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

Salutations,

The greatly anticipated report from the January 26, 2025 Board of Director's meeting is here! A recording of the meeting should be available at a later date on the SCA website.

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

You may view the full Board of Director's meeting here:

[Full Board of Director's meeting here](#)

Group Status Changes: None.

Meeting Schedule:

- a. April 11 and 12, 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting – Hybrid
Proposed for Salt Lake City, Utah
- b. July 12 and 13, 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual
- c. October 18 and 19, 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting – Hybrid
Proposed for St. Louis, Missouri.

Mid-term Conference Call Schedule

- a. Monday, February 24, 2025
- b. Monday, March 24, 2025

Board Recruiting

The report of Director Krista Capps noted that as of January 26, 2025, there were thirty-six (36) candidates on the list of Board nominees with fifteen (15) kingdoms represented. Director Capps stated that commentary from the membership regarding the nominees is always welcomed, as are new nominations.

2025 Budget Proposal

Motion by Krista Capps to approve the 2025 Budget as presented by the Corporate Treasurer. Second by: Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

The 2025 Budget should appear on the Society Exchequer's webpage in the near future.

Proposed Changes to Corpora

Redlines can be found at Addendum A

- a. I.C7: General—Role of the Board—Communications with the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.

New Language

c. Any written communication with the Board is considered public, subject to any confidentiality provisions of Corpora, Corporate Policy, and approved Officer Handbooks, unless the author stipulates at the time of writing that the document is to be considered confidential. Any communications regarding sanctions and/or Board/Officer work-product are deemed confidential communications.

The Board reserves the right to declare any communication confidential subject to the author's right to republish the communication. Reasonable requests for copies of other communications must be made in writing to the corporate office, and all such requests are automatically considered public documents.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to ***I.C7: General—Role of the Board - Communications with the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.*** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

b. II. B. Requirements for Participants at Society Events

Anyone may attend Society events provided they wear an attempt at pre-17th century clothing, conform to the rules of the Society, and comply with any other requirements (including but not limited to site fees or waivers) which may be imposed. At business meetings and informal classes, the requirement to wear pre-17th century dress may be waived. All participants are expected to behave in an appropriate and respectful manner.

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to approve changes to **II. B. Requirements for Participants at Society Events** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

c. VI.A.2: Society Officers—General Requirements and Benefits

d. No Society or Corporate Officer may serve as Crown or Coronet during their tenure in office. In order to fight or be fought for in a Crown or Coronet Lists, the officer must have served a minimum of one year in that office and must have an appointed deputy, approved by the Board, who is ready and willing to accept all responsibilities for that office. Committing to become a Crown or Coronet Victory in a Royal List will be considered a resignation from office, effective no later than their Investiture.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to **VI.A.2: Society Officers—General Requirements and Benefits** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

d. VIII.E.2: Personal Awards and Titles—Reservations to the Board—Revocation of Awards and Grants of Arms

As with Peerages, the Board specifically reserves the right to revoke any Award or Grant of Arms. Kingdom law may make provision for offering such a recommendation to the Board. Unless stipulated otherwise by the Board, the Board's decision in such a case applies only to the matter at hand. Nothing prohibits a person who has had any award or recognition revoked from being bestowed the award or recognition at a later date, should the Crown determine that the person in question now meets the requirements of the award or recognition being bestowed.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to **VIII.E.2: Personal Awards and Titles—Reservations to the Board—Revocation of Awards and Grants of Arms.** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

e. X.B.4.d: Grievances and Sanctions—Sanctions—Reservations to the Board—Revocation of Awards and Grants of Arms

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Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to ***X.B.4.d: Grievances and Sanctions—Sanctions—Reservations to the Board—Revocation of Awards and Grants of Arms*** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

f. X.B.1: Grievances and Sanctions—Sanctions—Royal Sanctions

The Crown of a Kingdom may sanction subjects, residents, and visitors within the borders of the Crown's Kingdom for just and stated cause. Royal Sanctions take effect from the moment of proclamation but must be announced in court and also be published in the next available issue of the kingdom newsletter if the sanction is to remain in effect. Within 15 business days of the imposition of the sanction, the specific cause and occasion of the sanction must be explained in writing to the sanctioned individual unless it is impossible to do so, in which case it should be done as soon as possible.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to ***X.B.1: Grievances and Sanctions—Sanctions—Royal Sanctions*** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

g. X.B.2: Administrative Sanctions

Officers may impose Administrative Sanctions within their areas of authority, for just and stated cause, only in accordance with the rules defined in their office handbooks or specifically granted to their offices by the Governing Documents of the SCA. Only the Society Seneschal or the Board may impose an Administrative Sanction that precludes the holding of any office including that of Crown.

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to approve changes to ***X.B.2: Administrative Sanctions*** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Variance - Barony of Tarnmist, West – baronial polling extension

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to uphold a variance issued by the Society Seneschal to the Barony of Tarnmist of the West Kingdom West Kingdom Law permitting an extension of the deadline for Confidence polling to March Crown until March 21 through 23, 2025. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Corporate Policy Proposal XX. Policy on Conduct

By consensus, no action was taken. It was noted the commentary period for this matter is still open and that commentary is still being accepted for this item.

Alternative Revenue Streams Working Group

The Board has approved the creation of a working group to explore different options for alternative streams of revenue for the preparation of a set of proposals for Board Review.

Guide for Crowns Working Group

The Board has approved the creation of a working group to compile useful information for Sovereigns to assist them in their reigns. We have had many Sovereigns who have successfully embodied the Dream in the SCA, and it would be beneficial to impart that knowledge to new and incoming Crowns.

SIGNIFICANT ACTION ITEMS FROM OFFICER REPORTS

Vice-President for Information Technology

"Email accounts provided by the SCA for an office are for official business and communications in relation to SCA functions. If an account is provided by the SCA for your office, you must use that account for all official email communications relating to that office.

It is important to maintain institutional knowledge and continuity of information. As such every effort must be made to maintain official emails for archival and legal purposes. This may be accomplished in a few ways:

- 1) An SCA provided email account specific to that office, which is transferred to a successor in the office.
- 2) A system which transfers all office-related emails from one account to another. A warranted SCA office must be able to trigger the system in case of emergency.
- 3) Other options may be approved by the SCA's Manager or Vice President of Information Technology."

Motion by Pug Bainter approve amendment to the Vice President for Information Technology policy regarding the use of email accounts issued by the SCA for official business and communications related to SCA functions as presented. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Society Communications and Social Media Officer

Requested addition of Bluesky as an Official Channel

By consensus, it was determined that this item falls within the purview of the Communications Office.

Vice President for Operations (Society Seneschal)

Interpretation - Corpora VIII.A.4.a. i., VIII.A.4.a.ii.g.

Motion to KT Sheppard. To uphold the Society Seneschal's affirmation that the Order of Chivalry is comprised of two equal arms - Master of Arms and Knight. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

SEE ADDENDUM B

Corpora Interpretation – “Just Cause” re: Corpora IV.G.7, IV. H.4, V.A.2, and VII. L.1

Motion by Krista Capps to accept the definition of “just cause” as defined by the Society Seneschal. Second by Joan Steurer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

SEE ADDENDUM C

Society Exchequer

Dedicated Funds: Motion by K.T. Sheppard to uphold the Policy interpretation by the Society Exchequer that once a dedicated fund is established by a financial committee, that said financial committee does not need to “vote” to disperse the funds, so long as there are sufficient funds in the dedicated fund and someone is requesting reimbursement from that fund for the outlined purpose of the fund. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Laurel Principal Queen of Arms

1. *Updates to the Administrative Handbook: Motion by Pug Bainter to approve Laurel Queen of Arms' revisions to as delineated under V.B.2.h – extension of deadlines for correcting emblazons on Letters of Intent when the blazon is not affected. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

2. *Updates to SENA: Motion by Pug Bainter to approve Laurel Queen of Arms' revisions to SENA as follows: PN1B2d2 “Pattern of Borrowing Names”; NPN4B1 “Use of Elements that Appear to Be Titles”; A3D2 to discuss unity of arrangement, including addition of A3D2e “Unity of Arrangement”; A3D2c “Unity of Posture and Orientation”; A3F3 “Obtrusively Modern” A5C1 “Blazons Which Must Be Considered”; A5F1b to make it clear that gyronny of three does not get an SC from per pall or per pall inverted and that gyronny of six or more pieces is substantially different from all other partitions; A5G6 “Change of Arrangement Within a Charge Group”; A6F “Claims through Marshalling”; Appendix A “Patterns That Do Not Need Further Documentation by Language Group”; Appendix E2 “Award and Order Names” to include “Order of the <Heraldic Charge> and <Heraldic Charge> as an acceptable generic*

pattern; Appendix E4 “Household Names”; Appendix I2 “Secondary Charge Group”; Appendix I4 “Overall Charge Group”; and Appendix M. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

3. *Changes to the Glossary of Terms (<https://heraldry.sca.org/coagloss.html>): Motion by Pug Bainter to approve the updates to the SENA Glossary tables and Appendix: Revised Table 1 “Reserved Regalia” and Table 2 “Reserved Charges”; Revised Table 3 “Restricted Charges”; Updated Table 4 “Conventional ‘Proper’ Colorings”; Updated Table 5 “Conventional S.C.A. Default Postures”; Updated Table 7 “Default Arrangements” to include four primary charges of two types when on a field divided in two sections and added Table 8 “Default Charge Types”. Second by Megan O’Shea. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

4. *Changes to the Administrative Handbook Appendices: Motion by Pug Bainter to approve a change to the Administrative Handbook to update the Administrative Handbook appendices as related to Appendix F “Name Sources to Be Used with Caution and to Be Avoided in Documentation” and Appendix H “Sources That Do Not Require Photocopies to Laurel, as requested by the Laurel Principal Queen of Arms. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

5. *Changes to the List of Alternate Titles: Motion by Pug Bainter to permit the changes to the List of Alternate Titles Added to add alternate titles in Demotic and Middle Egyptian as requested by the Laurel Principal Queen of Arms. Second by Jonathan Foster. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

Society Marshal

Reporting Forms: Motion by Pug Bainter to accept changes to marshallate reporting forms allowing a membership number, phone number, and email in lieu of a physical address. Second by Jonathan Foster. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Appointment: Society Minister of Arts and Sciences

Motion by Joan Steurer to appoint Katheryn Nikolich (Thorkatla Herjolfssdottir) as the Society Minister of Arts and Sciences for the standard three-year term, and subject to the standard probationary period, effective June 1, 2025. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Mark Faulcon. Acting Chair K.T. Sheppard exercised his opting to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Extension: Corporate Treasurer

Motion by Pug Bainter to extend the term of Carolyn Richardson (Tetchubah of Greenlake) as Corporate Treasurer for a period of three (3) years from the conclusion of her current warrant. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: Mark Faulcon. Acting Chair K.T. Sheppard exercised his opting to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

January 26, 2025 Subsidiaries – Action by verbal consent

All actions for the subsidiaries of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. are accepted by consensus.

Ombudsman Assignment – No changes. Assignments can be found on the SCA Website

Upcoming Warrant Expirations

1. Chronicler – December 31, 2024
2. In-House Counsel – April 30, 2025
4. Vice-President of Information Technology – April 30, 2025
5. Webminister – April 30, 2025
6. Society Seneschal – ER Deputy – April 30, 2025
7. Communications – August 31, 2025

SANCTIONS / CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Malachi Eldridge (Marcus Brutius Leonitus Daemonium)

1. Exile from the Realm by David and Rhianwen

Motion by Krista Capps to uphold the Exile from the Realm of Malachi Eldridge (Marcus Brutius Leonitus Daemonium) as issued by David and Rhianwen, Crown of Calontir, on March 13, 2024. Second by Megan O'Shea. In Favor: Pug Bainter, Krista Capps, Jonathan Foster, Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Recused: Joan Steurer, KT Sheppard. Motion carried.

2. Exile from the Realm by Elias and Adelaide

Motion by Krista Capps to uphold the Exile from the Realm of Malachi Eldridge (Marcus Brutius Leonitus Daemonium) as issued by Elias and Adelaide, Crown of Calontir on March 23, 2024. Second by Pug Bainter. In Favor: Pug Bainter, Krista Capps, Jonathan Foster, Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Recused: Joan Steurer, KT Sheppard. Motion carried.

Varien Moon (SCA Letta Vitri)

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to uphold the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Varien Moon (Luna Strailigen), as issued by Conor and Isa, Crown of the West, and their Kingdom Seneschal on August 15, 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. Motion carried.

Anthony Garza (Holgar the Dane)

Motion by Krista Capps to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Anthony Garza (Holgar the Dane), effective immediately. Second by KT Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

William Reeder (Billy Oh)

Motion by Krista Capps to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, William Reeder (Billy Oh), effective immediately. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Lisa Adams (Marion Forrester)

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to conclude the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Lisa Adams (SCA: Marion Forrester)), effective December 31, 2025. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Tim Adams (Aoki Tadamitsu)

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to conclude the Temporary Removal from Participation in the Society of Tim Adams (SCA: Aoki Tadamitsu), effective December 31, 2025. Second by Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Stewart Keuchle (Roatan El Guanaja Utila)

By consensus, this matter was returned to the Society Seneschal for additional work.

PRESIDENT

Bao Pham (Baudoyne de Lafayette)

COMMENDATIONS

I would like to commend Michele (Jeanne Marie la Verriere) for her time as Society Chatelaine. I appreciate her work in the role and during the transition process by having an ER deputy ready to take over the role. As a volunteer organization we appreciate every moment Michele donated to the Society.

I would like to commend Sarah (Hildegard Bergerin) for her work as Society Minister of Arts and Sciences. Along with promoting A&S activities in the Known World, she has also updated the Society MoAS handbook. She has also been very flexible in the transition process to find a successor for this role. Her dedication to the smooth operations of the Society is greatly appreciated.

I would like to commend Kitty (Ekaterina Stepanova doch' Novgorodskaya), Kelly (Koia Karasova), and Andrew (Andreas Von Meissen) for all their assistance to put together a set of options to send to the College of Heraldry for the new ranged peerage. I wanted to have more choices available to the membership and these 3 individuals graciously gave time to put together some possibilities.

I would like to commend Lori Ford (Antigone of York), Kira Mikkeldotter, Petra of the Rozakii and the other non-public members of the working groups that have been set up to find solutions for financial pain points in the SCA.

I would like to commend Andrew (Ottar Surtson) for jumping into the role of Society Chatelaine. Additionally, I would like to commend Amy (Adrienne Furet). Both of them put together a very successful Known World Newcomer symposium. Thanks all involved in this massive endeavor. I had the opportunity to listen to people from all over the Known World talk passionately about recruitment and retention. From experienced players to players who have only been playing for a few months, I appreciated hearing their thoughts and ideas.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The Policy on Conduct which is to be added to the SCA Corporate Policies is now out for commentary and we await the input of the people. It allows the corporation to be more

transparent in regards to sanctions with minimalized legal risk while providing guidance to the membership by having the rules in a central location.

I have focused a lot on transparency over the last 6 months. Taking feedback and working on this policy has taken a considerable amount of time. I do think that it is important to address the transparency concerns of the membership. There is a heavy emphasis online regarding sanctions and the outcomes of corporate decisions affecting individuals. This Policy on Conduct should address some of those concerns.

Improved transparency is an ongoing process in the SCA and remains one of my priorities. For 2025, I am shifting focus towards other important priorities for the organization: Solvency, Growth, and Infrastructure. On a Society level, there are plans and projects in place to help improve the operations of the SCA. To me, Corporate is a centralized way to help support kingdoms and local groups with resources and tools to help them find success in our overarching goal of education and living history prior to the 17th century.

The Office of the President has several ongoing projects. Part of my approach as President is to involve more people to move the projects along as efficiently as possible while respecting everyone's ability to volunteer at different time commitments. Also, by involving a higher number of people, I want to show the membership that the Society isn't just the Officers and Directors, and that people who have the ability to help can have influence on the overall direction of this organization. I am always looking for ways and ideas to make the SCA better, and would encourage the membership to submit ideas and suggestions to president@sca.org. We have several ongoing projects and items that are being worked on.

PROJECTS:

Lori Ford was brought on to be the President's special deputy in October. Here is a summary of the projects currently in progress that she is spear heading:

Project 1: Create a proposal modernizing the SCA's methods for electronic banking, payment and fund transfers. This project includes multiple volunteers working as a team. Some members have consented to have their names shared publicly. The team has 11 contributors. Team members names as submitted: Lori Ford, Kira Mikkeldotter, Dame Petra of the Rozakii, under the observation of Carolyn Richardson, Corporate Treasurer, and Bonnie Stringer, Society Exchequer.

Project 2: Reduce the complexity of the Exchequer Office and simplify reporting. This project is tied closely with project 1 and utilizes the same volunteer team.

Project 3: Centralize, streamline, and standardize all society officer and deputy SOPs and their Job Postings/Role Listings.

Some of the team members did not wish to be recognized publicly for their work, but their contributions are appreciated. I want to highlight the service to the Society for these projects with the estimated hours of work that was contributed:

Special Projects Deputy: 25-30 hours monthly

Individual team members: 4-10 hours monthly per person

Other Work in Progress:

Beyond the special projects, here are other items that my office is working on currently:

- * The implementation of the approved Patron membership
- * Creation of an Acceptable Use Policy
- * Creation of a Society Level Discord

The Society is a busy place. We have a lot of people who are willing to volunteer their time at this level, and for that I am immensely grateful. The SCA is a large organization, filled with a wide array of people with skillsets that could help foster the growth of this organization. There will be many opportunities to serve and to build a better Society in the days to come. I would like to thank those who have contributed to making the Society greater and look forward to seeing those who would come forward to help make the entire SCA an enjoyable place for all.

OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS

Charles Burk (Baron Charles de Bourbon, OL)

No report received.

COMMUNICATIONS/SOCIAL MEDIA

Brigid Costello (Anne de Tournai)

COMMENDATIONS

Mielikka Koiviston has progressed updates to the Calontir Social Media Handbook outline.

Calontir's discord continues to grow! Congratulations to all involved.

Congratulations to the Drachenwald Discord admin team who managed to spot and resolve a trolling attack in under 7 minutes, ensuring their channel remained safe and welcoming.

Baron Arias Beltran del Valle, Media Liaison for Æthelmearc, who recently spearheaded an initiative to connect Kingdom media officers across the Known World which the communications office was delighted to support.

Congratulations to all involved in the smooth transition of the Ansteorran Kingdom Social Media office.

All the digital scribes around the Known World who help to share the events and stories through their photography. Special thanks to those who have given permission for their art to be used on official SCA channels and publications.

Lord Snorri has been doing a phenomenal job as the Trimaris Video Deputy in creating and pushing content!

My thanks as always to Louise, Katie, Bao, Stacy, Lis, and Leslie 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

Brand management is vital for the Society as it establishes a strong, positive identity that resonates with members, attracts new participants, and fosters community pride. A well-managed brand ensures consistency in messaging, visuals, and values, helping to build trust and recognition. Communication and Social Media Officers play a crucial role at every level by crafting clear and engaging messages, managing social media platforms, and serving as the bridge between the Society and its participants. Their efforts ensure the club's mission and activities are effectively communicated, enhancing its reputation and long-term success. Thank your officers regularly and sincerely.

MANAGER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Sam Davis (Thomas Blackmoore)

COMMENDATIONS: None.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The Office of Information Technology is growing. We have welcomed two new members in the last three months (a SharePoint Champion and a Special Projects Deputy). We will soon add a developer. There is a lot that technology can do for our membership if we can take advantage of the opportunities. We are positioning ourselves to be better able to take advantage of these opportunities in the future.

WEBMINISTER

Nicholas Milano (Iain MacArthur)

COMMENDATIONS: None

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The year of 2024 had some interesting challenges for most Kingdoms while consolidating assets and transferring data across platforms with site redesigns and policy changes. The volunteers across the Society in both our office and other offices are noticed for their tireless work to keep our game running as smoothly as possible. I look forward to seeing more volunteers for the Webministry at the local levels in the coming year. There are so many opportunities for local groups to utilize this office to assist with reaching out to newcomers to the SCA and for reliable and consistent communication to the public and Society at large.

SOCIETY SENESCHAL

Stacy Hall

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COMMENDATIONS:

Kingdom Seneschal is a very important job that can be daunting and often goes unrecognized. I have thoroughly enjoyed my very short time (as the New Kid on the Block) working directly with these folks and I wish them well in all future endeavors (after they have a well-earned rest). Thank you for your service!

Greg Wylie (Master Laertes-Caid) will have stepped down from his tenure as Caid kingdom seneschal by the time of the Quarterly meeting. During his time in office, Greg updated several portions of Caid kingdom law, managed and oversaw issues with thorough professionalism and I have every confidence his successor will follow his excellent example.

Joshua Harrison (Master Edward-Atenveldt): After stepping up as acting kingdom seneschal during some confusion as to application procedures Edward dealt calmly and professionally with that confusion, He went on to execute the office of kingdom seneschal with a quiet reserve and handled large war issues with aplomb. Edward stepped down in mid-November and, true to form, has taken on the role of ER Deputy while Viscountess Victoria steps into and gets comfortable in the role of kingdom seneschal.

Thomas Mitchell (Master Tomas-Trimaris): Thomas also stepped down early in November and handed the reins over to his successor, but, of course, has stayed on as the ER Deputy for the transition and beyond. Thomas began his tenure abruptly when his predecessor won Crown Tourney in Trimaris. He dealt with that challenge and has continued to work for the benefit of Trimaris while dealing with post-COVID challenges as well as the occasional event challenges thrown at the kingdom by Mother Nature.

I also want to commend my amazing Emergency Deputy, Lis Schraer, and Director K.T. Sheppard, who both gave up a weekend to continue to help with work on revisions to the Seneschal's Handbook. As of this writing I hope to have a redline product to the Board by April 2025 Quarterly meeting.

Mandy Grayson (Mistress Attia Prima) the Investigations Deputy continues to be a rock star for the organization with her management skills and her overall demeanor. And she's saved my sanity more than once already—thank you, Mandy!

Lastly, but certainly not least, I wanted to commend Tim Drost (Sir Wulfgard Martel, Ansteorra) along with the aid of several Ansteorran, for answering a call for assistance from a stranded fellow SCAer hundreds of miles from their own kingdom. Your kind act of assistance is a shining example of the courtesy and chivalry of our Society and deserving of recognition.

From the kingdoms I have the following commendations:

Atlantia: I would like to commend the populace of the Kingdom of Atlantia for their strength and perseverance during the tough times this quarter. Despite facing the loss of 3 beloved individuals and having a hurricane devastate large sections of the Kingdom, I saw us come together and be strong. People immediately reached out to help, offering crash space to get out of the hurricane's path, getting supplies and donations together to help the affected areas, and all around come together to support each other in these tough times.

Caid: This office does not operate in a vacuum, nor as a fiefdom. There are many people involved in the work of the Seneschalate and the office could not be successful without the ongoing support of the Royals and the Society Seneschal office. A sincere thank you to those that have served in that capacity during my term. In addition, I have been fortunate enough to

work with a dedicated team of deputies, direct reports and fellow Kingdom Great Officers. I'd like to specifically thank:

1) Duke John ap Gwyndaf of Holdingford for his ongoing support, service and counsel and 2) Baroness Kirivi Romani Aioli, the Kingdom Social Media Officer, for steady hand, long hours and wise advice during my term.

Northshield: The Honorable Lord Thorfinn the Hunter, his leadership even with a small group is remarkable. I appreciate his ideas and his work to keep things moving smoothly.

John Le Salvage is working hard in a large area with a small group of dedicated people. He's doing well and tiny groups are very hard work.

Joshua of Schattentor, his shire is on the very far side of the kingdom and their group is doing well, lots of activities and participation, I'm excited to see how Schattentor grows in 2025.

Hlāford Eadmund sweordhwíta, I am thankful for Eadmunds cheerful leadership, its always exciting to hear how the shire is doing and what is going on.

Trimaris: From the outgoing KSen (November 9, 2024), First and foremost to Mistress Elisait (Lis) for being so patient, so gracious, and helping me learn the ropes when I got tossed into the deep end 2 years ago. I also need to particularly thank former AE KSEN Mistress Illadore, who taught me things I really needed to know at the start. Thanks are due to Jen Kanter (Mistress Gwynhwyfr ber Cain) Amanda Fessenden (Mistress Thalassia Hellenis), Trish K Yamme (Duchess Larissa), Elizabeth Hernandez (Mistress Sibeal) and cannot forget the awesome power that is Samantha Moore-Owens (Mistress Ambra) and John Rundell (Sir Maxymylln). All these peers helped keep me straight and on even keel while I'm juggling running "Trimaris Jr. High" and full time in law school simultaneously.

Thanks, are also due to Meridith Cain (Mistress Sythean, Kingdom Constable), Candace McLendon (Syr Kahlan), Cathy Tallent (Duchess Grainne) and also to Jerry Gordon (Sir Hjorr-Yggr, pronounced Yorick), Martin and Dr. Elizabeth Faulcon (Duke Martin and Duchess Islay), and Steven Howell (almost-Master Conall, project manager for ESF Camp Challenge). I could not have did the job half as well without the kind advice, willingness to listen, jump in and help, and occasionally putting up with some screaming. Special thanks to: Dr. Maggie Denk, director of ESF Camp Challenge, our primary kingdom event site; Brian Rider (Master Herman) and Grant Simmons (Master Gareth) who helped their Kingdom above and beyond with fixing our online OP.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Kingdoms are reporting overall good health although recruitment in some areas, and filling officer position in particular, is still a bit of a struggle in our smaller groups in outlying areas where burnout and recruitment are still at the forefront. In discussions with kingdom seneschals, I am told of groups that consider merging, rejoining baronies, and asking for extensions or variances rather than lose their sense of community. I am delighted for the productive communications and that folks are working together to tackle these concerns.

Our volunteers are the life's blood of our organization! Please consider taking a moment to thank a volunteer at your next event. As one of the kingdom seneschals reported this quarter: "Every time I come away from a kingdom event I am always inspired..." From the gate-worker to the person who makes sure the floors are cleaned and all our volunteers in between --you, and your efforts are valuable. Thank you for all the jobs you do, small or large, that keep this game and our community going. And if you are one of those volunteers, thank you for your dedication and work!

SOCIETY YOUTH ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Michelle Santy (Amytis de la Fontaine)

COMMENDATIONS : None.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Kingdoms are creating Youth and Family Programs to ensure all ages can participate in the Society through fun and productive activities. Outside of 'official' Youth activities such as Boffer, and classes, there are increases of Youth/Teen/Family participation in archery, thrown weapons, 'adult' classes, and other areas that have been 'traditionally' more adult-centric.

VP CORPORATE OPS

Louise DuCray

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The final quarter of the year is always a busy one for this office, and 2024 was no exception. I'm happy to report that all insurance certificate requests received for 2025 were processed in record time, and subsequently our broker had all certificates for the next calendar year sent to their respective sites on or by Christmas Eve. We also had the domestic and international evidence-only certificates for 2025 in hand before the midwinter break, much to the relief of many event coordinators, and myself. These were sent out to all Kingdom Seneschals on December 20. If

you need to provide evidence of our general insurance coverage to an event site, feel free to reach out to your Kingdom Seneschal, or to me directly at insurance@sca.org.

As of January 13, the membership portal has some long-awaited new features. All SCA members are now able to view their full membership information directly in the portal upon login, including membership number, Society name, Kingdom, and background check status, if applicable. Now that Neon One CRM has added the functionality to display custom fields via the portal, we're looking forward to streamlining some other processes. The blue membership cards, emailed Proofs of Membership, and the digital card are of course still available.

The Pennsic War trademark/service mark is up for renewal in June of 2025. After this, subsequent renewals will only be due every ten years.

As of January 1, 2025, the official PO Box for the Corporate Office has been updated. Please update your records and send all future correspondence to:

PO Box 66347
Scotts Valley, CA 95067

We will be working to ensure that all relevant documents and websites are updated, and mail forwarding from the San Jose PO Box will continue for some time. ☞ 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

Heartfelt thanks to Dar'C O'Neal(Riordan MacGregor) for their long term editorship for *Tournaments Illuminated*. Riordan was established in office when I assumed the duties as Publications Manager and they have worked tirelessly for more than a decade to create stunning and informative magazines for *Tournaments Illuminated* readers. Riordan is a skilled wordsmith and their skills are reflected in each issue of *TI*. We, as a Society, owe a debt of gratitude for the talent and skills shared with us for so long. Riordan: Thank you for your service. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with you.

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.

THE COMPLEAT ANACHRONIST EDITOR

Ellen Rawson (Ariel of Lindisfarne)

COMMENDATIONS

Many thanks to Jennifer Lemich for CA 205 Life and Divination in the Roman Empire. She worked quickly to revise her manuscript immediately after it was reviewed by Volker Bach, to whom I also owe thanks. Since CA 204 was running late, 205 wound up being late also. The latter was sent to Joyce at the publisher on 2 December, which was later than I'd planned, but it should be making its public appearance soon. As usual, kudos to Sue Gilbert for her layout genius and willingness to make changes. Elise Fleming provided her usual fantastic copy-editing assistance. Both of them are fantastic.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Current Issue: 2024 Q3 CA 205 *Life and Divination in the Roman Empire*.

Publishable Summary and for Advertising within the SCA:

From the earliest of times, humans have tried to understand and control the world around them. As societies developed and grew, they borrowed ideas from older ones. Early cultures borrowed and adopted even earlier societies' deities, thinking, and rituals. This included divination, a way of trying to see signs from the gods. Divination has been around for a long time, as long as people have been trying to make sense of the world around them.

This *Compleat Anachronist* examines how divination was adapted and changed throughout the Roman Empire. By the time of the Roman Empire's rise, Rome adopted and adapted many of the gods of Greece and the earlier Etruscans to suit Rome's differing needs. As Rome expanded, so did their adapting and adopting of the local gods of their conquered areas. This also included diverse types of divination as a way of understanding relationship with the different gods. Later, early Christians in Rome needed to interpret and mix with local traditions. To the early Christians' benefit, their Judaic background also included omens, dreams, and visitation from divine beings, similar aspects to those of the cultures they had encountered.

SOCIETY CHRONICLER REPORT

Krystal Smith (Cecilia Blythe)

COMMENDATIONS: None.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

No problems to report. Still in need of a deputy chronicler.

TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED

Office In Transition.

ARCHIVIST

Travis Schenck (Ramon De Javier)

COMMENDATIONS

Thank you to His Excellency Sir Ragnar Karlsson(Warren Maurer) for sending the collections of chronicler's paperwork, back issues, and other ephemera from Master Gunnar Sigurdson(Tom Cherry) associated with Gunnar's work for the Middle Kingdom.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The archive would like to thank Lord Yamashiro No Irou (Kellson Hillstead), who provided the Archive with a large Known World map poster circa 1995.

There are no significant updates for the archive this quarter. Work continues, answering inquiries, cataloging, and digitizing the collection as time permits.

TREASURER

Carolyn Richardson (Tetchubah of Greenlake)

COMMENDATIONS

As my primary deputy, Bonnie Stringer, will be stepping down from the Society Exchequer office soon, I can't thank her enough for all the work she has put into her office to help the

Kingdom Exchequers and the local groups as well, in trying to streamline the process for approving bank accounts, revising the financial policies, and being the “go to” person for most of the local financial issues. Bonnie has served as Society Exchequer for nearly 4 years and has done a stellar job.

I would also like to thank the Society Marshal, Melissa Midzor, for her generous help and assistance in trying to obtain alternative insurance for our equestrian events. While those did not pan out for us, at least we can say we tried.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The audit is ongoing and I’m hoping we can complete it within the first couple of weeks of January. I plan to reset the kingdom workbooks as soon as possible and hold some Zoom sessions with the kingdom exchequers to review the reports and the areas that have caused the most problems for me (and thus, for them) so we can hopefully avoid them this coming year. For the first time in 5 years, we have operated in the black in 2024, and hopefully we can keep that trend going. We need to continue our vigilance on where we are spending our money and what we are spending it on.

EXCHEQUER

Bonnie Stringer (Marcel Orillion)

COMMENDATIONS

First, I would like to thank the Local Exchequers across the Known World.

We could not play the game we all love without each and every one of you. Second, this would be an impossible task without the Kingdom and Greater War exchequers and your deputies – thank you!

James Baker and Christine Lusk for serving as NMR Deputies during my term – never had to worry about reports – they always appeared in my inbox. Rebecca Riney – Rebecca has served as my Quickbooks deputy and my drop-dead deputy – thanks Rebecca. Neca Johnson and Susan Sackett have served as Society PayPal deputies – thank you ladies.

As my term is ending in the near future, there are so many changes we have witnessed. I was able to work with two VP of Operations – Renee’ and Louise – thank you ladies. Two clerks - Theresa and Nataalya – thank you ladies. Two Presidents – thanks John and Bao. Three Society Seneschals – Mike – Lis – Stacy, you all are incredible. Two Society Treasurers Mazelle and Carolyn – thank you. I have been blessed to work with at least 30 Kingdom exchequers and about 30 BOD members – thank you all. We experienced Covid – we stopped in person events March of 2020 and did not resume in person events for over a year. We learned how to meet

virtually – so we never stopped. Finally, I would like to let my SCA friends and chosen family how much I love them – they stood by while I was Society Exchequer-deputy and Society Exchequer for one year and four years respectively. They all helped me through the darkest days of my life when Mary passed two years ago. Love you all and thank you for this opportunity – I have had a blast!

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

We desperately need a way to access Sharepoint for Exchequers or some type of storage for Exchequer reports so that these can be accessed as needed – not only for the consolidated reports.

LAUREL SOVEREIGN

Unni Leno (Birgitta Lulli)

COMMENDATIONS

Sneferu ex Artemisias and Hemneter Pennefer for their work on alternate titles in Middle and Demotic Egyptian.

Modar Neznanich for his long-time maintenance of an unofficial roster of Heralds Extraordinary, and Jeanne Marie Lacroix for checking and updating it for publication on the College of Arms web site.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Work on proposals for the name and insignia of the Ranged Martial Activities Peerage has continued, and a separate report on the current options is being provided for this Board meeting.

The virtual Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium will be hosted by the Kingdom of Ealdormere on January 24th–26th, the same weekend as the Board meeting. Work towards the event is proceeding as professionally as expected, and I would like to thank the organizers.

There have been some delays in organizing the Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium scheduled for summer 2025, but at the moment these seem to be settling and I hope to be able to make an announcement at the virtual symposium in January.

MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Sarah M. Noble McGee (Hildegard Bergerin)

COMMENDATIONS

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

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

Commendations to all those who are trying a new-to-them art or science, keep going!

Special thanks to all Directors who have served as A&S Ombudsmen over the past three years, your support is much appreciated.

Commendations to Magister Casimir Zelený z Strátná skála, and assistants, for their work on Æthelmearc's newly updated Kingdom A&S competition rubrics.

Commendations to Mairin O'Cadhla of Æthelmearc, for her work on period dollmaking.

Commendations to Master Fridrikr and Mistress Orianna for their service as Chancellors of Æthelmearc's Æcademy.

Commendations to Master Morien MacBain who initiated the 2024/2025 Forester Challenges to both the Æthelmearc Guild, and to Foresters across the Known World.

Commendations to THLady Gesa van Wellenstein for her work with Æthelmearc's Equestrian Guild.

Commendations to Jessimond of Emerickeskepe is actively growing the Farm, Field, and Forestry Program in Ansteorra.

Commendations Delphina de Champeaux for her successful tenure as A&S accommodations deputy in Ansteorra.

Commendations to Baronessa Helena Boccardi for her service as Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences in Artemisia.

Congratulations to Sir Odde ap Tam for the winning Atlantia's Tempore Atlantia Competition with an entry of Bobbin Lace.

Congratulations to Ailis inghean uí Bhriain for winning Atlantia's Cultura Atlantia Competition with an entry of Viking Wire Weaving.

Commendations to Lady Meriorie Matheson, the Social Media Lead for the Atlantia A&S Newsletter "The Oak", for the excellent work supporting the online presence of the newsletter.

Congratulations to the winners of the Spring Coronation A&S Competition in Lochac. Beginner Category winner: Mistress Ysabeau Chanteuse with a Monmouth Cap. Intermediate Category winner: Lady Eleanora Dracy with a silk dyed Viking Hood. Youth Category winner: Luz Hamilton with a Necklace.

Commendations to Frú Áfríðr Eiríksdóttir for a successful term of service as Minister of Arts and Sciences in the Principality of Insulae Draconis.

Congratulations to Richard of Salisbury for winning the A&S Protector role in the Kingdom of Drachenwald.

Commendations to Magnifica Magdalena Grace Vane for her service as Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences in Drachenwald.

Commendations to Abigail Tilden, of Ealdormere, who prepared samples of knits worn by sailors from the Red Bay Project, to be displayed at Red Bay, Labrador, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site because of its history of Basque whaling. Abigail is working with two others, William and Chrystabelle, local Laurels who have been contracted by Red Bay to make reproduction clothing for the site. Both learned their skills as costumers in the SCA.

Congratulations to Yael bat Shiloh mibeit haMaayan, of Ealdormere, who wrote a research paper for the Queen's Prize Tourney and won the Queen's Prize. Her paper was on medical treatments for “women’s complaints”. She considered who was providing gynecological care, and who received it (so wealth, and religion both played in), with a focus on 14th Century France.

Commendations to THL Wei Ming Cheng for enthusiastic leadership of the Lochac Alchemists’ Guild.

Commendations to Duchess Thorkatla of Meridies for shepherding the Artisans Life portion of the Winter Market event. About 20 artisans set up and displayed their skills and engaged with the populace for the duration of the day.

Commendations to the Kingdom Ministers of Arts and Sciences of Meridies, Trimaris, Gleann Abhann, and Ansteorra for their dedication to the A&S community in their kingdoms. They meet regularly to ensure a better experience for all participants both as competitors and judges.

Commendations to Magister Farolfus filius Richardi for excellent service to the A&S Community in Northshield as their Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences.

Commendations to all those who made the most recent Stellar University of Northshield a success.

Commendations to Northshield’s Shire of Skerjastrond who have been very busy, including public A&S displays: creation of a “Viking Village” with cooking and fiber arts demonstrations at Leif Erikson Day in Norway, Michigan, as well as at the Marquette Regional History Center's

annual archaeology fair. The group constructed an Iron Age house on the site of their existing long hall and began construction of a kitchen building.

Commendations to Duchess Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode for her successful term of service as Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences for Trimaris.

Extra special commendations and immense gratitude to THL Wang Wei Yuan of Atlantia for his continued patience and unwavering support of all I do, including the amount of time and energy I've invested in the SCA serving as Society Minister of Arts and Sciences.

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 4th Quarter has seen well attended in person activities, including war events (such as Great Western War, and War of the Wings) with a full schedule of classes, competitions, and displays, workshops, Universities and Collegia, Demos (most notably ones involving a Play in Ealdromere, and work at the Red Bay UNESCO World Heritage site in Ealdromere, and in Northshield the creation of a "Viking Village" with cooking and fiber arts demonstrations at Leif Erikson Day, as well as at the Marquette Regional History Center's annual archaeology fair.), new A&S themed events (such as "An Artisan's Life" in Meridies), increased interest and activity among Foresters' Guilds including a challenge issued by a member of the Æthelmearc Foresters Guild to Foresters across the Known World, and several local and Kingdom 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 training judges, updating judging rubrics, communicating with other kingdoms regarding A&S expectations at Gulf Wars and Pennsic, verbal documentation, non-judged Displays, and interactive display opportunities. The Arts and Sciences populace, in general, continues 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 a 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 sharing projects that are shiny, messy, surprisingly useful, or involved fire. Next, we will enjoy focusing on A&S project goals and Dreams for 2025.

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.

SOCIETY CHATELAINE

Andrew Harness (Ottar Surttrson)

COMMENDATIONS

Mistress Adrienne Furet, Kingdom of Lochac: Adrienne stepped up as a co-steward for the Known World Newcomer's Symposium. Her knowledge on how to build effective websites, create easy to understand registration forms, and increase overall visibility of the event as well as communication across the known world was the backbone of the success of the event.

Mu'allimah Vashti al-A'shariah, Kingdom of Calontir: Vashti served as the Master Scheduler for the Known World Newcomers' Symposium. She worked down to the very day of the event helping sort out problems with schedules, scheduling moderators, and canceling classes due to illnesses and the Thanksgiving holiday festivities in the U.S. Her class schedule was easy to implement on the website and was self-updating, which allowed attendees to have up to the minute knowledge of any changes that occurred.

Mistress Ellen DeLacey, Kingdom of Meridies: Ellen has been a true boon to the cause of my office. Through her knowledge in holding virtual classes, she has helped sustain easy access to information and classes that are great for newcomers and experienced members of the SCA alike. In addition to this, she dove in a month out from the KWNS to help teach the moderators the ins and outs of moderating a zoom conference, even creating a document of her class to help with reminders for the day of the event. She has been willing to be available at the drop of a hat in order to help anyone learn these skills, even outside of the two classes she had scheduled to do when originally asked.

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Greetings All!

I am HL Ottar Surttrson, the new Society Hospitaler. I have been a part of the SCA for twenty-five years in five different kingdoms. In the coming months, I hope to focus on the creation of a Society Chatelaine's Handbook. I also plan to begin work on a project to help us better track recruitment and retention. Part of this process will include surveys and polls so that we are able to see where we are doing great, and where we can focus more to do better. I also hope to provide a "playbook" of sorts from all of the offices at the kingdom level. It's a starting point, that we hope will allow us to grow our game and improve as we move forward.

ADDENDUM A

Proposed Edits to Corpora as recommended by the Society Seneschal and actions approved during the January 26, 2025 Quarterly meeting.

a. I.C7: General—Role of the Board—Communications with the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.

c. Any written communication with the Board is considered public, subject to any confidentiality provisions of Corpora, Corporate Policy, and approved Officer Handbooks, unless the author stipulates at the time of writing that the document is to be considered confidential. Any communications regarding sanctions and/or Board/Officer work-product are deemed confidential communications. Confidential documents will not be distributed outside the corporate staff unless the author's permission has been obtained. The Board reserves the right to declare any communication confidential subject to the author's right to republish the communication. Reasonable requests for copies of other communications must be made in writing to the corporate office, and all such requests are automatically considered public documents.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to ***I.C7: General—Role of the Board - Communications with the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.*** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

b. II. B. Requirements for Participants at Society Events

Anyone may attend Society events provided they wear an attempt at pre-17th century clothing, conform to the rules of the Society provisions in Corpora, and comply with any other requirements (including but not limited to site fees or waivers) which may be imposed. At business meetings and informal classes, the requirement to wear pre-17th century dress may be waived. All participants are expected to behave in an appropriate and respectful manner.

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to approve changes to ***II. B. Requirements for Participants at Society Events*** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

c. VI.A.2: Society Officers—General Requirements and Benefits

d. No Society or Corporate Officer may serve as Crown or Coronet during their tenure in office. In order to fight or be fought for in a Crown or Coronet Lists, the officer must have served a minimum of one year in that office and must have an appointed deputy, approved by the Board, who is ready and willing to accept all responsibilities for that office. ~~Committing to become a~~

~~Crown or Coronet~~ Victory in a Royal List will be considered a resignation from office, effective no later than their Investiture.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to **VI.A.2: Society Officers—General Requirements and Benefits** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

d. VIII.E.2: Personal Awards and Titles—Reservations to the Board—Revocation of Awards and Grants of Arms

As with Peerages, the Board specifically reserves the right to revoke any Award or Grant of Arms. Kingdom law may make provision for offering such a recommendation to the Board. Unless stipulated otherwise by the Board, the Board's decision in such a case applies only to the matter at hand. Nothing prohibits a person who has had any award or recognition revoked from being bestowed the award or recognition at a later date, should the Crown determine that the person in question now meets the requirements of the award or recognition being bestowed.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to **VIII.E.2: Personal Awards and Titles—Reservations to the Board—Revocation of Awards and Grants of Arms.** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

e. X.B.4.d: Grievances and Sanctions—Sanctions—Reservations to the Board—Revocation of Awards and Grants of Arms

As with Peerages, the Board specifically reserves the right to revoke any Award of Arms or Grant of Arms. Kingdom law may make provisions for offering such a recommendation to the Board. Unless stipulated otherwise by the Board, the Board's decision in such a case applies only to the matter at hand. Nothing prohibits a person who has had any award or recognition revoked from being bestowed the award or recognition at a later date, should the Crown determine that the person in question now meets the requirements of the award or recognition being bestowed.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to **X.B.4.d: Grievances and Sanctions—Sanctions—Reservations to the Board—Revocation of Awards and Grants of Arms** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

f. X.B.1: Grievances and Sanctions—Sanctions—Royal Sanctions

The Crown of a Kingdom may sanction subjects, residents, and visitors within the borders of the Crown's Kingdom for just and stated cause. Royal Sanctions take effect from the moment of proclamation but must be announced in court and also be published in the next available issue of the kingdom newsletter if the sanction is to remain in effect. Within 15 business days of the imposition of the sanction, the specific cause and occasion of the sanction must be explained in writing to the sanctioned individual unless it is impossible to do so, in which case it should be done as soon as possible.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to **X.B.1: Grievances and Sanctions—Sanctions—Royal Sanctions** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

g. X.B.2: Administrative Sanctions

Officers may impose Administrative Sanctions within their areas of authority, for just and stated cause, only in accordance with the rules defined in their office handbooks or specifically granted to their offices by the Governing Documents of the SCA. Only the Society Seneschal or the Board may impose an Administrative Sanction that precludes the holding of any office including that of Crown.

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to approve changes to **X.B.2: Administrative Sanctions** as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by: Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ADDENDUM B

Corpora clarification with regard to the equality of Knighthood and Master of Arms (Corpora VIII.A.4. a. i., VIII.A.4.a.ii.g.)

I was asked through Comments for a clarification of Corpora with regard to the equity of Knighthood and Master of Arms. Corpora is very clear on this subject and does not actually require interpretation so much as a reading of the words that are there.

From Corpora, section “Patent Orders”: Among all the current Patent Orders, only Knights are required to swear fealty. All other Orders may swear fealty if they choose, but it is not required.

The statement in VIII.A.4.a.i. states that the Chivalry consists of two equal parts: Knighthood and Mastery of Arms. All members of the Order of Chivalry are equal in that, 1. they are the equal of their prospective peers for inclusion into the Order of Chivalry, and 2. whether they choose the titles KSCA or MoA, they each sit within the same Chivalric peerage and hold counsel with the Crown. The choice is left to the individual candidates as to which arm of the Chivalry they wish to be: Master of Arms may choose to swear fealty and still take on the title of Master of Arms. Knights, however, are required to swear fealty. Differences in ceremony does not imbalance the two arms.

VIII.A.4.a.ii.g states that one, among others, of the duties of the Chivalry is “To bestow the Accolade of Knighthood upon a candidate for the Order of Knighthood, by sole right as both Sovereign and knight, or acting directly for a Sovereign who is not a knight.” (emphasis added). The emphasized portion of that sentence is important as only a knight may dub a new knight. Master of Arms, as with all other bestowed peerages, are disallowed per Corpora from bestowing knighthood without a knight participating in the ceremony. Therefore, a Sovereign who is a Master of Arms, could not bestow knighthood without the presence of a knight who will perform the actual dubbing. In many kingdoms this has been achieved in a variety of ways including but not limited to, a Knight standing with the Sovereign, each with a hand on the sword of state, while the dubbing takes place.

In summary: Corpora states that there are two equal arms that comprise the Order of Chivalry: Master of Arms and Knight. At the choice of the candidate upon their elevation, they may be bestowed either Master of Arms or Knight by the Sovereign, with the caveat that, if the candidate chooses Knight, then the Sovereign must also be a Knight (or have a Knight present acting for the Sovereign if the Sovereign is not a Knight) to bestow knighthood as fealty is required.

NB: The email from Comments began with a statement: “It seems like the first statement [VIII.A.4.a.] about how Masters of Arms and Knights are equal conflicts with the last statement about who is allowed to make a knight (any chivalry or just knights).” And the question was: “Could you clarify where the Corpora stands in regards to the Chivalry?”

ADDENDUM C

Corpora interpretation with regard to the term “just cause” as it appears in for officer suspensions in sections IV.G.7, IV. H.4, V.A.2, and VII. L.1 Corpora

It was suggested that a Corpora interpretation was needed for the term “just cause” in Corpora VII. L.1

Corpora VII.L.1. “Kingdom, principality, and local officers, Suspension of an officer” states:

“Officers may be suspended by either the appropriate Royalty or the superior officer for just cause, stated in writing to the officer. Suspensions by the Royalty are for not more than the duration of the current reign. Suspensions by the superior officer are for not more than 90 days. A suspension takes effect upon declaration to the officer, but the Royalty or the superior officer must be informed as soon as possible. The suspension of a kingdom or principality great officer must be announced in the next available issue of the kingdom or principality newsletter.” (emphasis added).

However, while making this interpretation, I noted the phrase “just cause”, in reference to appears in seven other areas of Corpora:

III. E. 2.: “The Board specifically reserves to itself the following functions with respect to branches of the Society:

1. To set and revise the borders of principalities and kingdoms.
2. To deny recognition to any group, regardless of other criteria met, for just cause, stated in writing to the affected people.” (emphasis added).

III. E. 4.: “To dissolve a branch should it fail to continue to meet the qualifications for a branch of any level, or for other just cause, stated in writing to the affected people.” (emphasis added).

IV. G.7.: “The Crown may suspend any officer of the kingdom for just cause, stated in writing to the affected person, for the duration of the reign.” (emphasis added).

IV. H.4.: “If authority has been delegated by the Crown, the Coronet may appoint, remove, or replace Great Officers of the principality in conjunction with the appropriate kingdom Great Officers. The Coronet may likewise appoint, remove, and replace Lesser Officers of the principality in conjunction with the appropriate kingdom or principality Great Officers, if any. The Crown may require consultation and prior approval for any or all of these steps. The Coronet may suspend any officer of the principality for just cause, stated in writing to the affected person, for the duration of the reign.” (emphasis added).

V. A.2.: “The Crown may suspend a territorial Baron and/or Baroness for the duration of a reign, for just cause stated in writing and presented only to the Baron and/or Baroness. Suspension prohibits the use of the baronial titles and arms, the conduct of baronial courts, and the presentation of baronial awards.” (emphasis added).

V.A.3.: “The Crown may remove a territorial Baron and/or Baroness for just cause stated in writing and presented only to the Baron and/or Baroness; however, the Crown must request a written opinion from the populace of the barony before taking such action.” (emphasis added).

VII. K. 3.: “Officers may be removed for just cause, stated in writing to the officer, by joint action of the Crown and the corresponding superior officer. If there is no superior officer, the Crown may act unilaterally, in accordance with law and custom. An officer so removed may appeal to the Board.” (emphasis added).

“Just cause” is a very open phrase with what is “just” very much the opinion of the Royalty or superior officer doing the suspending.

I gave this a great deal of thought as the suspension or removal of any officer causes confusion in a kingdom, particularly if there is not a designated successor; such turmoil may reach outside and beyond the administrative structure.

My interpretation of the term “just cause” as it appears in Corpora is: The Royalty or superior officer must show sufficient cause to support the action taken, as well as satisfying the oversight and review functions of the superior officer up to and including the Board of Directors.

Vague causes for suspension without a sufficient basis to support the review function of the Board on appeal, or for instruction/correction of the issue(s) that led to the suspension do not constitute “just cause”.

Examples of a vague reason for suspension may include:

- The officer is unreliable.

Examples of a specific reason for suspension may include:

- The officer is unreliable as they have failed to submit a quarterly report for two consecutive quarters without notifying or contacting the superior officer.