

NUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM, INC.

July 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Faulcon at 12:15 p.m. CT.

ATTENDANCE:

Directors Present: Mark Faulcon – Chair
Gabrielle Fisher – Vice-Chair
Pug Bainter
Krista Capps
Jennifer Krochmal
Megan O’Shea
K.T. “Shep” Sheppard (Absent Executive Session)

Directors-Elect – Seat C: Jonathan Foster

Staff and Officers Present: Bao Pham – President
Lis Schraer – Society Seneschal
Stacy Hall – Society Seneschal – ER Dep
Louise Du Cray – Vice President of Corporate Operations
Brigid Costello – Corporate Communications Officer
Bonnie Stringer – Society Exchequer
Leslie Luther-Fulton - Executive Assistant
Travis Schenck – Society Archivist
Ellen Rawson – Editor, *Compleat Anachronist*
Melissa Midzor – Society Marshal
Nicholas Milano – Society Webminister
Eben Kurtzman – In-House Counsel
Sarah Noble McGee – Minister of Arts and Sciences
Unni Leino – Laurel Queen of Arms
ASL Interpreters Jackie and Wendy

I. OPENING MEETING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AGENDA

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to open the July 21, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to accept the agenda as presented and to take agenda items out of order as necessary. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By Consensus, the Board approved the April 14, 2024 Quarterly meeting minutes, the May 2,

2024 special meeting minutes, the May 9, 2024 special meeting minutes, the May 30, 2024 conference call minutes, the May 5, 2024 special meeting minutes, and the July 1, 2024 special meeting minutes as presented.

III. RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Dissolutions: None.

B. New Branches

1. Calontir: Shire Villa Frumentaria (Northeast IA)
2. Trimaris: Canton of Brymmestreame (Northern FL)

By consensus, the Board took note of the following new branches.

C. Quarterly Meeting Schedule

1. Establishment/Confirmation of Meeting Dates & Locations

By consensus, Chair Faulcon took note of the following meeting schedule.

- a. October 20, 2024, Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant (ea@sca.org) for information on meeting requirements, and how to submit a bid.

2. Invited Guests (Virtual Meetings)

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

3. Conference Call Schedule

The tentative schedule for the mid-quarter conference calls is as follows:

- a. Monday, August 26, 2024
- b. Monday, September 23, 2024

C. Bank Account Authorizations:

Vice-President of Corporate Operations Louise Du Cray noted there are no pending authorization at this time.

D. Warrants:

A warrant for Naziah Jetha as Pelican Queen has been submitted by Laurel. This falls within the

purview of her office and will be submitted for signature after this meeting.

A warrant extension for Nicholas Milano (Iain MacArthur) as Webminister has been submitted by the Vice-President for Information Technology. This falls within the purview of his office and will be submitted for signature after this meeting.

E. Ongoing Projects

1. Board Recruiting:

The report of Director Gabrielle Fisher noted that as of July 21, 2024, there were forty-six (46) candidates on the list of Board nominees with fourteen (14) kingdoms represented. A breakdown by kingdom is as follows:

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

Director Fisher stated that commentary from the membership on the nominees is always welcomed, as are new nominations.

2. Board Representation

Many thanks to the Kingdom of Calontir for their hospitality at Lilies War in Calontir (June 7 – 16, 2024) for hosting a Meet and Greet at their recent event.

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Variances Granted by Society Seneschal: None.

B. East Kingdom Alternative Crown Proposal

Motion by Pug Bainter to allow the East Kingdom to conduct a one-time Royal List by fencing / rapier combat and that the experiment be conducted between January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026. Second by Megan O'Shea. In favor: Pug Bainter, Megan O'Shea, K.T. Sheppard.

Opposed: Gabrielle Fisher, Krista Capps, Jennifer Krochmal. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Pug Bainter to hold any additional requests for Royal List alternative experiments for SCA, Inc. and all current and future affiliates until one year past the de-coronation of the Victor of the East Kingdom Rapier List experimental tournament. If the option to hold an experimental tournament is not utilized, the hold period will expire on December 31, 2026. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

C. Patron Member Changes to Governing Documents

The report of the President was accepted as presented.

D. Proposed Addition to Corpora, Section IV.A. Royalty-Selection

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to approve the Proposed Addition to Corpora, Section IV.A. Royalty-Selection as presented by the Society Seneschal. Second by K.T. Sheppard. In favor: Pug Bainter, Gabrielle Fisher, Jennifer Krochmal, Megan O'Shea, K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: Krista Capps. Motion carried.

Corpora IV. Royalty

Add:

4. *The Crown or Principality Coronet may refuse entry into the Royal Lists as either combatant or consort, on an individual basis only, for cause stated only to the person denied entry. Entry into the Royal Lists may not be denied to identifiable groups of people, or to a large enough number of entrants that it materially affects the size of the list.*

~~5. The Coronet of a Principality may deny entry as stated above, only with the approval of the Crown.~~

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Siege Engine Handbook – Target Siege Addendum

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to approve the Siege Engine Handbook – Target Siege Addendum as presented by the Society Marshal. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

B. Youth Combat Marshal's Handbook – Minor Edits

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to approve revisions to the Youth Combat Marshal's Handbook as presented by the Society Marshal. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

VI. REPORTS

A. President – Bao Pham (Baudoyne de Lafayette)

The report of Bao Pham, President, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There were no action items.

Report filed.

A.1. Vice-President for Information Technology – Sam Davis (Thomas Blackmoore)

The report of Sam Davis, Manager for Information Technology, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained no action items.

Report filed.

A.1(a). Society Webminister – Nicholas Milano (Iain MacArthur)

The report of Nicholas Milano, Society Webminister, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained no action items.

Report filed.

A.2. Society Communications and Social Media Officer – Brigid Costello (Anne de Tournai)

The report of Brigid Costello, Communications and Social Media Officer, was remanded to the August conference call meeting.

A.3. Corporate Officer for Inclusive Programs – Charles Burk (Charles de Bourbon)

The report of Charles Burk, Corporate Officer for Inclusive Programs, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained no action items.

B. Vice President for Operations (Society Seneschal) – Lis Schraer (Elasait ingen Diarmata)

The report of Lis Schraer, Vice President for Operations, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained the following action items:

1. Request for Board Action – Please approve the revisions to Corpora IV. Royalty to include Principality Coronets.

Handled under Item IV.D.

Report filed.

B.1. Society Youth Activities Officer – Michelle Santy (Amytis de la Fontaine)

The report of Michelle Santy, Society Youth Activities Officer, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There were no action items.

Report filed.

C. Vice President for Corporate Operations – Louise Du Cray

The report of Louise Du Cray, Vice President for Corporate Operations, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There were no action items.

Report filed.

C.1. Publications Manager – Gloria Woodward (Honor of Restormel)

The report of Gloria Woodward, Publications Manager, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There were no action items.

Report filed.

C.2. *Tournaments Illuminated* - Dar'C O'Neal (Riordan MacGregor)

The report of Dar'C O'Neal Editor for *Tournaments Illuminated* was remanded to the August conference call meeting.

Report filed.

C.3. *Compleat Anachronist* - Ellen Rawson (Ariel of Lindisfarne)

The report of Ellen Rawson, Editor for *Compleat Anachronist*, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There was one action item:

Note that I am repeating this action since I missed the last board meeting and don't know what was discussed.

Sara Rossi, co-author of CA 202, resides in Italy. She isn't an SCA member (simply because there aren't groups near her), but she worked with Daniel Phelps, an SCA member in Trimaris, to write *The Lucet Compendium*. She recently reported to me that lucet fans in Europe, non-SCA members, want to buy CA 202. However, potential purchasers in Italy, the Netherlands, and Germany had trouble with the SCA Bookshop order form. Despite clicking on their respective countries, the form insisted that they click on a US state or Canadian province. I have written to Louise and she is checking into it.

Sara also reported that the shipping cost to Italy is US \$22 a book, which surprised her. I understand that US postage rates have escalated in recent years and that the US hasn't had surface shipping for some time. I certainly don't want the SCA to lose money on international shipping.

On the other hand, I also know that the SCA wants to sell books. Since we have members throughout the world, it would be useful to try to find a way to effect a solution to this issue. I am happy to work with Louise, Gloria, the Board etc. to investigate feasible ideas that might make it easier for people outside of North America to purchase copies of SCA books and periodicals.

By consensus this matter was referred to the Vice-President of Corporate Operations, *Compleat Anachronist* Editor, and Communications Officer for review and evaluation of how to best make these publications available to the interested individuals.

Report filed.

C.4. Society Chronicler – Krystle Smith (Cecilia Blythe)

The report of Krystle Smith, Society Chronicler, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There were no action items.

Report filed.

C.5. Society Archivist – Travis Schenck (Ramon de Javier)

The report of Travis Schenck, Society Archivist, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There were no action items.

Report filed.

D. Corporate Treasurer – Carolyn Richardson (Tetchubah of Greenlake)

The report of Carolyn Richardson, Corporate Treasurer, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained no action items.

Report filed.

D.1. Society Exchequer – Bonnie Stringer (Marcel Orillion)

The report of Bonnie Stringer, Society Exchequer, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There was one action item:

1. Kingdom of the West Financial Policy

Remanded to the August conference call meeting.

Report filed.

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

The report of Unni Leino, Laurel Principal Queen of Arms, was summarized and accepted as

submitted. The report contained the following action items:

1. Requested Board Actions:
 - a. Please approve the following update to the Administrative Handbook: IVG4. The proposed wording is shown in Appendix A of this report; this is an editorial correction that removes a single word.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve the editorial correction to the Administrative Handbook IVG4 as requested by the Laurel Principal Queen of Arms. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

2. Requested Board Actions: Policy Interpretations: Please approve the following updates to SENA
 - a. Updated various sections of SENA to implement the changes regarding Ancient Branch Names and Ancient Arms approved at the April BoD meeting.
 - b. Revised A5C1 which discusses which alternate blazons must be considered when conflict checking to exclude alternate blazons that result in quaternary charges.
 - c. Revised A6F “Claims Through Marshalling” to flow more like a flowchart. Revised several sections for clarity. Added sections dealing with field only armory and armory with peripheral ordinaries. Added a new section with examples of how to determine if armory has the appearance of marshalling.
 - c. Revised NPN4B2 “Names of the Society-Wide Orders and Historical Orders” to update how we protect those orders from presumption.
 - d. Revised Appendix I2 to include gores, gussets, and triple tressures as types of peripheral ordinaries.
 - e. Revised Appendix I4 requirements for overall charges to more closely match period practice.
 - f. Revised Appendix M1 to simplified how we consider birds *displayed* for conflict purposes.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve Laurel Queen of Arms’ revisions to the following SENA Sections: Ancient Branch Names and Ancient Arms; A5C1 alternate blazons that result in quaternary charges; A6F “Claims Through Marshalling”; NPN4B2 “Names of the Society-Wide

Orders and Historical Orders”; Appendix I2 to include gores, gussets, and triple tressures as types of peripheral ordinaries; Appendix I4 requirements for overall charges to more closely match period practice; Appendix M1 to simplified how we consider birds *displayed* for conflict purposes. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

3. Changes to the Glossary of Terms (<https://heraldry.sca.org/coagloss.html>):
 - a. Updated the Terms to include Ancient Branch Name and Ancient Arms.
 - b. Updated Table 4 “Conventional ‘Proper’ Colorings” and Table 5 “Conventional S.C.A. Default Postures” to include yet more definitions for various charges such as hammers, lynxes, osprey, and stag’s attires.
 - c. Updated Appendix 1 -Terms Commonly Misused in the SCA College of Arms to include braced, fretted, enfiling, interlaced, and transfixed.
 - d. Updated Table 1 "Reserved Regalia" and table 2 "Reserved Charges" to reflect actual practice with regard to the Order of Defense, and reserve all swords in pall inverted tips crospsed, not just rapiers.

Motion by Pug Sheppard to approve the updates to the SENA Glossary tables and Appendix as as requested by the Laurel Principal Queen of Arms. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Report filed.

F. Marshal – Melissa Midzor (Arabella da Siena)

The report of Melissa Midzor, Society Marshal, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained the following action items:

- a. ***Target Siege- Siege Engine Handbook addendum*** – This is an addendum to the Siege Engine Handbook and is attached to this report for Board approval. The Siege Engine Handbook includes general rules for siege engine classifications, equipment standards, and safety procedures, along with the requirements for Combat Siege Engineers and marshals. This addendum includes the requirements for Target Siege Engineers and marshals, which have some differences from combat siege, along with additional target siege specific equipment rules and safety check requirements.

This current ruleset is intended as a starting point, leveraging existing Combat Siege engines and established SCA standards and safety guidelines. This enables siege crews to use their current Combat Siege Engines for Target Siege, and includes safety features already built in such as maximum range adjustments. This fosters joint use of typical SCA Target archery ranges and procedures, and

provide a new participation avenue for the siege community that normally can only participate in large war type events. We hope this new activity will include more people in the fun of siege.

The proposed rules were submitted and briefed to the KEMs on May 16th. Edits made based on input received.

Handled under Item V.A.

b. ***Youth Combat Handbook*** - An updated version is attached to this report for Board approval. This update includes minor changes for clarity and consistency with the other handbooks, and codification of existing processes. The change table is listed in “New Policies” below, and is included in the Revision History table in the Handbook.

The proposed rules were submitted and briefed to the KEMs and Youth Officers on May 16th. Edits made based on input received.

Handled under Item V.B.

Report filed.

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

The report of Sarah Nobel McGee, Society Minister of Arts and Sciences, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There were no action items.

Report filed.

H. Society Chatelaine - Michele Hays (Jeanne-Marie la Verriere)

The report of Michele Hays, Society Youth Activities Officer, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There were no action items.

Report filed.

I. Standing Committees – None.

VII. Correspondence.

All correspondence was distributed as appropriate.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was opened on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 2:21p.m. CT, and recessed at 5:58 p.m. CT. Executive Session was reconvened on Sunday, July 21 at 11:53 CT. p.m. and closed at 12:13 p.m. CT.

A. John Bojanowski (Ioannes Serpentis)

Directors Jennifer Krochmal, Megan O'Shea, and K.T. Sheppard recused themselves from discussion of, or voting on this matter.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, John Bojanowski (Ioannes Serpentis) effective immediately. Second by Pug Bainter. In favor: Pug Bainter, Krista Capps, Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Recused: Jennifer Krochmal, Megan O'Shea, K.T. Sheppard. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

B. Ryan Davidson (Jose' Cabrera de Castilla)

Director K.T. Sheppard recused himself from discussion of, or voting on this matter.

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Ryan Davidson (Jose' Cabrera de Castilla) effective immediately. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Recused: K.T. Sheppard. Motion carried.

C. Steven Guenther (Abuela Buenther/ Gunther von Wiseland)

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Steven Guenther (Abuela Guenther/ Gunther von Wiseland) effective immediately. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

D. Tyler Marshall (Leofwine Wulfhere sunu)

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Tyler Marshall (Leofwine Wulfhere sunu) effective immediately. Second by Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

E. Connor Mulcahey (Connor)

Motion by Pug Bainter to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Connor Mulcahey (Connor) effective immediately. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

F. Society Seneschal Confidential Updates

The report of the Society Seneschal was accepted as presented.

G. Legal Updates

The report of In-House Counsel was accepted as presented.

H. East Kingdom Crown Experiment

Handled under Item IV.B.

I. July 21, 2024, Subsidiaries – Action by Verbal Consent.

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

J. Director Resignations/Acknowledgments.

By consensus, the resignation of Director Jennifer Krochmal from Seat C for the Board of Directors is accepted effective at the close of the July 21, 2024 quarterly meeting.

By consensus, Jonathan Foster is recognized as assuming Seat C for the Board of Directors effective at the close of the July 21, 2024, quarterly meeting.

K. Director Appointment – Seat D

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to appoint Joan Steurer (Rhianwen ferch Bran ap Gruffydd) to Seat D of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism for the standard three-year term and subject to the standard probationary period, effective at the close of the October 2024 quarterly meeting. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

L. Chair Assignment

By consensus, no action was taken.

M. Vice-Chair Assignment

By consensus, no action was taken.

N. Ombudsman Assignments

Chair: Mark Faulcon (Duke Martin Lochner)

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

Vice Chair: Gabrielle Fisher (Adrielle Kerrec)

Ombudsman for: Board Recruiting, Avacal, Drachenwald, Lochac

Director: Pug Bainter (Master Phelim Gervase)

Ombudsman for: Inclusive Programs /DEIB, Heralds, Aethelmearc, East, Gleann Abhann, Trimaris

Director: Krista Capps (Bricca di Ghelere)

Ombudsman for Atenveldt, Atlantia, Middle, Ealdormere

Director: Jonathan Foster (Iohannes Glenfidanus)

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

Director Megan O'Shea (Sumayya al Ghaziyya)

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

Director: KT Sheppard (Graf Ulrich von Brandenburg)

Ombudsman for: An Tir, Caid, Northshield, West, Marshal

P. Warrant Expirations

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

1. Exchequer – October 31, 2024
2. Chronicler – December 31, 2024
3. Minister of Arts & Sciences – December 31, 2024

Q Christian Conrad Claus (Conrad Breakring)

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to direct the Society Seneschal to issue a temporary removal from participation in the Society to Christian Conrad Claus (Conrad Breakring) 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 K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

PRE-ADJOURNMENT

It is with deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude that we recognize Jennifer Krochmal for her outstanding service on the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism over the past four years.

Jennifer's dedication has been a beacon of strength and resilience, especially during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her guidance and innovative approach ensured that our organization not only navigated those unprecedented circumstances but emerged stronger and more united.

Jennifer's unwavering commitment, thoughtful leadership, and tireless efforts have made a profound impact on our community. We are truly grateful for her exceptional contributions and the positive direction she has provided.

Thank you, Jennifer, for your remarkable service and for being a steadfast pillar of support and inspiration for the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Today, we also celebrate and extend our deepest gratitude to Lis Schraer as she steps down from her role as Vice President for Operations for the Society for Creative Anachronism. Throughout her tenure, and especially during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, Lis has demonstrated unwavering dedication, resilience, and leadership.

Her guidance during the epidemic was instrumental in navigating our society through uncharted waters, ensuring continuity and support for our community. Lis's commitment to her role has left an indelible mark on our organization, and her legacy of excellence will continue to inspire us all.

Thank you, Lis, for your remarkable service and for leading with grace and fortitude. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by KT Sheppard to adjourn the meeting. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at: 4:08 p.m. CT.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Leslie Luther-Fulton
Executive Assistant