



the society for creative anachronism, inc.

P.O. Box 360789 • Milpitas, California 95036-0789 • Tel (408) 263-9305 • Fax (408) 263-0641

May 19, 2021

From: John Fulton, President of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

To: Participants of the Society

Re: President's Board Report

Greetings one and all,

Please find here my report from the Board of Director's meeting held on April 18, 2021. Like the previous number of quarterly meetings this was again held online and "live". The video of the meeting for those who are interested can be found on YouTube here:

<https://youtu.be/MYu4avlvdc0>

Other online quarterly meetings, along with additional content, can also be located at:

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL16a6pm0U22IOJWFYqA_AmEs65NzFEx2F

I suggest it might be worthwhile to view the video of the last meeting and perhaps a previous one or two. The YouTube channel above also offers other useful and entertaining videos about all manner of things related to the SCA.

The online format for quarterly Board meetings will be continued through all of 2021.

Be advised here is my normal disclaimer about this report. This report contains some highlights and information from the April 18, 2021 Board of Director's meeting. This contains the publishable summaries and commendations from all Society and Corporate officers who submitted reports.

Sanction 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 very end of this report.

This report does NOT replace the Minutes from the meeting. Past approved Minutes can be viewed at <https://members.sca.org/apps/#NewsletterFiles/9>.

Current Kingdom newsletters are available on SCA.org for viewing.
<https://members.sca.org/apps/#Newsletters>

Older/Archived newsletters are still available using a member login.

Some information and actions of note that were discussed at the April 18, 2021 meeting:

GROUP STATUS CHANGES

Drachenwald: Trivium (Belgium) - advancement from incipient shire to official status.

An Tir: Caladphort (Gray's Harbor County, Washington) - incipient canton to official status under the Barony of Glymm Mere.

Lochac: Strathcorbie (northern Riverina region of New South Wales) – incipient shire to official status.

DISSOLUTIONS

Aethelmearc: Shire of Riversedge (Crawford County, PA)

Atenveldt: College of Brymstone (University of Arizona, Tempe, AZ)

ADVANCEMENTS

Principality of Vindheim / Northern Ansteorra.

Note by the Society Seneschal: The Principality of Vindheim in Northern Ansteorra will consist of the state of Oklahoma and a small area of northern Texas. The proposed date for a first Coronet Tourney is December 11, 2021.

QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE: The next quarterly meeting will be July 18, 2021. The agenda deadline is July 1, 2021. The meeting will be streamed. Info on how to watch will be available closer to the date.

SCA SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY: A new Social Media Policy was presented by Brigid Costello (Baroness Anne de Tournai), the Social Media Officer and approved by the Board. The link for this document can be found here: <https://socsen.sca.org/social-media/social-media-resources>

A NEWCOMERS GUIDE TO THE SCA: This long-awaited document was presented by Anne Stevenson (Mistress Giovanna Adimari), the Society Chatelaine and approved by the Board.

The link for this document can be found here: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/NewcomersGuide2021.pdf>

2020 CENSUS: The results of the 2020 Census were approved by the Board for presentation to the participants. Due to the vast amount of information, the means by which to accomplish this is currently being worked on and should be available soon.

BOARD RECRUITING: There are at present forty (40) candidates on the list of Board nominees. A breakdown by kingdom is as follows:

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

The Board welcomes and encourages both new nominations, and commentary on current nominees. Please go to here for more information: <https://www.sca.org/board-nominees>

OPEN POSITIONS / Project Management Officer and Volunteer Recruitment Officer

The Board recently approved the creation of two new positions – a Project Management Officer and a Volunteer Recruitment Officer, and is currently seeking applicants for both. Information on the requirements for each, and how to apply, can be found here:

<https://www.sca.org/news/open-positions-pmo-and-vro>

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

Remember also that the Officer's Reports below are cut and pasted from the officer's report directly to this document. There is very minimal editing of individual reports.

With the hope that we will get the opportunity to see all of our friends in person.

In service and respect,

John

John Fulton
Duke John the Bearkiller
President, Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT JOHN FULTON / DUKE JOHN THE BEARKILLER

COMMENDATIONS

The April 2021 Quarterly Board meeting is the last one for Board member John W. St. Dennis (Baron Lorcan Dracontius, OP). I would personally like to thank him for his integrity, intelligence, hard work, and depth of heart he has brought to the SCA and the Board. Being on the Board of Directors can be stressful. Board Members are not always thanked imo for doing a job many are not interested in let alone dealing with a huge amount of responsibility that comes with it.

John's tenure on the Board has accomplished a great deal. The implementation of the Bullying and Harassment Policy, the Social Media Policy, a rewrite and restructure of sanctions, creation of the DEI and Communications officers, and having to deal with SCA business during an epidemic. So many other things that are too numerous to list here have been done also.

He dealt with aggravation and challenges and remained polite and focused. He is an example to me and others.

Thanks to John and thanks to those who were on the Board with him and to those who continue on afterward. It is appreciated very much.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

For those who may not have heard Renee Signorotti, and Theresa Anderson will be retiring from their positions of VP of Corporate Operations and Member Services (Renee) and Administrative Assistant (Theresa) in September 2021.

Renee and Theresa have been responsible for managing the SCA office in Milpitas for decades. The office handles membership, insurance, stock clerk duties, and the dozen or so other tasks

needed to maintain our not-for-profit Corporation and status. The amount of information and experiences these two wonderful ladies have is enormous.

This is not to jump the gun on celebrating and thanking them for keeping the SCA together. That will a bit later.

But we are looking at hiring someone to replace Renee. The office, which will be moving locally to a more cost-efficient location, will remain in the San Jose area. We are not quite at the point of having a true virtual office environment.

If you would like to know more about the retirements and the Office Manager position please go to: <https://www.sca.org/news/people-on-the-move-corporate-office-upcoming-retirements/>

The deadline for applicants is April 30, 2021. If you need more information, have questions, etc., I can be contacted at president@sca.org.

This is a big one. The Board issued a Resolution to lift the suspension on in-person activity starting on June 1, 2021: <https://www.sca.org/news/resolutiontoliftsuspensionapril2021>

There are several very important rules in place on June 1 on how this is going to be done. I urge everyone to carefully read the Resolution and the information that comes with it. The Resolution only deals with events in North America. As you look at this please keep in mind that this is all dependent on how well immunizations continue and the health needs and rules established by modern authorities. It is possible that real conditions can affect some of these rules.

The Board, Society Seneschal, and my office will be communicating to everyone changes and concerns on a regular basis.

In the meantime, I suggest everyone who is not currently subscribed to Announcements please do so. This mailing list is used by the Board of Directors to let the public know about rule changes and comments for requests on all manner of issues. You can learn more about Announcements here: <http://lists.sca.org/listinfo/announcements>

In the first quarter of 2021 the AmazonSmile program donated \$\$2,715.57 to the SCA general fund. Amazon gladly donates to a charity or not-for-profit organization chosen by the customer. This donation is not charged to the customer. If you are an Amazon customer and would like to set the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. as your chosen donation group please find the directions here:

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=GMXLBCTX25RL6A2E>

If you need more help or assistance with AmazonSmile please contact me at president@sca.org. It has been a rough year for all of us and there will continue to be challenges. Please take care of yourselves.

**SCA VICE PRESIDENT (MANAGER) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
AARON L. LLOYD (RUSTY) / AARON PALOMIDES OF BUCKMINSTER**

COMMENDATIONS

Please send my warmest thanks and commendations to Renee Signorotti, Theresa Anderson, David Dewbre and Marla Lecin for their valuable day-to-day work to keep our technology and associated services running. Please also commend Patrick Anderson for his invaluable counsel over the last quarter.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Technology in the SCA continues to move forward. We have been assisting our officers in the most efficient use of technology in the SCA. We also continue to encourage the populace to continue to donate pictures which show the different wonderful aspects of the SCA. We are also pleased that so much of the SCA continues electronically, and while we long to event again, we encourage everyone to stay as safe as they can in the intervening time.

We continue to look for ways to lower costs and improve support and functionality for our corporate officers and members, in a variety of ways.

I would continue to ask all of our members (and interested persons) to continue to please be kind and considerate to each other in these unprecedented times, especially where Social Media is concerned. Please embrace our principles on Chivalry, Honour and Courtesy, especially over Social Media and online.

**SOCIETY COMMUNICATIONS
KELLY MAGILL / HEATHER SHEA, THE QUESTRIX**

COMMENDATIONS

I wish to thank John Fulton, Brigid Costello and Sarah Covert Chapman for their guidance and assistance. Special thanks to Myah Nelson for being an awesome video editor and for always being available.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The office of Communications is continuing to support and facilitate communications throughout the known world in conjunction with Social Media. We are looking at expanding our virtual presence through video and online access to training.

SOCIAL MEDIA

BRIGID COSTELLO / ANNE DE TOURNAI

COMMENDATIONS

I commend to the Board's notice:

The Kingdom of Avacal has really upped its instagram game recently and are seeing some major returns.

Baron James Highgate of Trimaris for his successful establishment of the Trimaris Discord Server.

The East Kingdom's Youtube channel continues to flourish with more than 1400 followers.

Thank you to Lady Runa for her assistance with editing and preparing the backlog of This Week in DEI and Society Facebook live videos which have been added to the Society youtube channel and are being published.

Meadhbh ingehan Thaidgh ui Dohmnaill of Atlantia for timely, responsive, compassionate administration and execution of her duties in challenging circumstances.

Aurri la Borgne, the Social Media officer in Highland Foorde. She was only able to attend one in-person event before the pandemic struck, but she has really thrown herself in to the SMD position. She taught two great classes at Atlantian University, one about using Social Media Platforms, and the other about effective streaming to great acclaim.

Countess Beatrice Maria Malatesta and Lord Sorle MacNicoll who successfully streamed Lochac's 12th Night and Autumn Crowns. Watch parties occurred across the Known World including one which was attended by people from at least 8 Kingdoms.

Geneveieve Alaiz d'avignon and the Meridies event live streaming team who shared 6 virtual elevations with the Known World over a four week period.

The Caid Social Media team - they continue to be a delight to work with and a credit to their Kingdom and the Society.

The sitting Royalty of the Known World who continue to engage, support and care for Their populaces via Social Media.

All those who are participating in the first Known World Bardic War!

The amazing Jessica van Hattem, gracious under pressure and steadfast in her ongoing work to make us the best version of ourselves we can be.

John Fulton - always there for guidance, support, clarification and wisdom.

Lis Schraer, an island of common sense and calm in a turbulent world.

Sarah, Ross and Kelly – always there.

All of our online content creators and their support teams, particularly those who have just had their first anniversary - the Known World thanks you and is better for your efforts.

Renee Signorotti and Leslie Luther-Fulton for their continuing patience, kindness, good sense and outstanding competence.

A huge thanks to everyone participating in and facilitating our online events including our Event Stewards, Moderators, Teachers, Performers, Promoters and all other members of the populace.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The Office of Social Media continues to connect the Known World through conversation, inspiration and friendship. We couldn't do it without you all.

**CORPORATE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICER
JESSICA VAN HATTEM / ZAHRA ASTRIDR TESFAYE**

COMMENDATIONS

Endless thank you-s to Brigid, the Society Social Media Officer, who has been so ridiculously supportive that to list every instance would make this report a novel. Your experience and feedback has guided me far beyond just the scope of social media and I could not do this job without you.

To Imey (Lynette), you're helping keep me going. Thank you so much for your knowledge and expertise in helping to develop these classes and keep me organized!

To Dale and Renee, thank you for being our first and second guests, respectively, on Chatting with Corporate! I'm grateful for the opportunity to brag on you both and the work you do.

John and Lis, thank you for working so hard to keep us all going when everything feels so difficult. You've both inspired me when I'm in a rough place and I can't tell you how much I value your friendship and leadership.

Patrick, thank you for lighting a way through the murky fog of legalese and always putting up with my near endless questions. I wouldn't trade your friendship for anything.

To everyone who has been educating themselves in the sphere of DEI, both in and out of the SCA, your initiative is commendable and exactly what we need to see real progress. From the folks who have reached out to me to the discussion groups that I know have popped up in several regions – you're all amazing.

To all the officers, royalty, and others who are working in the uncertainty of a changing modern landscape to transition us back to our new normal or something like it, I see you. I appreciate you.

And as always, I am endlessly grateful for my deputies, as without their support I would certainly be overwhelmed. Thank you so much.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

“This Week in DEI” (which can be found on the official DEI Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/SCADiversityEquityInclusion>) continues to be a weekly staple of DEI education in the SCA. I am accepting suggestions and recommendations for topics folks would most like to see explored.

Thanks to the hard work of Brigid and Runa, we also additionally are uploading DEI videos to the SCA Youtube page. Please feel free to message the Facebook page or email me directly at equity@sca.org.

You can also learn more about the corporate officers and BoD members in “Chatting with Corporate”, where Brigid (Society Social Media) and I will be interviewing the folks who are working with us to keep SCA Inc. moving along. I continue to teach various classes on topics related to DEI, as do our many Kingdom DEI deputies, officers, council members, and many others. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you would like to know more about when these might be, or if you are interested in scheduling these for your area, and I will do my best to facilitate this.

**VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS/SOCIETY SENESCHAL
LIS SCHRAER / ELASAIT INGEN DIARMATA**

COMMENDATIONS

In the fall of 2018, Ed Kreyling (Master Erik of Telemark) answered the call as he has many times during his career in the SCA, and became the Investigations Deputy to my predecessor. While other Society Seneschals have had deputies who assisted with this important subset of their duties, Ed was the first person tasked with formalizing such a position to oversee investigations. I worked under him as an investigator for a time, in fact. He spent two and a half years bringing order out of chaos, and now wishes to take a well-deserved rest. I want to thank and commend him for creating this badly needed position, carrying that load for so long, and helping me as I moved into the Society Seneschal office. Enjoy your break, Ed—I'm sure that you will find new endeavors to help the SCA before long!

I also want to commend Robert Rubow (Master Addison Carrick). Robert became the seneschal of Gleann Abhann last summer, and while modern-world factors shortened his tenure, his care and concern for his kingdom was obvious during his time in office, and he was a pleasure to work with. I was also pleased to be able to renew a long-ago friendship, as I remember Robert and his lady wife from their early SCA days when the shire they started sprang up not too far from my own shire at the time. Thank you for your service, and good luck in your future endeavors.

Finally, I'm going to mention the Society Chatelaine, Anne Stevenson (Maestra Giovanna Adimari). Through this most difficult year in the SCA's history, she has continued, quietly and behind the scenes, to work with kingdom chatelaines to encourage them in using online resources to recruit newcomers and provide orientation for newer members. She is functioning almost without input from me, I'm sorry to say, but she is doing a remarkable job in an office which is vitally important, but too often not noticed. Thank you, Anne, for your dedication! I would also like to commend Anne's deputy, Brett Chandler-Finch (Goldweard of St. Golias), for his excellent work on the proposed Newcomer's Guide.

I also received some commendations in kingdom seneschal reports, which I want to call to the Board's attention:

From Ansteorra: *I would like to commend my DEI Officer, Master Rene Damours (Nathan Vickers). With his work, I have implemented required DEI training for all seneschals. Other officers are joining me in this or similar requirements.*

From Artemisia: *Her Majesty Veronique d'Arcy has been an advocate for everything we have come up with to keep our Kingdom together. I would like to put her name forward for a commendation.*

From Meridies: Kudos to my Kingdom Webmin THL Iain MacArthur for revamping our entire electronic communications, migrating everyone to GSuites. There has been pushback from some, but overall I think people are seeing the value of streamlining and modernizing. Kudos to KT Sheppard (Graf Ulrich von Brandenburg) for his work on the Meridian Kingdom Law Committee, and congratulations and best wishes as he assumes his role as your Emergency Replacement Deputy. You've selected a fine person, and I am confident that he will serve the Society as well as he has done his Kingdom.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

There should soon be a new Seneschal's Handbook available on the web site and from the Stock Clerk. This document, despite its title, isn't just for seneschals—various sections of it contain rules and policies that apply to all participants. I encourage everybody to at least take a look at it. Non-seneschals can skip the boring parts about insurance and such if they want, but there is a lot of information there that supplements and expands upon the Governing Documents. It can also give a better understanding of the nuts and bolts of how the SCA functions on a day-to-day basis.

With the Board's recent decision to allow events to resume, with restrictions that aim to continue protecting the health and safety of our participants, there is finally a ray of hope in the near future. This resumption will require a great deal of work and diligence from the office of the seneschallate, both at the Society and Kingdom levels (and local levels, for that matter) but it will be lovely to resume in-person activities again. At the same time, the good that came from the last year—such as video classes being offered to much wider audiences, friendships across kingdoms made or renewed via remote connections, etc.—should not be cast aside.

On that note, more guidance will continue to be provided to the kingdoms, with updates planned at least monthly from this office and the President's office, acting together. I expect some blanket variances will be issued to cover things like Crown Tourney dates and reign changeovers in the upcoming months.

Amazingly, it seems a number of people have actually found the SCA through online activities during this difficult year. Now is our chance to bring those new folk in and show them how amazing our hobby is in person as well. We all—every member and participant—need to remember what it was like to be new, full of wonder but also uncertainty, and try our best to make their experience a very positive one.

Yafa Officer

Lori Parker / Alizand Thorgeirsson Nee Lefevre

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Covid continues to be an issue regarding participation of Families, although anticipation of in-person events is causing mounting excitement and planning of future activities.

SOCIETY CHATELAINE ANNE STEVENSON / GIOVANNA ADIMARI

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Anne has had Zoom meetings with kingdom seneschals on a regular basis. There is actually a fair amount of recruiting and newcomer orientation going on, even during COVID.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CORPORATE OPERATIONS RENEE SIGNOROTTI

COMMENDATIONS

It has been a pleasure working with John St. Dennis for the last three years. He has been a calming force during some very difficult times, & for that and his friendship I really appreciate him. He certainly excelled in the Vice-Chair position and brought excellent management practices that we all benefitted from. It has been an honor to work with you, John.

The Publications Manager, Gloria Woodard would like to thank The Publications Team. They have done extraordinary work during the Pandemic to provide content for the newsletters and SCA publications. They are to be commended for their selfless dedication of time and talent to the betterment of the SCA. Please support the publications of the SCA.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

It has been a pleasure working with John St. Dennis for the last three years. He has been a calming force during some very difficult times, & for that and his friendship I really appreciate him. He certainly excelled in the Vice-Chair position and brought excellent management practices that we all benefitted from. It has been an honor to work with you, John.

The Publications Manager, Gloria Woodard would like to thank The Publications Team for their extraordinary work during the Pandemic providing content for the newsletters and SCA publications. They are to be commended for their selfless dedication of time and talent to the betterment of the SCA. Please support the publications of the SCA.

The Membership Assistance Fund continues to be utilized. We have distributed \$568.00 in assistance to date, with a balance of \$5,177.63 remaining in the fund. These funds are set aside for anyone that could use a bit of help maintaining their membership. There are no questions asked, and not necessary to prove financial need: it's as simple as contacting the Corporate

Office for authorization and filling out and submitting a membership form. I would also like to thank all of the donors. Your generosity is appreciated!

The reskinning of the SCA membership portal has been completed and implemented. You can now access your membership on your phones, renew, request a replacement of your membership card, pull up Proof of Membership, read newsletters, etc. The current project with **MembersOnly** is to re-open the Event Module. **MembersOnly** was kind enough to shutter it when events were suspended, and not charge us for the module. We have now asked **MO** to reactivate the module, since the SCA is beginning to open up again. An “open house” will be offered to all Kingdom Seneschals and Exchequers to view the Event Module very soon.

PUBLICATIONS MANAGER
GLORIA WOODARD / HONOR OF RESTORMEL

COMMENDATIONS

The Support provided to the Publications Team during the Pandemic has been greatly appreciated. I commend the Publications Team for the great work they have done with limited activity to advertise and report in the newsletters. They have done beautifully. Special thanks to Brett Chandler Finch (Goldweard of St. Goliass) for his work on creating the updated Newcomer Guide to the SCA which is being submitted to the Board for approval this quarter. As always, thanks to Renee for her support and guidance.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The Publications Team has done extraordinary work during the Pandemic to provide content for the newsletters and SCA publications. They are to be commended for their selfless dedication of time and talent to the betterment of the SCA. Please support the publications of the SCA.

THE COMPLEAT ANACHRONIST
ELLEN RAWSON / ARIEL OF LINDISFARNE

COMMENDATIONS

I owe so much to both Elise Fleming and Ian Walden for copyediting CAs 189 and 190, my updated ‘translation’ of Caxton’s *The Game and Playe of the Chesse*, Volumes I and II. They also worked hard on copyediting CA 191: *Transforming the Living and the Dead: Evolving Thoughts of the Aferlife*. Both of them have devoted a lot of time and energy to *Compleat Anachronist* and deserve many kudos.

Sue Gilbert also deserves kudos for her layout and design work. While she works quickly and efficiently, the final results are extremely attractive. She is a consummate professional.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Current Issues: CA 189 and 190: *The Game and Playe of the Chesse, Volumes I and II*

Publishable Summary and for Advertising within the SCA:

Originally written in Latin in the late-twelfth century, *The Game and Playe of the Chesse*, was a very influential document using chess as an allegory for the ideal world. It purports to explain how chess was developed, allegedly as a way to teach a dictator how to be a better ruler, explaining not only how rulers and nobility in general should behave, but it also covers the common people and their behavior. Using classical and biblical references, it attempts to demonstrate how both the nobility and commoners must work together for the best world.

Although it had already been translated into various European languages, it was only published in English in 1474, making it Caxton's second English publication. Caxton, of course, finds it fit to add his own commentary here and there, especially in his updated 1483 version, written during Richard III's reign. This book makes it clear that good governance was a serious concern throughout the medieval period.

Volume I covers the sections on why chess was invented, the need for good governance, and how the nobility should behave. *Volume II* continues with the desired behavior of the common people in their different occupations and briefly discusses how the chess game is played.

CA 191: *Transforming the Living and the Dead: Evolving Thoughts of the Afterlife*
Everybody dies. Although customs concerning death vary depending on culture, the reality is that no one can escape the inevitable. The topics of death and the dead are not often studied in the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), but they truly are a key to understanding how pre-seventeenth-century Western European people lived their lives. Religious beliefs played a substantial role in forming attitudes about death and the dead. Regardless of one's interests or persona within the SCA, these beliefs would have impacted attitudes about death and the dead, which in turn influenced one's actions during daily life.

While many people in the SCA focus on recreating artifacts of that period, it is impossible to understand some of those artifacts without the context in which they were utilized. Providing that context is the goal of CA 191, which will show how, as religious beliefs changed, attitudes towards death and the dead also have changed over time. Topics such as the Christian development of Purgatory, locations of cemeteries, and even charnel houses are discussed.

TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED

DAR'C O'NEAL / RIORDAN MACGREGOR

COMMENDATIONS

My thanks to all TI staff for their continuing assistance in our ongoing efforts to catch up with TI's production schedule, and to our authors, who continue to exercise much patience with me as we go forward. Everyone has been doing their best under some truly trying circumstances, and I am humbled by you all. My particular gratitude as always to TI's Art Director, Joyce Morris | Mistress Gwendolyn of Amberwood, OL, OP of the Kingdom of Caid, who seems to outdo herself with each succeeding issue.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Tournaments Illuminated Issue 217 should be going to press and mailing by the 3rd Quarter. Issue 218 is in production.

SOCIETY CHRONICLER

STEPHANIE SITZES / ARIANNA STEFANA FALCONI

COMMENDATIONS

My continued gratitude for Ridoran and the Tournaments Illuminated team and their amazing work on the Blackfox Awards listings.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

I am excited to see what the group newsletters have to offer. So many work diligently to highlight their local group and the SCA as a whole. Great work all of you!

TREASURER

MAZELLE ATTIYA / ALYSIA GABRIELLE DE FOUGERES

COMMENDATIONS

A gigantic appreciation goes out to all the exchequers in the known world for the untold hours of work required to make sure their reports are submitted on time. This has truly been an amazing year for on time reports, especially for those individuals that have jobs in the healthcare industry and other essential jobs. Many thanks for taking the time to do volunteer work on top of everything else.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

All but four kingdoms have submitted their consolidated kingdom workbooks to the SCA Accounting Specialist. This is an unprecedented occurrence as in most years maybe one third have been able to complete their workbooks by the end of March.

The SCA corporate office is operating under a negative balance for 2021 due to the decrease in membership revenue and non-member registration fees since the SCA is still operating under resolution for no in-person events. The assumption was that there was a strong possibility of no events for most of the year. With the new resolution that goes into effect on June 1, 2021 we could see an increase in revenues. Until such time that we are operating under the black again, the corporate office will continue to pull money out of the investment funds for payment of expenses as needed.

SOCIETY CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER BONNIE STRINGER / MARCEL ORILLION

COMMENDATIONS

I would like to thank every group, regional, herald and kingdom exchequer that has volunteered for the exchequer office. They have silently served the Society by completing their reports through the Covid 'shutdown'. I would also like to thank Susan Sackett for her help proof reading Society PayPal Requirements, Policy and Procedures. Sue has valuable experience as Gulf Wars PayPal deputy and 50 year.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The Society has hosted several exchequer training classes. Seven Kingdoms have participated. Local, Regional, and Kingdom exchequers have stated they have enjoyed this training and would like to see this continue on a regular basis.

LAUREL QUEEN OF ARMS JENNIFER SMITH / EMMA DE FETHERSTAN

COMMENDATIONS

I would like to commend the staff of our first ever "mid-year plague edition" virtual KWHSS, held this past January. The event stewards Alexandra Vazquez de Granada from Calontir and Sara al-Garnatiyya from Meridies, did a fantastic job, as did Groza Novgorodskaja from Gleann Abhann as the scheduler. The event ran nearly around the clock, spanning timezones across the world, and was highly successful.

I would also like to commend each and every herald who helped with our Virtual Herald's Point earlier this year, but there are too many to name them all – over eighty people worked behind the scenes to make this happen! I will give my thanks again to: Tanczos Istvan, Non Scripta Herald, for initial setup and then rapid-fire changes daily to the Pennsic forms program used; Lillia de Vaux, Crampette Herault, who said "sure" when I asked her to take on the task of organizing everyone; Porkell Palsson, Laurel Exchequer, for making electronic payments actually work!; Marie de Blois, Honnesteté Plus Que Tout Herault, who assigned all the work to make sure everyone got to play; Owen Tegg, our artist wrangler; Juliana de Luna, Siren Herald, who as usual was amazing at managing the senior heralds and answering tricky questions;

Joscelin le esquirel, who provided and managed the Discord server that turned out to be essential to all the behind-the-scenes work; Iago ab Adam, who did the bulk of the armory senioring work; the many clerks who handled the email account, spreadsheet, cross-communication and assignments (with a special thank you to Ollivier Le Floch who was a machine); and the many many consulting and senior heralds who helped with names and armory and everything else.

Relatedly, our exchequer Baron Porkell would like to thank Dame Katherine and Baroness Elewyn, for letting us use An Tir's Paypal account for the Virtual Herald's Point. We invoiced around 340 people over the course of about three weeks!

And finally, I would like to commend Master Iago ab Adam, Coquille Pursuivant, from the Kingdom of An Tir. He deserves special mention for the sheer amount of research work he has done recently, pouring through period heraldic manuscripts, helping to overturn or refine our precedents, and educating us all regarding what can and cannot be found in period heraldry. Work like this allows us to better fulfill our charter.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

This year we held our first ever "bonus mid-year" Known World Herald's and Scribes Symposium, entirely virtual via Zoom. With over fifty classes and teachers and attendees from all around the Known World, the event was so successful that we have decided to make it an ongoing tradition. Next January, dates still to be announced, will see our second mid-year vKWHSS -- the 'v' is for Virtual!

We also held a "Virtual Herald's Point" in January and February. We paired submitters with heralds and artists, did the entire consultation over email, Facebook Messenger, Discord, Zoom, Google Meet, and even phone texts -- including all the paperwork AND the final payment handled electronically via PayPal. Signups ran for three weeks, and by the end we had something over 600 submissions from more than 350 different individuals, from all twenty kingdoms! This is an amazing result, far better than we had hoped for. It was also a tremendous amount of work between the consultations themselves and working out all the new processes to make this a functional online happening, with over eighty heralds involved. It was, however, so successful that we plan to do it again soon, likely for Pennsic. Stay tuned!

SOCIETY MARSHAL RAY DUBOSE / REY RIBEAUMONT

COMMENDATIONS

The Society Marshal would like to commend all the Marshals in the Society in these difficult times. Thank you for those that have continued to run their offices. With the BoD's announcements for reopening, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Equestrian Activities would like to commend Master Thomas Flamanc of Kelsale (Drachenwald), THL Saragrace Knauf (Atenveldt), and Lady Sigrid Ros Ulfhild and Lady Isabel Cordera (Artemisia) for their hard work and extended efforts to

restart EQ activities in their Kingdoms. Their perseverance and willingness to step up has kept this special aspect of the Dream alive.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier Combat states there have been several gentles who are approaching the reopening as an opportunity to perhaps do things better based on what we had before the shutdown. These efforts are to be commended.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Combat Archery would like to commend THL John de Percy for bringing the APD issue to her attention.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Armored Combat with Rebated Steel would like to thank to following people for their work in moving the Rebated Steel program forward in their Kingdoms: Æthelmearc - Duke Malcom, East - Brian of Stonemarche ,Trimaris - Baron Gavin MacFergus.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Target Archery & Thrown Weapons would like to thank all the Kingdom officers who took the time to file reports (even though not much has happened) and who have taken initiative in these troubled times to look to different avenues to promote our martial arts. I would also like to point out and commend the many Kingdom Deputies who have extended their terms of service and striven to push their arts forward in these troubled times, until there can be competent replacements found. I would especially like to send accolades to THL Matteo Genovese of the East for organizing and hosting a series of inter-kingdom webinars and round tables for thrown weapons. I would also like to give a "hats off" to Master Antonio de Luna for four years of service to the Kingdom of Æthelmearc's thrown weapons community. I would also like to commend Paul Stoddard for being instrumental in supplying the Kingdom of Caid with archery ranking medallions.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Youth Combat would like to commend the following: In Ansteorra, Red & Czina in the Coastal Division have kept the interest going using virtual classes and much more, and Alain has been fantastic with Youth Rapier growth. In Avacal, Sir Kiera receives special recognition for help with Youth Marshal classes, while in Æthelmearc Mattheus is doing an incredible job and also producing Youth Combat "how to" videos. Evander has recently assumed the office in Ealdormere and we're looking forward to his ideas coming to fruition, while m'lady Eikat is working miracles on planning with our Kingdom Marshals for Pennsic "virtually" so that ALL of our YC fighters worldwide will have the opportunity to join in.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the Society wide moratorium on in-person events, martial activity has largely remained on hold for Q1. Some groups have begun allowing practice on a small scale as per their Kingdom and local government policies allow. Fighters are using this time to work on gear and find creative online solutions for training and instruction. Everyone is waiting on activities to start opening back up, and are beginning to plan how to safely resume activities once allowed to do so.

SOCIETY MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
RICHARD A. LE MONS / ETIENNE LE MONS D'ANJOU

COMMENDATIONS

I would like to offer commendations to the following individual artisans (and groups in some cases):

- First, I would like to thank and offer commendations to all of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences officers for really stepping up to the plate and throwing themselves into the virtual world of arts and sciences! They continue to amaze me with their fortitude;
- I would like to commend Laurencia inghean ui Nuillain for her online work in The Honorable Clover;
- Congratulations to the two new arts and sciences champions for Æthelmarc, Lord Coinneach Mac an Leigh and Lady Ilaria Rosati;
- The staff of Atlantian University continue to lead the way in how virtual events can be successful and are highly deserving of commendation; I'd especially like to thank their Chancellor, Adriana la Bretonne. She has been a joy to work with and really came through for the Known World Sciences Symposium;
- Lochac's A&S journal, Cockatrice, won the Master William Blackwood Award for Best Special Interest Newsletter. Congratulations to their editor, Lord Bjorn Saemundarson, who has done amazing work to make the newsletter more beautiful and more accessible;
- Mistress Cairostianna of Meridies is hosting a Great Meridian Bakeoff competition where each week they research and bake a different category of baked goods. The event is very popular;
- Countess Thorkatla of Meridies did a spectacular job hosting a live "cook pasta with me" at a recent Meridian Homecoming Social; &
- The RUM Chancellor of the Midrealm, THL Oswyn of Bathon, has been doing an amazing job of handling an ongoing RUM online.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The Society for Creative Anachronism continues to fulfill its mission to research and re-create the arts and skills of the pre-17th century world, now more than ever.

While COVID-19 stifling our in-person interactions, the arts and sciences has really shown itself to be the glue that holds the Society together. The arts and sciences are more

important than ever to our organization. There have been online universities, collegiums, competitions, Zoom gatherings, classes, and workshops. The overall number of these events has remained about the same as last quarter, as best as I can tell. I would highly encourage individuals holding online activities to make sure these activities are reported through the MoAS office so that we can get a better idea of how much the SCA is actually accomplishing during these plague times. These virtual activities are still the predominant way in which the arts and sciences are being explored during this time and how the SCA is continuing to connect our members. I would like to encourage everyone to look to your arts and sciences communities and see what they are doing. I would like to give a special call out to the bardic community. While many arts may have difficulty in a world of social distancing, bardic is really flourishing and growing! There is an international Bardic War brewing and I look forward to seeing the performances from around the world.

I am extremely proud of how the Kingdom Officers, their deputies and warranted local officers are handling the situation. They have, as a whole, risen to the challenges that have been presented and are working through any complications in amazing, surprising and creative ways. I would encourage any member of the Society looking to help to reach out to their local officers as many Kingdom Officers have increased their roster of deputies to help with the increased duties. In an effort to be responsive and helpful to the branch officers, I am maintaining an email response time to warranted officers of no more than 48 hours.

CENSUS COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT

JULIA SMITH / JULIANA DE LUNA

COMMENDATIONS

I would like to commend Trudi Crumpwright for all the work she has done and also Dan Watson for his unfailing support as he moves on from being our ombudsman.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The 2020 SCA Census committee is pleased to share the second report from the census. We've just released the complete quantitative summary of the Census results. Qualitative data analysis is ongoing and should be released at a future Board meeting. We'd like to commend Trudi Crumpwright for her hard work as assistant chair and Dan Watson for his unfailing support as he moves on from being our ombudsman.

SANCTION ITEMS

A. Jay Handel (Morgan Schwertfeger)

Motion by Craig Carter to uphold the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Jay Handel (Morgan Schwertfeger) as issued by Christian and Helene, Crown of the Kingdom of An Tir, and their Kingdom Seneschal, on February 16, 2021, 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 and denial of membership. Second by John St. Dennis. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

B. Michael McDade (Seamus McDade called Padre)

Motion by Gigi Coulson to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Michael McDade (Seamus McDade called Padre), effective immediately. Second by Natalie Degerstrom. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

C. John Keller (Wolfgang von Sachsenhausen)

Motion by Ross Roegner to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, John Keller (Wolfgang von Sachsenhausen), effective immediately. Second by John St. Dennis. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

D. Guy Butler (Guy the Good)

Motion by Craig Carter to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Guy Butler (Guy the Good), effective immediately. Second by Gigi Coulson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

E. Jonathan Blaine (Mordred MacBlain/Mordred CiarDreki)

Motion by Gigi Coulson to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Jonathan Blaine (Mordred MacBlain/Mordred CiarDreki), effective immediately. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

F. Rockie Rendon

Motion by Gigi Coulson to uphold the Expulsion from the Society of Rockie Rendon (Borjnstien) as issued by Agrippa and Dawid, Crown of the Kingdom of Caid, and their Kingdom Seneschal, on September 8, 2018. Second by John St. Dennis.

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to amend the previous motion to read:

Motion to uphold the Expulsion from the Society of Rockie Rendon (Borjnstien) as issued by Agrippa and Dawid, Crown of the Kingdom of Caid, and their Kingdom Seneschal, on September 18, 2018, and further to direct the Society Seneschal to provide Notice to Mr. Rendon that the matter of his revocation of membership and denial of participation will be taken into consideration at next conference call meeting. Second by John St. Dennis. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

G. James Stowe Uphold Expulsion

Motion by Craig Carter to uphold the Expulsion from the Society of James Stowe (SCA name unknown) as issued by Gareth and Lailiane, Crown of the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, and their Kingdom Seneschal, on October 26, 2018. Second by Gigi Coulson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

H. Stephen Guenther (Guenther von Wiseland) Banishment Appeal

By consensus, the Board declined to hear the appeal of Stephen Guenther (Guenther von Wiseland).