

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., held on 14 September 1976, at 2451 Ridge Road, Berkeley, California

Present: The Board -- William Rolls, David Green, Carolyn Conroy, Geraldine Orser  
Others -- Rae Montor James C. Fraser Paige  
Richard Barnhart Dave Thewlis  
Steen Jensen Cynthia Hilton  
Joan Garbarino William Jouris, Steward  
Andrew Smith Virginia Barnhart, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

The Board held an executive session, after which they announced the acceptance of the resignation of Douglas Olsen, the election to the Board of Jean MacMillan, and the appointment of William Rolls as permanent Chairman of the Board.

I. A. The agenda was amended as follows: added items V.B. Terms for Board members and officers  
V.C. Vice-chairman of the Board  
V.D. Board policy on titles for women who may be knighted

VI. Adjournment at 10:00 p.m.

B. The name of the legal agent for Tennessee, C.H. Bell, was added to the August minutes. The minutes were accepted as corrected with two abstentions (Carolyn Conroy and David Green, who were not at the August meeting.)

#### II. Steward's Report

The Steward has engaged a lawyer, Michael F. Dean.

The Board made a policy that Board approval must be obtained for any extraordinary expenditure by a national office.

III. A. The checking account for the College of Arms was passed, with the Board directing the officers to use only funds taken in by the College of Arms and such other funds as the Board may, from time to time, vote to the College of Arms.

B.1. The Board approved a new branch in Anchorage, Alaska, Frank Rion, Seneschal, the branch name to be finally agreed upon by the branch and the College of Arms.

2. The Branch in Athens, Georgia was not approved because the paperwork was not complete.

3. The Board approved a new branch in Gainesville, Florida, Rebecca Anne Sanders Seneschal, the name to be finally agreed upon between the branch and the College of Arms.

C. 1. The Board promoted the Shire of Bjornsborg to Baronial Status.

2. The Board promoted the Shire of Wyvernwood to Baronial status.

IV. A. The waiver committee will informally check with the new lawyer, determine the cost of legal counsel on the waivers, and present a proposal at the next meeting.

B. The Board authorized William Shirley to continue his negotiations with the appropriate agencies concerning obtaining land in Arizona, and to provide the Board with a draft of any documents pertaining to the use of the land, and an itemized draft budget for improvements and use of the land.

In response to another question raised in the same letter, the Board approved William Jouris' verbal response to William Shirley that "it is gracious for members of a Kingdom Order of the Pelican to include national holders of the Order in their consultations, but it is unclear whether they must do so." The question was referred to the Corpora Revision Committee.

C. The boundaries report from the Registrar was deferred to the next meeting.

V. A. The Board passed the following proposed By-law amendments:

Vol. IV. Section 3 to read "a majority of the Board" instead of "2/3 of the Board"

add Section 6 -- a quorum shall be a majority of the Board

The intention of the Board is to provide for the contingency of having only three Board members at a meeting, but to require at least three "aye" votes to take Board action.

The Board instructed the Steward to treat as corporate policy all items recorded in the minutes of the Board as actions of the Board, until further notice.

B. and C. A proposal for By-Laws to set a Board term of two years and to create a Vice-Chairman of the Board were referred to a committee of the whole to be convened at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board.

D. The Board determined that there is nothing in the By-Laws or Corpora which states that women cannot be knighted. The Board determined to publish as a suggestion the use of the title Sir or Dame, at the pleasure of the lady to be knighted, in absence of kingdom law or custom to the contrary. Comments and other suggestions will be requested from the membership at large. Andrew Smith will handle the response.

Item VI. was amended to adjournment at 10:15 p.m.

The Board moved to direct the Steward to request all National Officers to submit a proposed budget for the conduct of their office for the next year, no later than in time for the November meeting. The Steward will then give these budgets to the Exchequer for inclusion in his 1977x budget.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Virginia Barnhart, Clerk

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Agenda, as amended

- I. Agenda and Minutes
- II. Steward's Report
- III. Routine New Business
  - A. Checking account for the College of Arms
  - B. New Branches in 1) Anchorage, Alaska
    - 2) Athens, Georgia
    - 3) Gainsville, Florida
  - C. Requests for Baronial Status 1) Bjornsborg
    - 2) Wyvernwood
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Report from the Waiver Committee
  - B. Report on acquiring land in Arizona
  - C. Proposal from the Registrar on definition of boundaries.
- V. New Business
  - A. Questions concerning quorum and majority on the Board
  - B. Terms of office for the Board and national officers
  - C. Vice-Chairman of the Board
  - D. Board policy on titles for women who may be knighted
- VI. Adjournment at 10:00 p.m.