

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

January 28, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Faulcon at 12:06 a.m. CT.

ATTENDANCE:

Directors Present: Mark Faulcon – Chair
Krista Capps
Gabrielle Fisher
Megan O’Shea
K.T. “Shep” Sheppard

Directors – Special Circumstances

Pug Bainter	Vice-Chair – Absent during Executive Session, but present during the quarterly meeting.
Jennifer Krochmal	Absent during portions of the quarterly meeting, but present during Executive Session.

Directors-Elect – Seat C: Open

Staff and Officers Present: John Fulton – President
Lis Schraer – Society Seneschal
Stacy Hall – Society Seneschal – ER Dep
Louise Du Cray – Vice President of Corporate Operations
Brigid Costello – Corporate Communications Officer
Leslie Luther-Fulton - Executive Assistant
Michelle Santy – SCA Youth Activities Officer
Ellen Rawson – Editor, *Compleat Anachronist*
Travis Schenck – Society Archivist
Carolyn Richardson – Treasurer
Melissa Midzor – Society Marshal
Bonnie Stringer – Society Exchequer
Eben Kurtzman – In-House Counsel
Sarah Noble McGee – Minister of Arts and Sciences
Jennifer Smith – Laurel Queen of Arms
Unni Leino – Laurel Queen of Arms -Elect
Laura Pate –Special Projects Deputy
ASL Interpreters Jackie and Wendy

I. OPENING MEETING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AGENDA

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to open the January 28, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to amend the agenda to add items IV.E – *Bylaw VI.E. Election and Term* and V.E – *East Kingdom Variance Request*. Second by Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to accept the amended agenda as presented and to take agenda items out of order as necessary. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By Consensus the Board approved the October 21, 2023 Quarterly meeting minutes and the December 11, 2023 conference call minutes as presented.

III. RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Dissolutions

1. East: Shire of Le Dragonet, (near Montreal, Quebec)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to approve the dissolution of the Shire of Le Dragonet as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Absent Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

2. Middle Kingdom: Shire of BlackHawk (Rockford, IL)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to approve the dissolution of the Shire of BlackHawk (Rockford, IL) as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Absent Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

3. Trimaris: Stronghold of Nan Crioich Tuatha (Jacksonville Beach/Mayport, FL)

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve the dissolution of the Stronghold of Nan Crioich Tuatha (Jacksonville Beach/Mayport, FL) as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

B. Status Changes – New Branches

1. Artemisia: Shire of Dragonmarch (Uintah Basin, Utah). Announced in court December 9, 2023.

2. Artemisia: Shire of River Serponnde (Twin Falls, Idaho). Announced in

court December 9, 2023.

3. Atlantia: Shire of Ursus Bay (Craven and Pitt Counties, North Carolina).
Announced in court December 9, 2023.

4. Ealdormere: Shire of Champcorbeau (Chatham-Ken County, Ontario).
Announced in court September 30, 2023.

By consensus, the Board took note of the above 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. April 14, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)
- b. July 21, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)
- c. 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, February 26, 2024
- b. Monday, March 25, 2024

C. Bank Account Authorizations:

Vice-President of Corporate Operations Louise Du Cray noted there that all pending bank authorizations have been handled at this time.

D. Warrants:

Many thanks to Jennifer Smith, current Laurel Sovereign, for submitting the warrant for her successor, Unni Leino. This warrant will be executed at the close of this meeting. An extended warrant for Michael Case as Wreath has also been submitted and will be considered at the close of this meeting.

E. Ongoing Projects

1. Board Recruiting:

The report of Director Gabrielle Fisher noted that as of January 28, 2024, there were forty-five (45) candidates on the list of Board nominees with fifteen (15) 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	6
Avacal	4	Northshield	1
Caid	2	Outlands	1
Calontir	3	Trimaris	2
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 An Tir, the Barony of Blatha An Oir, and “a consortium of Western Regional Baronial Family Members, for their hospitality at An Tir’s 12th Night held January 12th - 14th.

A Board and Corporate/Society Officer Meet and Greet is currently scheduled to be held at Gulf Wars in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann for Friday, March 15, 2024 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Bede Hall.

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. Proposed addition to Corpora IV.A-Royalty Selection

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

B. Variances Granted by Society Seneschal:

1. Caid: The Barony of Western Seas (Hawaii) is a palatine barony with one-year baronial terms. Caid kingdom law states that if one of the baronial pair must resign before completing the term, a confidence polling must be held to allow the other to continue alone. In October the circumstance arose where the baron had to move out of kingdom suddenly and resigned. This occurred less than a month prior to the next baronial tournament and investiture. As the remainder of the term was so short, the kingdom requested, and I granted, a variance to waive the confidence polling and allow the baroness to complete her term. Variance granted 10/16/2023.

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to uphold a variance granted by the Society Seneschal to the Kingdom of Caid on October 10, 2023, allowing the Barony of Western Seas to forgo a confidence polling of the Palantine Baroness and to allow her to complete her term. Second by Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

2. Caid: In the Barony of Nordwache a similar situation arose of the baron abruptly leaving the position and the kingdom. Kingdom law states a mailed confidence polling is required, but during COVID the kingdom developed a successful electronic process which was permitted. They are currently re-working large parts of kingdom law, and the rewrite will permit either process to be used. Meanwhile, the kingdom seneschal requested a variance to allow the polling to be conducted electronically. I granted the variance since they are in the process of changing kingdom law to permit this. Variance granted 10/16/2023.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to uphold a variance granted by the Society Seneschal to the Kingdom of Caid on October 16, 2023, allowing the Barony of Nordwache to hold their baronial polling by electronic means, as opposed to mailing. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

3. Avacal: Variance granted for a necessary sanction announcement to be posted on the kingdom website and Facebook page in addition to the normal court announcement and newsletter publication. The reason for this is that due to holidays and weather, there were several weeks before the next available kingdom court. Variances for this procedure were granted a few times during the COVID shutdown, so there is precedent. Variance granted 12/15/2023.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to uphold a variance granted by the Society Seneschal to the Kingdom of Avacal on December 15, 2023, allowing necessary sanction announcement to be posted on the kingdom website and Facebook page in addition to the normal court announcement and newsletter publication. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

C. 2024 Budget

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to approve the 2024 budget as presented by the Corporate Treasurer. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

D. Proposal for New Peerage

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to forward proposed verbiage a New Peerage as amended to the membership and participants for commentary. Second by Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

The proposed language= is attached hereto as Addendum A. Commentary will be accepted until April 2, 2024, 11:59 PM ET.

By consensus the Board of Directors commends the members of the Peerage Committee for their service to the Society and membership. As the work of this Committee has now been completed, the members of the Committee are discharged with thanks.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Membership and NMR Fee Updates

Handled under Item VI. A. 1.a -f.

B. Proposed Corpora Changes - Updating Newsletter Access Language

Handled under Item VI. A. 1.a -f.

C. DEIB Officer Handbook

By consensus this item is remanded to the mid-quarter conference call.

D. Proposed Corpora Changes Eliminating Courts of Chivalry/Inquiry

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to put out for commentary changes to Corpora that would eliminate reference to “Kingdom courts” where those references clearly mean courts of chivalry/inquiry. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

The verbiage for Corpora Changes Eliminating Courts of Chivalry/Inquiry is attached hereto as Addendum -----.

E. East Kingdom Variance Request

Motion by Pug Bainter to return the variance request of the East Kingdom to allow the use of rapier combat for their Spring 2024 Crown Tournament. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

VI. REPORTS

A. President – John Fulton (John the Bearkiller)

The report of John Fulton, President, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained the following action items:

1. Please approve increases to the following membership types and the Non-member Registration Fee. My recommendation is to initiate the membership increase on February 15, 2024. If the increase in the Non-member Registration Fee is approved the start date is recommended to be April 1, 2024. That gives Kingdoms and groups time to prepare for the increase. The recommended increases are:

- a) Raise Sustaining Membership from \$45 a year to \$55 a year.
- b) Raise the Associate membership price from \$30 to \$40 a year. (This represents an \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)
- c) Raise Family Membership from \$10 a person a year to \$15 a person a year. Family membership will have a 3-person cap at \$15 a person. This means that anyone purchasing a Sustaining Membership can add Family Members for \$15 a year a person. After three Family memberships are purchased, there is no charge for additional Family memberships.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to implement the raise in membership fee increase as proposed by the President in items a-c, effective February 15, 2024. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

- d) Raise the Non-Member Registration Fee to \$10 for an event. This is only applied when there is an actual event fee charged.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to raise the Non-Member Registration Fee from \$5 to \$10 per event. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

- e) No suggested increase currently to the International Membership cost. Please keep in mind that Sustaining and International Membership allows purchase of printed publications and subscriptions as well as access and use of Family Memberships.

By consensus no action regarding the International Membership fees was taken.

- f) Create a Patron Membership. Purchase of this membership would \$150.00 for one year and will include gifts as a thank you to the purchaser for the added donation to the SCA as well as having the Patron Member's name listed in a special area on the SCA, Inc. website (with permission of course) and mentioned in the SCA's Annual Report. As of this writing the details are still being finalized on the "gifts" that go with the possible new Patron Membership.

Motion by Pug Bainter to submit the proposal for creation of a Patron Membership to the membership and participants for commentary. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None.

Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

2. The Board will need to decide the future of the Associate Membership type. If it is decided to continue using the Associate Membership the recommended increase in cost would go from \$30 a year to \$40 a year. As discussed by the Board previously, the Associate Membership could perhaps be discontinued. Newsletters are available to everyone now as was mentioned before.

By consensus this item is remanded to the mid-quarter conference call.

3. SCA, Inc. and the Kingdoms made all newsletters available to the public a few years ago which means that current Corpora requirements for officers to have access to the newsletters as well as be an SCA member will have to be edited to reflect the easy availability of Kingdom newsletters.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to present Corpora edits regarding requirements as to newsletter access for officers to the membership and participants for commentary. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to present edits to the ByLaws, Corporate Policies and Corpora regarding the open availability of newsletters all participants to the membership for commentary. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

Report filed.

A.1. Manager for Information Technology – Sam Davis (Thomas Blackmoore)

The report of Sam Davis, Manager for Information Technology, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There were no actions 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. There were 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 summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained the following action item:

a. The Society Webminister and I have recently consulted each other regarding email lists and whether they should be considered part of Web or Social

Media portfolios. It is Nicholas and my opinion that while technical management of email lists remain under the Web Ministry, expected behaviours of people using are consistent with Social Media expectations and the enforcement of contraventions of those behaviours remains with the Office of the Seneschal. We ask that the Board uphold this interpretation.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to uphold the joint policy interpretation by the Society Webminister and Society Communications and Social Media Officer that while technical management of email lists remain under the Web Ministry, expected behaviours of people using are consistent with Social Media expectations and the enforcement of contraventions of those behaviors remains with the Office of the Seneschal. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

A.3. Corporate DEIB Officer – Charles Burke (Charles de Bourbon)

The report of Charles Burke, Corporate DEIB Officer, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained the following action items:

1. Review (if desired) the new Kingdom Officer DEIB handbook. This handbook has gone through three rounds of feedback and revisions with input from Kingdom DEIB officers, Corporate DEIB Deputies, and professionals in the DEIB field. Completing this was a requirement to move forward with changes to Corpora.

Handled under Item V.C.

2. From the Pennsic Board and Officer Meet and Greet I took the action item to request that the board create an official committee to explore alternative methods of choosing monarchs. As such, I request the board to create this committee.

By consensus this item is remanded to the mid-quarter conference call.

3. My goal is to conduct listening sessions in every kingdom, as such I am attending Ansteorran Coronation in October to conduct a listening session there. Other sessions include Listening Sessions completed at Pennsic and in An Tir. With this in mind I am requesting an increase in travel budget to accommodate one trip per quarter over the next 2.5 years to enable me to physically be present in every kingdom in the SCA.

By consensus no action was taken.

Report filed.

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 – Corpora IV.A – Royalty Selection:

Handled under Item IV.A.

2. Request for Board Action – Corpora References – “Kingdom Courts”

Handled under Item V.C.

3. Investigations Deputy Position Discussion

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to affirm the creation of the Investigations Deputy position as requested by the Society Seneschal. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

Report filed.

- B.1. Society Chatelaine - Michele Hays (Jeanne-Marie la Verriere)

No report received.

- B.2. 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 summarized and accepted as submitted. There were no action items.

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 were no action items.

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 the following action item:

1. Please approve the 2024 Budget

Handled under Item V.C.

2. Please approve the creation of the SCORES deputy as a stipend position due to the hours involved and the money involved, as indicated in the budget proposal.

Handled under Item VIII.U.

Report filed.

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

The report of Bonnie Stringer, Society Exchequer, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained the following action items:

- a. Please approve the Financial Policy of Gleann Abhann.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve the Financial Policy for the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann as presented by the Society Exchequer. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

- b. Request to uphold variance

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to uphold a variance issued to the Kingdom of the East by the Society Exchequer allowing one-time payment of a storage fee via EFT. Second by Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

Report filed.

- E. Laurel Principal Queen of Arms - Jennifer Smith (Emma de Fetherstan)

The report of Jennifer Smith, Laurel Principal Queen of Arms, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained the following action items:

- 1. Requested Board Actions: Please approve the following changes to SENA (Standards for Evaluation of Names and Armory):

- a. Revised A3A2 "Fieldless Designs" to clarify how to avoid the appearance of presumption when using charges that otherwise might be considered a form of heraldic display such as hearts or lozenges.

- b. Revised A3A3c "Augmentations of Honor", based on period evidence, to allow augmentations through quartering to appear in either the first and fourth quarters or the second and third quarters of a device.

- c. Revised A5E5 "Change of Posture of the Primary Charge Group" to clarify the difference granted for orientation/type between ordinaries.

- d. Added examples to A5G1c "Change of Style of Partition Lines" to illustrate when difference is, and is not, counted when changing lines of division in multiply divided fields.

- e. Revised PN1B2a "Attested Name Phrases" to clarify the recognition of name phrases from oral traditions as attested when the source cited uses scholarly standards. Examples of when such name elements can, and cannot, be used are included.

- f. Revised PN1B2b "Constructed Name Phrases" to guide submitters on how to use name phrases reconstructed from pre-written languages.

- g. Updated Appendices A, E4, G, and M to include patterns for Greek names in Egypt, additional household name designators, additional elements

considered a step from core practice, and more information on conflict checking birds.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve Laurel Queen of Arms' revisions to the following SENA Sections: A3A2 "Fieldless Designs", A3A3c "Augmentations of Honor", A5E5 "Change of Posture of the Primary Charge Group", A5G1c "Change of Style of Partition Lines", PN1B2a "Attested Name Phrases", PN1B2b "Constructed Name Phrases", Updated Appendices A, E4, G, and M. Second by Krista Capps. Second by: Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

2. Approve the following changes to the Glossary of Terms.
 - a. 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 opossums and leeks.
 - b. Added Table 7 "Default Arrangements" to clarify the default arrangements on a field for various numbers of different types of charges.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve changes to the Glossary of Terms to update Table 4 "Conventional 'Proper' Colorings" and Table 5 "Conventional S.C.A. Default Postures", and to add Table 7 "Default Arrangements" as requested by Laurel Queen of Arms. Second by: Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

3. Please approve the following change to the Administrative Handbook appendices:
 - a. Updated links to online copies of sources in Appendix H "Sources That Do Not Require Photocopies to Laurel".

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve a change to Administrative Handbook allowing updated links to online copies of sources in Appendix H "Sources that Do Not Require Photocopies to Laurel" as requested by Laurel Queen of Arms. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

- b. Alternative Titles Revisions

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve a change to List of alternate titles as requested by Laurel Queen of Arms. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

Report filed.

The Board of Directors offers its sincerest appreciation to Jennifer Smith for the stellar work she has done in the office of the Laurel and welcomes Unni Leino into the position, effective the close of this meeting.

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:

1. Please approve the Fencing Marshal's Handbook attached to this report for consideration.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve the revised and updated Armored Combat Marshal's Handbook as requested by the Society Marshal. Second by: K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

2. Please approve proposed changes to the Rules of the List as attached for consideration:

The proposed changes aim to update the Rules of the List to include all SCA martial disciplines, which preserve their intent. As written, they are mostly limited to Armored Combat and Rapier, and create contradictions for the approved martial activities of Equestrian, Combat Archery, Siege, Thrown Weapons, and Target Archery. The proposed changes also includes a reordering of the list to start with general underlying principles and then end with specific applications. These proposed changes have been briefed to the KEMs, and an initial review with the Society Seneschal, President, and legal has been done. Edits made based on their input.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to put out for commentary the revised and updated Rules of the List to include all SCA martial disciplines as requested by the Society Marshal. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

3. Please approve proposed changes to the Governing Document related to the Marshallate as attached for consideration. These proposed changes aim to update the Governing Documents related to the Marshallate to include all SCA martial disciplines and incorporate the current and modern practices that that embody safety into our rules and the application thereof, while preserving the flexibility that enables the uniqueness of our kingdom cultures. These proposed changes have been briefed to the KEMs, and an initial review with the Society Seneschal and President. Edits made based on their input.

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to place the Proposed changes to the Governing Document related to the Marshallate out to the membership for commentary as requested by the Society Marshal. Second by: Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

4. Please uphold the policy interpretation that as it is not related to combat and warfare, hound coursing should not fall under the purview of the Office of the Marshallate.

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to uphold the policy interpretation by the Society Marshal that as it is not related to combat and warfare, hound coursing does not fall under the purview of the Office

of the Marshallate. Second by: Pug Bainter. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

A copy of the above proposals is attached hereto as Addendum C.

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. Standing Committees

1. Census Committee – Julia Smith, Chair

The report of Julia Smith, Chair of the Census Committee, was summarized and accepted as submitted. The report contained the following action items:

a. We also request that the Board begin planning for a follow-up large-scale survey/census in 2030.

Pug Bainter Motion to add a follow-up large-scale survey/census in 2030 to the Society's long range planning agenda. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

b. We request that the reports submitted over the last 18 months be put on the SCA website on a shared page along with the October 2020 report.

By consensus this item was forwarded to the Communications Officer for review and possible implementation.

Motion by Pug Bainter to disband the Census Committee, effective at the close of this meeting. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

The Board of Directors is grateful to the Census Committee for their extensive work in gathering and collating massive amounts of information regarding SCA members and participants. Their work has been exceptionally helpful in the future planning for the benefit of the Society.

Report filed.

2. Peerage Committee – Greg Regnier, Chair

The report of Greg Regnier, Chair of the Peerage Committee, was summarized and accepted as submitted. There was one action item:

- a. We request that the finalized proposal be presented to the populace to gain final feedback on the desire for an additional peerage.

Handled under Item IV.D

VII. Correspondence.

All correspondence was distributed as appropriate.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was opened on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 5:34 p.m. CT, and adjourned at 8:13 p.m. CT.

A. Keith Caillouette (Ruphus Blacstone)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Keith Caillouette (Ruphus Blacstone) effective immediately. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

B. Julie DeVuono (Moresca of AnDubhaigainn)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Julie DeVuono (Moresca of AnDubhaigainn) effective immediately. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

C. Michael Henderson (Malcolme mac Enri)

Motion by Krista Capps to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Michael Henderson (Malcolme mac Enri) effective immediately. Second by Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

D. Dan Long (Grimmund Blackwing)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Dan Long (Grimmund Blackwing) effective immediately. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

E. Barbara Lowe (Mira Fastova)

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Barbara Lowe (Mira Fastova) for a period of three years concluding on January 27, 2027. effective immediately. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

F. Jeffery Klinghagen (NA)

Motion by Krista Capps to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Jeffery Klinghagen (NA) effective immediately. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

G. Kevin McGlynn (Seamus O'Conal)

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Kevin McGlynn (Seamus O'Conal) effective immediately. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

H. William Speed (Duncan Kincaid)

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to revoke the membership of and deny participation to William Speed (Duncan Kincaid) effective immediately. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

I. William Trudell (Richard Lepied)

Motion by Krista Capps to revoke the membership of and deny participation to William Trudell (Richard Lepied) effective immediately. Second by Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

J. David Willhoite (Freiman the Minstrel)

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to revoke the membership of and deny participation to David Willhoite (Freiman the Minstrel) for a period of five (5) years, concluding on January 27, 2029, effective immediately. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

K. Anthony Wright (Antonius Archer)

Motion by Krista Capps to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Anthony Wright (Antonius Archer) effective immediately. Second by Jennifer Krochmal. Opposed: None. Absent: Pug Bainter. Motion carried.

L. Legal Updates

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

M. Society Seneschal Confidential Updates

The report of the Society Seneschal was accepted as presented.

N. Society President Position Discussion

By consensus a call for applicants has been approved for immediate publication.

O. Society Seneschal Position Discussion

Discussion noted. Item remanded to the mid-quarter conference call.

P. Investigations Deputy Position Discussion

Discussion noted. Item remanded to the mid-quarter conference call.

Q. SCORES Deputy Position Discussion

The report of the Vice President of Corporate Operations was accepted as presented.

R. January 28, 2024, Subsidiaries – Action by Verbal Consent.

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

S. Director Resignations.

By consensus no action was taken.

T. Director Appointment – Seat C

By consensus no action was taken.

U. Chair Assignment

By consensus no action was taken.

V. Vice-Chair Assignment

By consensus no action was taken.

W. Ombudsman Assignments

Chair: Mark Faulcon (Duke Martin Lochner)

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

Vice Chair: Gabrielle Fisher (Adrielle Kerrec)

Ombudsman for: Board Recruiting, Avacal, Drachenwald, Lochac

Director: Krista Capps (Bricca di Ghelere)

Ombudsman for: Atenveldt, Atlantia, Middle, Ealdormere

Director: Pug Bainter (Master Phelim Gervase)

Ombudsman for: DEIB, Heralds, Aethelmearc, East, Gleann Abhann, Trimaris

Director: Jennifer Krochmal (Duchess Kalisa Aleksandrovna)

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

Director Megan O'Shea (Count Barthelemy of Illyria)

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

Director: KT Sheppard (Graf Ulrich von Brandenburg)

Ombudsman for: Peerage Committee, An Tir, Caid, West, Marshal

X. Warrant Expirations

1. Webminister - July 31, 2024

Previously returned to the Manager of IT for additional work. No action taken at this time.

2. Communications - August 31, 2024

This item has been remanded to the mid-quarter conference call.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pug Bainter to adjourn the meeting. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:14 p.m. CT.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Leslie Luther-Fulton
Executive Assistant

ADDENDUM A

Omnibus Peerage Proposal

VIII.A.4:

e. The Order of <Name>

(i) Members of the Order of <Name> may choose to swear fealty but are not required to do so. The candidate must have attained the standard of excellence in skill and/or knowledge equal to that of their prospective peers in a pre-17th century martial pursuit as practiced in the SCA, including, and limited to, target archery, combat archery, thrown weapons, equestrian activities, and siege engineers. The candidate must have applied this skill and/or knowledge for the instruction of members and service to the kingdom to an extent above and beyond that normally expected of members of the Society.

(ii) The duties of the members of the order are as follows:

- (a) To set an example of courtesy and chivalrous conduct on and off the field of honor.
 - (b) To respect the Crown of the kingdom; to support and uphold the laws of the kingdom and Corpora.
 - (c) If in fealty, to support and uphold the Crown of their kingdom.
 - (d) To enrich the kingdom by sharing their knowledge and skills.
 - (e) To enhance the renown and defend the honor of the peer's Lady or Lord.
 - (f) To advise the Crown on the advancement of candidates for the Order of <Name>.
- (other sections re-numbered as needed)

ADDENDUM B

COURTS OF CHIVALRY/COURTS OF INQUIRY

These are proposed Corpora changes eliminating Courts of Chivalry/Courts of Inquiry from Corpora. **Please note that this Addendum incorporates redlining which may be more visible on the SCA website.**

Corpora on “Kingdom Courts”:

Glossary:

- **Court of Chivalry / Court of Inquiry:** A panel, defined according to kingdom law, convened to investigate issues and possibly recommend action to the appropriate Society authority.

6. **Proposed change: Eliminate the above.**

Corpora III.C.4: Branches-Branch Designations-Kingdom:

4. Kingdom: A kingdom is a sovereign entity within the Society which has the right to select a ruling ~~King and Queen~~ **Sovereign and Consort** by armored combat. A branch or contiguous group of branches may petition for kingdom status if the resulting entity would fulfill the requirements listed below:

.....

h. A body of kingdom law which provides for the maintenance and succession of the Crown; for the definition and advancement of local branches; for the appointment and removal of territorial Barons and Baronesses; **for the conduct of such courts as may be required for the maintenance of the realm**; and for such other matters as are found necessary. Draft laws, in the form to be presented to the victors of the first Crown Lists, must accompany a petition for kingdom status. (Emphasis added.)

7. **Proposed change: Eliminate bolded phrase.**

Corpora IV.G.9: Royalty-The Crown:

9. The Crown may establish and call such courts as may be necessary for the governance of the realm, in accordance with kingdom law and custom.

- a. Any courts within the Society are presumed to be within the historical context of the Society and pertain only to conduct within the structure and definitions of the Society.
- b. The primary purpose for these courts within the Society is for the investigation of questions and issues, for opening communications on issues; and for the clarification of issues. Only secondarily are courts considered to be for the purpose of trying members of the Society for alleged behavior or incidents. No courts of the latter type are to be established by any branch below kingdom level.

c. No court shall be held within any kingdom on individual behavior that falls within the jurisdiction of a civil or criminal court maintained by the nation or other political division where it takes place, nor shall any recommendation about individuals be made on such issues. However, a given action may have implications both in law and in the Society's rules of courteous behavior. A court which restricts itself to the latter may be held as long as the act in question occurred in a Society context.

d. If a court concludes that the appropriate action is one beyond the powers of the Crown or Kingdom to enact, the judgment should be issued in the form of a request to the Society Seneschal.

Proposed change: Eliminate this section entirely.

Corpora IV.H.6-8: Royalty-The Coronet:

8. The Coronet may call courts of inquiry only if the Crown approves.

Proposed change: Eliminate this sentence.

9. Reservations to the Crown

a. When the Crown believes the Coronet has overstepped the bounds of law and custom, the normal recourse should be to attempt in-kingdom mediation ~~and then a Court of Chivalry, if needed~~ **and then referral to the Board, if needed.**

b. ~~If the Board upholds the judgment of such a Court, the affected parties may be subject to loss of any honors and privileges deriving from their reign, and nullification of any official acts dating back to the incident which led to the invocation of the Court.~~

e. If the Crown feels that rapid action is essential to protect the Society, it has the option of ~~banishing the Coronet from the realm~~ **issuing an Exile from the Kingdom against the Coronet**, effectively putting the principality reign into abeyance until either conditions change within the kingdom or the Board ~~acts.~~ **countermands the order.** However, if the Board does not agree with the Crown's judgment regarding the urgency of the situation, the Board may choose to take action against the Crown as well as or instead of the Coronet.

Proposed change: As redlined above. Note that "banishing from the realm" is outdated terminology and has been changed to reflect current terminology.

8. Reservations to the Board

a. The Board reserves to itself the final determination regarding discipline of members for actions taken while serving as Sovereign or Consort of a **Principality**. However, the Coronet remains subject to the Crown, and provisions regarding ~~Courts of Chivalry and banishment~~ **Royal sanctions** still apply.

Proposed change: As above.

Corpora X.B.4.b: Grievances and Sanctions-Sanctions-Reservations to the Board of

Directors:**b. Sanctions upon Individuals for Actions taken as Coronet**

The Board reserves to itself the final determination regarding discipline of members for actions taken while serving as Sovereign or Consort of a ~~P~~principality. However, the Coronet remains subject to the Crown, and provisions regarding ~~Courts of Chivalry and~~ **Royal** sanctions. If the Crown believes the Coronet has overstepped the bounds of law and custom, the normal recourse should be in-kingdom mediation and then **referral to the Board**. ~~a Court of Chivalry. If the Board upholds the judgment of such a Court, the affected parties may be subject to loss of any honors and privileges deriving from their reign, and nullification of any official acts dating back to the incident which led to the invocation of the Court. If the Crown feels that rapid action is essential to protect the SCA, it has the option of imposing an~~ **Exile from the Kingdom** ~~Proscription from Active Participation~~ upon the Coronet ~~from the realm,~~ effectively putting the principality reign into abeyance until either condition change within the kingdom or the Board **acts. countermands the order.** However, if the Board does not agree with the Crown's judgment regarding the urgency of the situation, the Board may choose to take action against the Crown as well as, or instead of, against the Coronet.

Proposed changes noted above. Note that the language describing available royal sanctions is outdated; changed to current terminology. Also note that this is substantially the same as IV.H.7 above.

Addendum C

PROPOSED CHANGES REGARDING THE MARSHALLATE

These proposed changes aim to update the Governing Documents related to the Marshallate to include all SCA martial disciplines and incorporate the current and modern practices that that embody safety into our rules and the application thereof, while preserving the flexibility that enables the uniqueness of our kingdom cultures.

The authorities, roles, responsibilities, and functions of the Marshallate occur in several sections of the Governing documents. These have been added to or updated over the years, but do not fully reflect the breadth of current SCA martial activities and the evolution of our administrative and safety practices.

Please note that this Addendum incorporates redlining which may be more visible on the SCA website.

Notes on Edits:

- **Functional Change** – Refers to how the new wording functionally changes the passage. This may be a simple clarification, or may affect policy or intent.
- **Reason for Change** – Provides background and context which prompted the proposed change.

There are also changes are minor grammatical corrections and wording change for consistency in the document. Examples:

- Where “martial” should be used instead of “combat” or “marshal”
- Update wording to be “Society Marshal” vs “Marshal of the Society”, and “Kingdom Earl Marshal” vs “Earl Marshal of the Kingdom” for consistency.

Red = current wording to be changed

Blue = proposed wording

Purple = specific section in the Governing Documents (e.g. IX.A.1).

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VI. SOCIETY OFFICERS

VI.D. ~~Marshal of the Society~~ Marshal

(Area of Authority)

(VI.D.) The Society Marshal's ~~of the Society's~~ area of authority is all martial and related activities practiced in the Society , both those described by the handbooks approved for the office and proposed as additions to those handbooks.

(Responsibilities)

(VI.D.) The Society Marshal will work to encourage the participation of all in the Society's martial activities and strive to expand and improve those activities for the benefit of the Society and its members. The duties of the office also include:

- directing the Kingdom Earl Marshals in matters concerning the supervision of the martial and related activities at Society events;
- overseeing the manner and conduct of duties of all marshals throughout the Society;
- working to promote and improve the safety of the Society's martial activities;
- working with the Minister of Arts and Sciences to encourage and facilitate research in armor, weapons, and the practice of historical martial arts. The non-competitive study and controlled demonstration of historical martial arts, systems, and principles shall be regulated by the Ministry of Arts and Sciences.

Functional Change: Clarifies the scope of the Society Marshal and the Minister of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) in regards to non-competitive martial activities. Wording is adopted from the approved "Rules for the Study and Education of Historical Combat Techniques within the SCA," approved by the Board 7/15/2005. Ref: https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/AandS_martial_public_proposal.pdf.

ALT - This section could be included under Section VI.E Minister of Arts and Sciences MOAS

Reasons for Change: There is increasing interest and activity in historical combat techniques (e.g. cutting demonstrations, replication of historical plates), that may be otherwise prohibited or beyond the current scope of the Marshallate. The set of rules, approved by the BoD in 2005, strives to define the responsibilities between the offices of Arts&Sciences and the Marshallate, and should be incorporated into our

(VI.D.) The Board authorizes the Society Marshal to make interpretations and clarifications regarding the Rules of the Lists and the Society handbooks for martial activities, with the proviso that such rulings must be reported to the Board at the following next regular quarterly meeting. The Marshal's rulings will stand until and unless overruled by the Board, and upon approval must then be incorporated into the relevant handbook.

Functional Change: Clarifies the responsibility, ability, and timeline of the Society Marshal to interpret and clarify rules in the Society handbooks in addition to the Rules of the List. While responsibility for interpretation of the handbooks is implied by the last sentence, the wording not specific and clear.

(VI.D.) The Board specifically authorizes the Marshal to conduct well documented and monitored experiments with new weapons, armor materials and martial formats in order to advance martial activities in the Society. The Marshal will keep the Board informed regarding these experiments in their quarterly reports.

No Changes

VII. KINGDOM, PRINCIPALITY, AND LOCAL OFFICERS

VII.D. The Earl Marshal

(Area of Authority)

(VII.D) The **Kingdom** Earl Marshal's area of authority is all martial and related activities practiced in their Kingdom, both those described by the Society handbooks approved for the office and proposed as additions to those handbooks.

(VII.E) The Minister of Arts and Sciences is responsible for supporting the study of art forms, technologies, and those aspects of culture relating to their use, both in period and in Society activities, **and the non-competitive study and controlled demonstration of historical martial arts, systems, and principles.**

Functional Change: *Same change as noted for the Society Officers in section (VI.D)*

(Responsibilities)

(VII.D) The **Kingdom** Earl Marshal bears primary responsibility for promoting both the safety and the **historic** authenticity of the martial and related activities in their kingdom, ~~but~~ **and** works with other officers in their areas of mutual interest. The Earl Marshal is responsible for ~~issuing and maintaining~~ **oversight and management of** authorizations for all participants and warranting marshals for their kingdom. **Oversight and management of authorizations includes ensuring that all martial activity authorizations are properly documented and that authorizations are completed according to the rules set out in approved Society handbooks for each activity before any such authorization is issued.**

Functional Change: *Clarifies the Earl Marshal's responsibility in respect to authorizations in their kingdom (e.g processes, documentation, and recording).*

Reason for Change: *Proposed by the Society Seneschal and President, this wording change and proposed changes to Section IX clarifies the responsibilities and better captures the intent of the Society Seneschal's Corpora interpretation regarding the authority of a Kingdom Earl Marshal to issue or confirm martial authorizations (July 24, 2022). If there is a question on the validity of the proof of an authorization, they are responsible for and the ultimate arbiter for confirming that yes, a person did authorize properly (and thus were properly issued their authorization), or no, they did not authorize properly. But they cannot singularly grant an authorization themselves unless they are a Warranted Authorizing Marshal in that discipline.*

IX SOCIETY ~~COMBAT~~ MARTIAL ACTIVITIES

IX.A. Society Martial Activities

(IX.A.1) Martial activities in the Society are defined as armored combat, armored steel combat, ~~fencing, rapier, cut & thrust~~, combat archery, siege engines, target archery, ~~and~~ thrown weapons, equestrian, and youth combat, ~~and marshaling~~. Other activities clearly falling within the scope of the above are also to be considered martial activities.

Functional Change: *Identifies all the current martial disciplines which are large or distinct enough to have their own separate handbook or deputy society marshal.*

~~(IX.A.3)~~ (IX.A.2) The Society handbooks define the minimum requirements and standards for marshals, authorizations, weapons, armor, and equipment. Kingdoms may define additional requirements, standards, marshals, or types of authorization (such as weapons forms) as they deem necessary, but may not reduce or disregard the requirements and standards delineated in the Society handbooks without a variance from the Society Marshal approved by the Board.

Functional Change: *Originally section IX.A.3, which only included additional types of authorization. Expanded to identify where requirements and standards related to the martial activities reside, include the ability of kingdoms to create additional restrictions or standards, and clarify the hierarchy and scope of Society and Kingdom rules. Identifies the variance as one of the methods to manage differences between kingdom and society rules that may be needed due to regional differences or international restrictions.*

Reason for Change: *While there are several references to the handbooks, Society and Kingdom requirements and standards, it is not consistent for all the major marshal functions listed in various subsections in these governing documents. Also, the hierarchy and methods for variances are implied but not clearly identified, which can and has caused confusion. This section plus adding references to the handbooks and requirements to the other subsections will create that clarity and consistency.*

(Marshals):

~~(IX.A.2)~~(IX.A.3) The Kingdom Earl Marshal shall warrant marshals in order to conduct martial activities within their kingdom. Warranted Marshals are officers of the Society and shall be warranted in accordance with Society procedures laid down for warranting officers and meet requirements delineated by the Society Handbooks relevant to that discipline. In addition, Marshals shall be warranted or designated with particular authorities as defined by the Kingdom Earl Marshal and the handbooks, whether those be by discipline (e.g., armored vs. rapier fencing), role (e.g., field marshal or authorizing marshal) or other defined roles in the chain of command (e.g., Deputy Earl Marshal).

Upon warranting, that warrant shall be registered and tracked by the kingdom, and proof of warrant shall be provided to the participant. This proof may be a physical warrant, or an

accessible online system shall be available to the marshal, other marshals, and list officials in order to validate their status as needed. If a physical warrant is issued, that warrant must be shown to any marshal or list official upon request.

Functional Change: *Clarifies that only warranted marshals are required to be officers of the society. Not all marshals (e.g. field marshals) are officers or warranted. Clarifies that marshal authorities can stem from Society or Kingdom handbooks, or from the Kingdom Earl Marshal.*

Reason for Change: *Current wording has created confusion about when warrants are required, different marshal types, responsibilities and authorities. It has often been interpreted that all marshals need to be warranted as officers, which is inconsistent with the Marshals handbook that has long provided guidance for specific functions that require warranting, or that marshals-in-charge can create unwarranted marshals as needed for their event.*

For Reference: *Per the Marshals Handbook, specific duties that require the Marshal be warranted include:*

- perform and sign authorizations,
- give final approval of the suitability of weapons, armor, or equipment (conduct weapons and armor and equipment inspections)
- serve as the Marshal in Charge of an event
- serve as a Marshal-at-Large
- serve as a local group Marshal (e.g. Knight Marshals)
- Serve as Kingdom Great or Lessor officer (Earl Marshal, Principality Earl Marshal, Deputy Earl Marshals for specific disciplines)

“It is relatively common for a marshal-in-charge to draft anyone he or she feels is competent to serve as field marshals during an event. Whether these individuals are warranted marshals is a matter of kingdom choice.” (Marshals Handbook, XIII.A.3)

(Authorizations:)

~~(IX.A.2)~~ (IX.A.3) A participant in any of the Society martial-related activities requiring an authorization as defined above must meet Society and Kingdom requirements and be authorized by a marshal warranted and designated by the Kingdom Earl Marshal, Society Marshal, ~~of a kingdom~~ or their representative as able to authorize individuals in the appropriate activity.

~~(IX.A.2)~~ (IX.A.4) A marshal, before they are granted the authority to authorize individuals in an activity, must meet Society and Kingdom requirements and be warranted and designated by the Kingdom Earl Marshal, Society Marshal, or their representative.

Functional Change: *Edited to include all marshal forms. Some disciplines (e.g. target archery, thrown weapons) require the marshals to be warranted, but not every participant needs to be authorized. In addition, there are martial-related activities (e.g. practice or classes) that do not require authorizations. Adds the Society Marshal and*

their representatives (i.e. Deputy Society Marshals) to those officers than can warrant marshals, to include society-level run activities (e.g. wood jousting). It will also enable the Society Marshal, other KEMs, and deputies to support a KEM in establishing or relaunching martial activities that may not exist in their particular kingdom. Currently KEMs are restricted from using marshals and experts outside of their kingdom to help with authorizations in many of the martial forms. Clarifies that all marshals, including Society Marshal, Kingdom Earl Marshals, and deputies must meet specific requirements in order to authorize people.

Reason for Change: *Safety in our martial activities is a function of the application and adherence to our rules, standards, and conventions. Both participants and Authorizing Marshals must meet requirements, and then be approved by the appropriate officer. Authorizing marshals evaluate people to ensure compliance, and must meet requirements which include being trained in and demonstrating a good working knowledge of the marshal processes and specific content within that discipline. In the past, it was sometimes assumed that the Kingdom Earl Marshal or the Society Marshal had the authority to singularly authorize people in any martial discipline, even if they were not an authorizing marshal or had no prior experience in that activity. The SCA has 9 different martial disciplines, plus 2 youth programs, all of which have specific rules and required expertise. While some of the martial forms do have similarities and overlap, there is significant variety and complexity that an automatic authority to authorize people, without specific training or working knowledge of that martial discipline, undercuts our structure of safety.*

~~(IX.A.3) Requirements for authorization for all marshal activities are delineated several in the Marshal's handbook. Kingdoms may define such additional types of authorization (such as weapons forms) as they deem necessary.~~

Functional Change: *Moved to the beginning of this section, and expanded to include all martial forms, identify that kingdoms may define additional restrictions, clarify hierarchy.*

~~(IX.A.4) Authorizations shall be registered with and kept on file by the Earl Marshal or other designated official of each kingdom.~~

Functional Change: *Redundant with IX.A.7 and VII.D*

~~(IX.A.5)~~ (IX.A.6) *Waivers, indemnities, or other required documents must be signed as appropriate before training for authorization, being authorized, or participating in any SCA martial activities. Proof that the required document, if applicable, has been signed must be presented before an individual may participate in the above-mentioned activities. (For more detailed information on waivers, see Corporate Policies of the SCA, Inc., section IV – VI.)*

Functional Change: *Minor change to ensure all martial forms are included, as*

not all forms require authorization.

~~(IX.A.6)~~ (IX.A.7) Authorizations shall be properly documented and completed according to the requirements set out in the Society handbooks and kingdom before an authorization is issued. Upon authorization, that authorization shall be registered and tracked by the kingdom, and proof of authorization shall be provided to the participant. This proof, which may be a physical authorization card, ~~or~~ a list, or an accessible online system, shall be available to the participant, marshals, and list officials in order to validate authorization as needed. If a physical card is issued, that card must be shown to any marshal or lists official upon request. If there is a question on the validity of the proof of an authorization, the chain of command goes through the person's kingdom earl marshal, who is ultimately responsible for confirming that they did or did not authorize properly. The Society Marshal shall establish standards for the issuance of ~~combat martial~~ authorizations.

Functional Change: *Added language to be consistent with (VII.D). Clarifies the role of the kingdom earl marshal with respect to authorization.*

Minor authorizations:

~~(IX.A.7)~~ (IX.A.7) No person who has not attained their sixteenth (16th) birthday may be authorized in armored combat. No person who has not attained their fourteenth (14th) birthday may be authorized for fencing. These restrictions do not apply to Youth Combat, Youth Fencing, Equestrian activities, or to Target and Thrown Weapons.

~~(IX.A.8)~~ (IX.A.9) Prior to the authorization of a minor in any Society ~~combat martial~~ related activity that requires an authorization, the parent or guardian of the minor must witness the activity, discuss it with an authorizing marshal for that activity ~~witnessing-marshal~~, and execute a waiver, indemnity, or the required document for the minor. ~~The witnessing-marshal must be explicitly authorized to perform this function by the Earl-Marshal of the kingdom.~~ The marshal who authorizes a minor person for any form of Society ~~martial-related~~ activity must be the Kingdom Earl Marshal or the Principality Marshal, the Kingdom or Principality Deputy for that martial activity, or a deputy designated by the Kingdom earl Marshal to conduct minor authorizations, and they must be an authorizing marshal for that activity. ~~This need not be the same person as the witnessing-marshal.~~

(this section is also repeated in the Corporate Policies, "V.A.1 Waivers for SCA Combat-Related Activities")

Functional Change: *Clarifies who is required to be part of the authorization process, and requires that a warranted marshal of that discipline conduct the authorization. This is consistent with the authorization requirements for adults, but with the added requirement for the authorization to be issued by a Kingdom Officer or a specially*

appointed deputy.

Reason for Change: The role and function of the “witnessing marshal” is unclear. It likely was intended to enable a separate marshal to conduct the authorization process while still requiring a Kingdom Officers to sign the final authorization paperwork. In practice, minor authorizations are conducted by the Kingdom/Principality Earl Marshal or the Kingdom/Principality Deputy for that martial activity. The new wording reflects that process more clearly, while still enabling the potential appointment of a deputy who is not a kingdom officer if needed.

~~(IX.A.9)~~ (IX.B.10) Any minor involved in Society ~~combat~~ martial-related activities at an event must have a parent or a properly executed document designating some adult person present at the event as able to authorize medical treatment for that minor in the case of any emergency.

***Functional Change:** Minor wording change for consistency*

Add to GLOSSARY

- **Minor:** a person who has not reached the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the event or SCA activity is being held.

***Reason for Change:** Not defined elsewhere, and is referenced in several areas concerning waivers and authorizations.*

~~IX.B~~ IX.C The Rules of the Lists

(see separate document on proposed changes to the Rules of the List)

Other areas of the Governing Documents that refer to marshal areas -----

II. EVENTS

II.D. Individuals in Charge of Events

.... Events including Society ~~combat~~ martial or ~~combat~~ martial-related activities must have at least one warranted marshal, designated by the Marshal of the sponsoring branch, in attendance and responsible for those activities.

II.G. Waterbearing

The activity of providing beverages to ~~combatants~~ participants and spectators at SCA ~~Combat~~ martial activities is not regulated, warranted, organized, controlled, or sanctioned by the SCA, Inc. or any affiliate or subsidiary entity. Any warrants, authorizations, or other formal recognition of this activity which may currently exist are by publication of this change revoked. The change does not address or This does not restrict any volunteer activities regarding providing beverages to combatants participants or spectators at SCA Combat martial activities nor the methods by which such provisions may be made. This does not preclude or affect SCA award recognition.

IV. ROYALTY

~~IV.C.8 The Sovereign supervises combat on the field of honor.~~

Functional Change: Removes unclear and redundant language covered by existing rules. The Crown's responsibility for martial activities are already defined in the sections on presiding over Crown List (IV.C.2, I), supervising Officers (IV.C.7), and the Rules of the List (IX.B).

- IV.C.2, "The royal pair must...preside over the Royal Lists to select their successors...."
- IV.C.7, "Royalty, acting with and through the officers of the realm, administer the lands and branches which comprise the realm. Royalty consult the officers of the realm in matters concerning the officers' areas of responsibility and monitor the performance of their officers to the extent necessary to confirm that they are performing essential duties...."
- IX.B, The Rules of the List,
 - "All participants in martial activities must be presented to, and be acceptable to, the Crown or their representative(s)."
 - "The Crown or the Marshallate may bar any weapon, armor, or equipment from use upon the field of combat or designated area used for martial activities. ..."

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V. WAIVERS - ~~COMBAT~~ MARTIAL ACTIVITIES

A. Waivers for SCA ~~Combat~~-Martial Related Activities

Waivers are required for participation in SCA ~~combat~~ martial and related activities. The SCA. General Membership waiver is the text required for use in the United States. Alternative texts and requirement for proof may be approved by the Board for use in other countries. Proof of waiver will be established as follows:

1. To be authorized, or to engage as an authorized participant in SCA martial or related activities, a person must present a current valid membership card indicating that the appropriate waiver is on file with the SCA, Inc. or they must sign a waiver with the same text and comply with all the provisions of that policy.
2. To train ~~for authorization~~ at SCA-sponsored practice sessions or classes, a person must either present a current valid membership card indicating that the appropriate waiver is on file with the SCA, Inc. or they must sign a waiver with the same text and comply with all the provisions of that policy.

Functional Change: Not all martial disciplines require authorizations.

3. Prior to the training of a minor in any Society ~~combat~~ martial related activity, the parent or guardian of the minor must witness the activity, discuss it with an authorizing marshal for that activity ~~witnessing marshal~~, and execute a waiver, indemnity, or the required document for the minor. ~~The witnessing marshal must be explicitly authorized to perform this function by the Earl Marshal of the kingdom.~~ The marshal who authorizes a minor person for any form of Society martial-related activity must be the Kingdom Earl Marshal or the Principality Marshal, the Kingdom or Principality Deputy for that Martial Activity, or a deputy designated by the Kingdom earl Marshal to conduct minor

authorizations, and they must be an authorizing marshal for that activity. ~~This need not be the same person as the witnessing marshal.~~

Functional Change: (SAME AS WORDING FROM SECTION IX.B.9)

V.B Medical Authorization for Minors:

Any minor involved in SCA ~~combat~~ martial related activities at an event must have a parent or properly executed Medical Authorization Form for Minors designating some adult person present at the event as able to authorize medical treatment for that minor in the case of any emergency.

VI. WAIVERS - PROCEDURES

3. An event, for the purposes of this section only, is defined as any recreation function announced in the branch, Kingdom, or Principality newsletter. Business meetings, demos, guild meetings, dance practices, or planning sessions are specifically excluded from these provisions. ~~Combat or Fighter~~ Practices which include any of the SCA approved martial disciplines are not excluded, and waivers must be collected from those actively participating in the ~~combat~~ martial related activities at such practices.
4. Any function at which ~~combat~~ martial related activities will occur fall under the auspices of this waiver policy, regardless of what other activities may be occurring at the function. If there is a doubt about whether a specific function falls under this policy, the Kingdom Seneschal is directly empowered by the Board to make that determination and report same in their next regularly scheduled report.

These proposed changes aim to update the Rules of the List to include all SCA martial disciplines, while preserving their intent.

The Rules of the List are a critical core of SCA culture, values, and behavior. However, as written, they are mostly limited to Armored Combat and Rapier, and create contradictions for the approved martial activities of Equestrian, Combat Archery, Siege, Thrown Weapons, and Target Archery. The proposed changes also include a reordering of the list, to start with general underlying principles and then proceed to specific applications.

The proposed changes to the Rules of the List are as follows:

1. *Currently Rule #1 / Proposed as Rule #1*

Each ~~fighter~~ participant, recognizing the possibilities of physical injury to themselves in ~~such combat~~ SCA martial activities, shall assume unto themselves all risk and liability for harm suffered by means of such martial activities. Other participants shall likewise recognize the risks involved in their presence on or near the field of combat or designated areas and shall assume unto themselves the liabilities thereof.

Functional change: To include all SCA martial disciplines, change “combatants” and “fighters” to “participants”, and “combat” to “martial activities”.

2. *Currently Rule #7, Proposed as Rule #2*

No one may be required to participate in ~~marshal~~ martial activities. Any ~~combatant~~ participant may, without dishonor or penalty, reject any challenge without specifying a

reason. A ~~fight~~ **bout** in a tournament list is not to be considered a challenge, and therefore may not be declined or rejected without forfeiting the bout.

Functional Change: Includes martial activities and tournaments that do not involve fighting.

3. Currently Rule #6, Proposed as Rule #3

~~Combatants~~ **Participants** shall behave in a ~~knightly and~~ chivalrous **and honorable** manner and shall ~~fight~~ **engage in martial activities** according to the appropriate Society and Kingdom conventions and standards.

Functional Change: Includes all SCA martial disciplines.

Reason for change: Wording change aligns with SCA Core Values and is inclusive of all martial disciplines.

4. Currently Rule #4, Proposed as Rule #4

All ~~combatants~~ **participants in martial activities** shall adhere to the appropriate armor, weapons, **and equipment** standards of the Society, and to any additional standards of the kingdom in which the event takes place **or in the negotiated agreements for interkingdom events.**

Functional Change: Changing “combatants” to “participants” will include all martial disciplines. Allows for agreed upon additional standards for interkingdom events rather than limiting it to only society or host kingdom.

5. Currently Rule #2, Proposed as Rule #5

No person shall participate in martial activities requiring authorization outside of formal training sessions unless and until they have been properly authorized under Society and Kingdom procedures. **Classes and SCA practices do not require authorization. Experimental programs may further restrict participation.**

Functional Change: None

Reason for change: There are multiple rules and/or clarifications regarding whether or not people need authorizations to participate in practices, classes or other similar training activities. Adding examples of typical activities not requiring authorizations will help alleviate that confusion, while ensuring new situations can be added as they evolve.

6. Currently Rule #3, Proposed as Rule #6

All ~~combatants~~ **participants in martial activities** must be presented to, and be acceptable to, the ~~Sovereign~~ **Crown** or their representative(s).

Functional Change: To include all martial disciplines, changing “combatants” to “participants in martial activities”. Changing “Sovereign” to “Crown” to be consistent with language in Corpora.

Reason for Change: While originally intended and mostly used for armored combat and Crown tournaments, it has become a pervasive element of SCA culture in all martial disciplines.

7. Currently Rule #4, Proposed as Rule #5

The ~~Sovereign~~ **Crown** or the Marshallate may bar any weapon, armor, **or equipment** from use

upon the field of combat **or designated area for martial activities**. Should a warranted marshal bar any weapon, armor, **or equipment**, an appeal may be made via the established marshallate chain of command ~~up to and including the Sovereign~~ to allow the weapon or armor.

Functional Change:

- Adding “equipment” will include all martial disciplines and related activities, including those that may not always use armor or weapons (e.g. siege engines, equestrian).
- Keeps the tradition that the Crown may exclude any weapon/armor/equipment. Ensures evaluation and appeal of a barred item stays within the chain of warranted marshals of the appropriate martial discipline. Clarifies that the Crown cannot include items not allowed per Society Handbooks or established processes.
- Changing “Sovereign” to “Crown” to be consistent with language in Corpora.

Reason for Change: In the past, this was sometimes used by the Crown to override a kingdom specific rule, such as allowing a weapon banned in their kingdom (but approved by Society), or enabling new types or variations on armor and weapons as an activity grew. However, it now creates significant issues with modern SCA practices and procedures.

- We now have established processes for experimental weapons and kingdom law changes, faster communications and a larger and more structured marshallate to respond.
- There are 9 different martial disciplines, plus 2 youth programs, all of which have specific rules and required expertise. A marshal (or participant) in one discipline should not be deciding to accept the risk of a new or potentially unsafe item in a discipline for which they are not a warranted marshal.
- For our international affiliates, a Crown cannot override a kingdom rule.
- This rule has also occasionally been used incorrectly to infer that the Crown can allow any weapon/armor in any martial discipline, including those not approved by Society.

This change keeps the tradition of Crown and Kingdom prerogative on which Society approved martial activities or items are allowed, while ensuring decisions on safety and rules are enacted by warranted marshals of the appropriate martial discipline.

8. Currently Rule #8, Proposed as Rule #8

Fighting with real weapons, whether fast or slow, is strictly forbidden at any Society event. This rule does not consider approved weaponry that meets the Society and kingdom standards ~~for Society combat and/or Society rapier combat~~ **for martial activities**, used in the context of mutual sport, to be real weaponry.

Functional Change: Applies to all martial disciplines.

9. Currently Rule #9, Proposed - remove in its entirety

~~No projectile weapons shall be allowed, and no weapons shall be thrown within the Lists of a tournament. The use of approved projectile weapons for melee, war, or Combat Archery shall conform to the appropriate Society and Kingdom Conventions of Combat.—~~

Functional Change: *No change to current practices, and removes inconsistencies with other martial disciplines. Exclusion of projectile weapons in a tournament can be covered by Rule #5, or with additions to the appropriate handbook if needed. Any use of SCA approved projectiles from other martial disciplines (ie. Thrown Weapons, Archery) must adhere to the safety zones appropriate to that martial activity.*

Reason for Change: *This was originally intended to prevent the use of approved projectile weapons in Crown tournaments or similar. However, there are many tournaments across all martial disciplines that use approved projectile weapons. Too many caveats are required if included as an overarching rule. Currently, it is inconsistent with the rules of the list being applicable to all martial disciplines.*