next meeting I will have more information to share. I do have the flyer and have sent it to the Society Chronicler for review.

Regarding KWCS, many excellent classes were hosted and recorded. The intention is to eventually use these classes to enhance the current online resources for newcomers and new Chatelaine officers. More information will come once all the classes are reviewed and edited appropriately for ease of viewing.

I also want to give kudos to the chatelaines that worked the Newcomers Point at Gulf War. This team of officers and volunteers did an amazing job of welcoming new people, helping provide direction and information, and giving a ‘welcome to the SCA’ token of appreciation.

Publishable Summary: Greetings Known World! I am so incredibly proud of all the hard work that your Kingdom Chatelaine/Hospitallers are doing, not only to welcome our newcomers to their new SCA family, but to welcome back returning members and those transferred/ moved to a new Kingdom. It is in this effort that I want to send special commendation – it's the boots-on-the-ground officers who are making the SCA Dream happen. You are seen, you are heard, and I am SO proud of all the hard work you are putting in on behalf of your Kingdoms and your populace. Thank you!

Now that Gulf War has concluded and a great time was had by everyone, let's turn our attention towards the upcoming summer activities, which include magnificent tournaments, exciting demos,

and of course, the BIG events like Pennsic. Let's all remember that while we are having fun, keep an eye out for our newcomer friends who might be shy or unsure of how to get involved. Please extend your hands of welcome and friendship, because you are literally meeting the future of your Kingdom and the future of the SCA.

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

Commendations: None.

Publishable Summary: Youth activities are continuing to grow in all Kingdoms. Interkingdom Wars have many youth and teen activities and mentoring opportunities available. Kingdoms are also looking at ways of including 'whole' family activities as well. Please contact your Kingdom, Barony, and Shire MoY's for ways to participate!

Vice President for Corporate Operations – Louise Du Cray

Commendations: Obviously, there's not much I can say that you don't all already know, and I'm sure others will have much more eloquent, entertaining, and potentially weepy tributes, so I will simply say "thank you" to John Fulton, John the Bearkiller, our outgoing President. Thank you for your support and guidance of myself and the Corporate Office during a time of extreme change; thank you for your sense of humor, your matter-of-fact nature, and your passion and dedication to this Society. I have so enjoyed working with you and look forward to seeing what kind of trouble you get into next as a free agent!

I would also like to extend a heartfelt welcome to Bao Pham. I am so looking forward to working with you in your new capacity as President of the Society.

Publishable Summary: Insurance certificate requests continue to skyrocket. We processed 234 insurance requests in the first quarter of the year, compared to 140 in the same time period in 2023. If events continue in this vein, we are set to hit 1000 certificates by the end of 2024. For comparison's sake, we processed 709 certificates in 2023, which was a 56% increase from 2022, and 16% more than the average annual number for the five years prior. Insurance requests are handled and processed within the week they are received, and we are working on finalizing a new electronic process for requesting certificates which should help streamline the process and save time and energy on both sides.

A number of bank authorizations for local and regional groups have been put on hold due to interesting new verification issues with our bank. These issues are being resolved by our Wells Fargo account manager, and all authorizations should be moving ahead again as soon as possible.

The Membership Assistance Fund continues to be utilized regularly. These funds are set aside for any member experiencing financial hardship who could use a bit of help maintaining their membership. We have seen a 350% increase in requests to the assistance fund since the membership fee increases went into effect in this last quarter, including from many new members, so we remain continually grateful for the generosity of our donors. More information can be found on the SCA website at: <https://www.sca.org/membership-assistance-fund>

We continue to maintain an Inbox-Zero level on membership@sca.org. All membership emails

received during business hours are handled that day, and messages received during off-time are responded to within one business day. As a reminder, our business hours are Monday-Thursday, 9am to 4pm Pacific time. We thank you for your patience and remind you to please treat the Corporate office and all Officers with the same courtesy and respect you would show any of your fellows. The Membership FAQ, which is accessible via both the membership portal and SCA.org, is continually updated with answers to frequently-asked-questions and solutions to common user issues.

As always, please reach out to us at membership@sca.org if you have questions or need assistance with your membership; at insurance@sca.org for insurance questions and certificate requests; and for background check matters please contact backgroundchecks@sca.org or your Kingdom Seneschal.

Publications Manager - Gloria Woodard (Honor of Restormel)

Commendations: Commendations and thanks to the entire Publications Team for their dedication to providing quality publications for the SCA. Thanks to Louise Du Cray for being supportive and a helping hand when needed.

Publishable Summary: The Publications Team produces monthly Kingdom newsletters, *Tournaments Illuminated (TI)* and *Compleat Anachronist Publications (CA)*. If you are not familiar with our quarterly publications *Tournaments Illuminated* or *Compleat Anachronist*, take the opportunity to look through these amazing publications. Subscriptions are available through the SCA Bookshop at SCA.org.

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

Commendations: My particular gratitude to Publications Manager Gloria Woodard, TI Art Director Joyce Morris, my deputy Kirsten O'Brien, and KWT section editor Bobbi Scoville, whose combined care and help were invaluable this quarter in helping me once more move forward. My warmest thanks also to long-time contributors and friends of *Tournaments Illuminated* Johnna Holloway of the Middle Kingdom and Susanne Mayer of the Kingdom of Drachenwald, for their kind assistance with Issues 221 and 222 in particular.

Publishable Summary: *Tournaments Illuminated* Issue 221 is going to press. Issues 222, 223 and 224 are in production.

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

Commendations: Thank you to Garfield Matson for CA 203, *Hávamál: The Song of Hár*, and his determination to create his own translation of this part of the *Poetic Edda*. Thanks also for him allowing me to make some editing changes. Elise Fleming is currently finishing her copyediting work, and I know that her eyes will catch anything I've missed. I have no doubt that Sue Gilbert's layout will be fantastic. Final kudos must go to Atli Freyr Guðmundsson, a member of the Shire of Klakavirki (Iceland) here in Drachenwald. He is a native Icelandic speaker, an archaeologist, and is very interested in the Icelandic sagas. Although he wasn't able to review the entire manuscript, he was available for questions regarding some tricky translations. His language

expertise made it clear that translations of poetry, especially translations from older languages, can vary quite a bit depending on the translator's interpretations and poetic bent.

Current Issue: 2024 Q1 CA 203 *Hávamál: The Song of Hár*

Publishable Summary and for Advertising within the SCA:

Hávamál: The Song of Hár is a new translation of a section of the Poetic Edda, believed to have been written in thirteenth-century Iceland, although it probably originated much earlier. *Hávamál* literally translates as *The High One's Words*. In Nordic mythology, the High One was the god Óðin, god of wisdom, poetry, magic, and death. It was believed that this poem was words of wisdom, homilies, and a code of conduct. Due to page limitations, only Section III is included here: *Heilræði (Wholesome Counsel)*.

Why a new translation when there are other versions already available? The author first came across *Hávamál* and the Poetic Edda before seeing any English editions and wanted to try to translate it himself. Although he later read translations, some of them seemed either too modern or at least too nineteenth century. He was determined to create his own version. This translation includes the original language for each verse, followed by a word-for-word translation, the author's interpretation, and then commentary. Therefore, in addition to presenting a new translation, it also documents the author's process of creating it.

Society Chronicler – Krystal Smith (Cecilia Blythe)

Commendations: None.

Publishable Summary: Thanks to all the kingdom chroniclers for their work! Look for Blackfox information soon, both for winners and for preparing for new year's submissions.

Society Archivist Travis Schenck (Ramon De Javier)

Commendations: Thank you to the kingdom chroniclers for helping compile the list of current and previously published group newsletters.

Commendations also to THL Bryan Mac Dhunghiall an Boghadair for taking on the role of Historian in the Kingdom of the East and his work with Duchess Diana Alene to preserve the history of that great kingdom.

Publishable Summary: None.

Corporate Treasurer – Caroline Richardson (Tetchubah of Greenlake)

Commendations: I would like to commend the following Kingdom Exchequers for sending in their 2023 consolidated reports in on time!

Katerina Dmitrieva, Gleann Abhann, who got their report in first (in mid-February no less)
Lady Fjorleif in Rauða (Debora de Treville), Atlantia

Baroness Elayne Gwenhlian de Belleme (Jan Drake), Middle
 Aesa Gilsdottir (Angie Gilmore), Northshield
 THL Edric Capellarius, Outlands

Publishable Summary: The announcement of the increase in membership dues resulted in a large influx of renewals for February. I have reminded the kingdoms that the NMR goes into effect April 1 and that the groups are expected to pay the \$10 fee even if they accidentally only collect \$5. The kingdom consolidated reports are starting to come in and I'm hoping we will get everything squared away so the audit can begin no later than July.

Society Exchequer - Bonnie Stringer (Marcel Orillion)

Commendations: Many thanks to Shawn Cornelius – Shawn designed the new report that allowed attendees to electronically sign waivers and check in at Gulf Wars. Many thanks to the entire Gate staff and Exchequer office – These wonderful volunteers were getting attendees headed into Gulf Wars in under a minute. Thanks to Lisa Stevenson that stepped up as Gleann Abhann's Exchequer on short notice and has hit the road running. Many thanks to all the local and Kingdom exchequers that attended classes and the exchequer meet and greet at Gulf Wars. I was able to meet for the first time in person Angie from Northshield, John from Ansteorra, Rick from Caid.

Publishable Summary: Kingdoms, Wars and groups all need to remain vigilant with income and spending. Keep expenses within budgets when possible. Please remember we need to publish Kingdom and group budgets. Finances should be transparent. There will be open office hours the second Wednesday of the month that Kingdom and local exchequers & seneschals are welcome to attend. Please remember to use the new NMR form as of January 1, 2024.

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

Commendations: Starting a term in a new major office is always hard, and I would have been lost without the support of the core Laurel staff. Special thanks go to Elisabetta Tommaso di Carduci, Pelican Queen of Arms, and Iago ab Adam, Wreath King of Arms; Emma de Fetherstan, who in addition to helping with the office transition took the duties of the postmeeting clerk, herding the sovereigns of arms to producing the Letters of Acceptance and Return; to Reis ap Tudor, who not only has taken care of the task of post-meeting clerk for Emma's Laurel term but also retired back to "only" managing the College of Arms web presence; and Jeanne Marie Lacroix who continues to shine in keeping track of the rules changes, and somehow manages to find the time to help with the occasional emergency.

Speaking of occasional emergencies, Tanczos Istvan has been much quicker than I could have hoped in resolving technical problems with OSCAR, the Online System for Commentary and Response that we use for submissions processing.

In the kingdom of the West, Eilis O'Boirne stepped up as Vesper Principal Herald in an unexpected situation. Unscheduled changes of office are always difficult, and I am glad her expertise was available to minimise any disruption.

Publishable Summary: The office of Pelican Sovereign of Arms (decisions on name submissions) is due to change later this year. The call for applications will be published between this report and

the April Board meeting, with the goal of making the selection in time for the July meeting and the term starting in the autumn.

The next in-person KWHSS will be held the weekend of June 29-30, 2024 in the Kingdom of the East. Hosted by the Bailiwick of Ivyeinrust, the event will be held at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA.

Marshal – Melissa Midzor (Arabella da Siena)

Commendations: The Society Marshal would like to commend and thank all the Marshals, KEMs, Deputies, and Generals, along with support from the Crowns, who helped make fighting, siege, live weapons, and equestrian happen at Gulf Wars this year. I saw the marshals rise to the many challenges, have those hard conversations, presenting a unified voice along with the Crowns on corrections and direction needed, and staying calm and firm in the face of storms - it was amazing and gratifying to see. Thanks to the dedicated marshals and support staff, out there in the very early hours and late into the evening setting up scenarios and targets, staffing the inspection points, getting people authorized, and cleaning up so tomorrow would be another glorious day for participants. Overall, I saw an amazing group of dedicated people who gave up their time so others could have fun, and doing their job in a professional manner in a very challenging and chaotic environment. I could not be prouder to be part of the Marshallate team.

I would also like to commend Snorri Smedsonn and Sean O'Neill and the Siege community for their help in training me for my Siege authorization, and letting me join them for the Fort Battle.

A special thanks to Master William Effingham and Mistress Bricca di Ghelere for their tremendous help with Gulf Wars marshal point, and the new stickers!

The Deputy Society Marshal for Equestrian would like commend for Countess Ellawin (Karen Hatten) of Meridies for the amazing work she has done in revitalizing the Meridian Equestrian Program! The program was all but dead, and with her uplifting, encouraging spirit and never-ending energy, she has encouraged several practices in different parts of the kingdom, and made sure to set up an equestrian event for this next quarter! She inspires everyone around her to do their best and is, without a doubt, a true asset to our community!

The Deputy Society Marshal for Thrown Weapon commends Dame Dealla, who has stepped up as the new deputy for missile weapons under Thrown Weapons, and for her travels this winter to support the Thrown Weapons program in areas outside of her kingdom.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier commends the Gulf Wars marshal team, who did very well at pulling everything together after a rocky start. Also comments the rapier fighters of both opposing sides at GW for having a good last day with rapier spears in the field battle and ending the war on a high note. Lastly, the collective crowns at GW for actively supporting the marshals to help reign in the bumpy start and actively encourage proper behavior on the field.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier Experiments would like to recognize the many people who made the Reduced Armor Experiment programs successful. In particular, she commends Master Donovan Shinnock and TH Katerina Falconer de Lanark (East Kingdom program); and Master

Angus le Todde Mac Donnell, Master Rhydderch Derwen, and Master Diego Antonio de Palma (Caid Program).

The Deputy Society Marshal for Youth Combat would like to commend: From Ansteorra, Orlando Giovanni and Master Elric who have grown Youth Rapier exponentially from only a handful of participants to what is now a rapidly growing activity for our youth, making sure they are included in many practices and Kingdom events. From Meridies, Inigo for his help with the Dragono Memorial Tourney at Gulf Wars, a huge success with 20 YC fighters from all 3 divisions. The MANY people who helped at Gulf Wars this year, in particular Ivor Tootee and his Lady from Gleann Abhann. In Lochac, Des Howard is rapidly building for the Youth Combat activity there by not only getting adults to help participate, but also building up their supplies of loaner gear so that they can help new fighters get started immediately.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Siege - I would like to extend kudos to Snorri Smedsonn. He was the MIC for Siege at Gulf Wars and did a fantastic job.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Target Archery would like to commend Master Loegaire Mac Lochlainn for his work in organizing the range for Gulf Wars 2024. He did a great job in getting kingdoms to run the range each day of the week and in preparing the shoots for the Grand Exhibition Tournament (GET) to cap off an excellent week of Archery. Thank you also to the kingdoms of Trimaris, Ansteorra, Meridies and Calontir for each taking over the range for a day and planning shoots.

The KEM An Tir would like to commend the martial team at Ursulmas supporting a weekend of tournaments with 151 AC, 89 rapier/C&T; the Kingdom Siege Officer Milo of House Awry for his service of the last 4 years, and particularly working through the target siege experiment; Summits Rapier Marshal Alejandro Romero for his help with updating our blade list; and Kingdom Equestrian Officer Edward Ean Anderson for leading that community and our Royalty through options to change the format of the championship from a single event that saw 4-6 riders to a year-long process where people can submit scores at multiple events, with additional points for equestrian arts & volunteering, resulting in an increase to 14 participants.

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Marshal office changes:

Under DSM Thrown Weapons, new deputy for Missile Combat, Dame Dealla Vacancy: Rebated Blade (steel) Combat. Position ad will be posted shortly.

KEM An Tir - Maestra Althaia filia Lazari to be replaced by Viscount Durin Oldenmoor Tjorkilskin in May

KEM Æthelmearc - Ardan Scot of Clann Scot replaced Timothy of Arindale

Overall, martial activities have been on the rise and reflect levels closer to pre-Covid participation.

Target Siege Draft rules reviewed, final version expected shortly. This is an exciting new activity that will enable live siege ammo to be used on target archery ranges.

Meridies Equestrian is having a resurgence, with multiple new practices, returning marshals, and many new participants.

Atlantia reports they are seeing less armor issues on the field.

An Tir has seen a significant increase in C&T, with 101 combatants and 66 marshals.

Gulf Wars debuted new helm inspection stickers that are water-resistant, long lasting, writeable, and peel off with no residue

New approaches and sources for Equestrian insurance being investigated by DSM Equestrian and Society Marshal.

Projects - There are two major projects under way under the auspices of the Society Marshal Office.

Rules Modernization - Review and update all the Marshal handbooks and Corpora to better reflect the current programmatic structure and safety best practices.

Status:

Draft Handbook template is 80% complete. Entries for Concussion awareness, Heat Index, and Air Quality included for review.

AC and C&T are drafting their rules into the new format as a pilot for review and comment with the KEMs and Deputies.

Experimental Programs – Develop clear and detailed processes. Develop standard models/categories, based on risk and expected participation, that include measurable goals, go/no go criteria, and risk mitigation. Ensure quarterly review of progress and challenges.

Status: Current programs, POCs, and status posted on the new Marshal public folders on SCA.org. Folder is created and active.

General Status per Discipline

Summary: Overall, martial activities have been on the rise and reflect levels closer to pre- Covid participation.

Armored Combat: War of the Phoenix went well, a few injuries but nothing unexpected for an event that size. Attitude were good, with a good number of volunteers to help.

Combat Archery: The winter months are slow for Combat Archery across the Known World. There have been a few events that feature them, but no major incidents have been reported to me. I have sent out notifications of a couple of rule clarifications to make sure everybody is on the same page. I have also encouraged the various Kingdom CA Marshals to start discussions with their KEM's

as to the procedures used to authorize new marshals in their respective Kingdoms. I have gotten several positive responses, so hopefully we'll see more CA marshals in each Kingdom in the future.

Equestrian Activities: This quarter is typically slow for equestrians, due to winter weather, with 12 practices and 3 events reported. No incidents or accidents reported. We have been given the green light to reopen the Ground to Mounted experimental program, which started with classes at Gulfwars, and was well received with numerous people attending including the Crown of Caid.

Rapier Combat: Injuries appear down. Experiments continuing in an organized and well controlled manner. This has many exciting possibilities for the future. Non-metal Weapons experiment has been opened to participation by other kingdoms and getting a positive response. Reduced Armor is in use at wars, practices and events, with fighters adapting well to the change.

Rebated Blade (Steel) Combat: Northshield has submitted their implementation plan for review and approval.

Siege: Kingdoms reported that siege is starting to pick back up. The Target Siege initial proposal set of rules has been reviewed, and a final version is in progress.

Target Archery: Due to the winter months, activity is down and due to weather and few groups having access to indoor archery ranges. Some have worked on opportunities to help people prepare for the spring and upcoming summer activities. The Society Seasonal Shoot for this past quarter was the Horseman, with 143 scores submitted. Leaders in each category were:

Overall: Arnbjorn Karlsson (Caer Anterth Mawr, Northshield)

Period Handbow: Paul Stoddard (Starkhafn, Caid)

Open Handbow: Tryggr Björnsson (Wolfscairn, West)

Period Crossbow: Arnbjorn Karlsson (Caer Anterth Mawr, Northshield)

Open Crossbow: Loegaire (Loric) mac Lochlainn (Phoenix Rising, Meridies)

Youth: Aidan du Vall (Dreiburgen, Caid)

The Gwyntarian Winter Challenge is a second society wide shoot available to archers (4 different targets, each one shot twice for a total of 8 rounds. A wand, a small bullseye, a standard 40 cm target and timed 40 cm target), with 97 total archers having reported scores.

Thrown Weapons: Despite most areas having minimal thrown weapons activity due to winter, there were reports of several hundred throwers and throwing at least a dozen events. Great enthusiasm is reported and several kingdoms took advantage of the season to turn over officers, make new marshals, plan, discuss, and strengthen the programs. This included topics such as royal rounds, badges, kingdom manual updates, and kingdom thrown weapons marshals meetings. Two possible future experimental programs are being discussed- bola and adjusting spear distances.

Youth Combat: The office is in the process of accumulating suggestions and potential changes to rewrite the SCA Youth Combat Manual. Will be sending out a "newsletter" as well as setting up a Zoom call over the next 2 weeks to gather input and dispense updates with the rapidly growing YC & YR programs everywhere. Gulf Wars was a HUGE success for Youth Combat, attracting many of the chivalry, royalty and general populace to come cheer for the kids every day. Well done Marshals!

Experimental Programs – Status now on SCA.org/Document, Marshal section
<https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/#marshal>

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

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

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

Congratulations to Æthelmearc's new Kingdom A&S Champion, Casimir Zeleny z Strasna skala. Also, congratulations to Avitoria Vidua and Halfdan Dansson who shared the populace choice award.

Commendations to Dominique Michelle le Vasseur for her second time as Ansteorra's Middle Eastern Dance Champion, and to Katria of Coventry for her second time as Ansteorra's Royal Performer.

Commendations to Caitlin, O'Sullivan Atenveldt's very first Queens Laurel A&S Champion, and Emeludt von Zerssen Atenveldt's first Kings A&S Champion.

Commendations to Atlantia's new Scrivener Royal, MeiLan Hua.

Commendations to Master Hagar the Black for his years of excellent service as Atlantia's Competitions Deputy.

Commendations to the Barony of Lyondemere, in Caid, for offering online A&S classes to anyone in the Kingdom who wants to attend.

Congratulations to THL Jon Chesey for winning Calontir's Kingdom Arts & Sciences.

Commendations to everyone, across the Known World, who helped make Drachenwald's online University event a success.

Commendations to Geirdis Gerleifssdottir who has been busy forming Drachenwald's new Games Guild.

Congratulations to the following new Champions in East Kingdom: Mistress Charis Accipiter, Consort's Champion, and Viscount Nathan Hartman, Sovereign's Champion.

Commendations to East Kingdom's outgoing champions, Mistress Cellach Dhonn inghean Mhic an Mhadaidh, Sovereign's Champion, and Viscount Culann mac Cianain, Consort's Champion.

Congratulations to the winner of Gleann Abhann's Gulf Wars Competition prize basket, Lady Adalind.

Congratulations to Nicolette de Colours, Elizabeth of Southron Gaard, Thalia Ardent who have been awarded Lochac's Star and Lily.

Commendations to Ellen de Lacey, of Meridies, for her constant dedication for an online presence.

Commendations to the following people from Middle Kingdom: Dame Jocelyn of Lutterworth, Mistress Guenhwyvar Nocturnal, THL Elaine Ladd, THL Marketta, and Lord Magnus White-hair, for hosting various A&S salons at 12th Night. Paxino Voltera for exemplary service as a Baronial A&S Officer. Elizabeth of Roxbury Mill for her extensive, high quality, and generous scribal work both in scroll production and teaching. Elizabeth Alle for her enthusiasm and creativity, including the "Artifacts of Life" challenge. Inga Johansdotter for hosting a monthly "Crafternoon".

Commendations to all the people from Northshield's smaller and widely dispersed local groups who put forth tremendous effort to inspire, support, and expand their Shires through the Arts and Sciences.

Commendations to Baroness Elyn, of Trimaris who stepped up at the very last minute to fill in for the A&S Competition Judges' hospitality table at Gulf Wars. Commendations to Countess Dulcia, Jarl Valbrandr, Countess Cherish, and Baroness Birna who stepped up to help fill in at the last moment during Gulf Wars.

Commendations to West Kingdom's Michelle L'encriere for her concerted effort in creating a community of A&S; and to Christel Leake for her undying effort to make sure there are scrolls made for every kingdom award.

Commendations to all the artisans who continue to make Sunday Night With the Scribes a success.

Publishable Summary: 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.

The 1st Quarter has seen well attended in person activities, including Arts and Sciences classes, workshops, several local and Kingdom Champion competitions. Successful 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, interactive display opportunities, and working toward refreshing traditional A&S, competitions, and activities. The Arts and Sciences populace, in general, seems to be

enjoying and benefiting from increased opportunities for Display and Discussion in a non-competitive format.

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 focus on A&S plans and goals for 2024. Next, we will focus on special A&S gifts made for, or given by others.

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).

Sanctions

James Acton (Alexander Caidus)

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to uphold the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of James Acton (Alexander Caidus) as issued by Triggre and Mercedes, Crown of the Kingdom of Caid and their Kingdom Seneschal on February 24, 2024, 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 Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: K.T. Sheppard. Motion carried.

Scott Stewart (Walter Fitz-Alan)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to uphold the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Scott Stewart (Walter Fitz-Alan) as issued by Cristoff and Brionninn, Crown of the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, and their Kingdom Seneschal on February 24, 2024, 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 Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: K.T. Sheppard. Motion carried.

Ralph Layton (Caerdic Aethelwulf Sunu)

Motion by Krista Capps to uphold the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Ralph Layton (Caerdic Aethelwulf Sunu) as issued by Fjolverkr (Fe ol ver ker) and Melissa, Crown of the Kingdom of the Outlands, and their Kingdom Seneschal on February 11, 2024, 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 Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Absent: K.T. Sheppard. Chairman Mark Falcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the

motion. Motion carried.

Ryan Hallgrimson (Leif the Lucky)

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to uphold the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Ryan Hallgrimson (Leif the Lucky) as issued by Sigifrith and Sof'ia, Crown of the Kingdom of the West and their Kingdom Seneschal on March 23, 2024, 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 Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: K.T. Sheppard. Chairman Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Nicholas Ferguson (SCA Name Unknown)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Nicholas Ferguson (SCA Name Unknown) effective immediately. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Absent: K.T. Sheppard. Motion carried.

Michael Busa (Balda of Clan Cadha Fiteach)

Motion by Krista Capps to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Michael Busa (Balda of Clan Cadha Fiteach) effective immediately. Second by Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Absent: K.T. Sheppard. Motion carried.

Michael Geisendorff (Aaron MacGregor)

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

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to prohibit Michael Geisendorff (Aaron MacGregor) from participation in Crown Lists for a period of two (2) years, effective immediately and concluding on April 13, 2026. Second by Krista Capps. In favor: Krista Capps, Gabrielle Fisher, Jennifer Krochmal, Megan O'Shea. Opposed: Chairman Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did in opposition to the motion. Absent: K.T. Sheppard. Recused: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

Morgan Wolf (Morgan Blaid Du)

Motion by Krista Capps to uphold the Exile from the Realm issued to Morgan Wolf (Morgan Blaid Du), as issued by Gabriel and Sarah, Crown of the Kingdom of Artemisia, on March 16, 2024. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Absent: K.T. Sheppard. Motion carried.

Michael Bolt (Michael of Bedford)

Director Jennifer Krochmal recused herself from discussion of, or voting on this matter.

Chairman Mark Faulcon also recused himself from discussion of or voting on this matter. The gavel was passed to Vice-Chairman Gabrielle Fisher and returned to Chairman Faulcon at the close of the discussion.

Motion by Krista Capps to decline to hear the appeal of Michael Bolt (Michael of Bedford). Second by Megan O'Shea. In favor: Pug Bainter, Krista Capps, Gabrielle Fisher, Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: K.T. Sheppard. Recused: Mark Faulcon, Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to direct the Society President to communicate with the Society Marshall to view all rebated steel rules and related marshallate education, and report to the board any concerns or recommendations. Second by Krista Capps. In favor: Pug Bainter, Krista Capps, Gabrielle Fisher, Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: K.T. Sheppard. Recused: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.