

May 3, 2011

Greetings:

This is the President's report of the actions taken at the SCA, Inc.'s and its subsidiaries most recent Board of Directors meetings, held April 22, 2011 in Houston, Texas, in Ansteorra. This material may be freely distributed, and those receiving it are strongly encouraged to share this information with the general membership. Permission is hereby granted to reprint all or part of this report in Kingdom, Principality, and local newsletters. It is requested that the source of the information be identified as "from the President's Report of the April 2011 Board meeting" and that, as far as possible, exact quotes be used. Please note that this report is NOT the official Minutes of the Board meeting. In case of any discrepancy between this document and the approved Minutes, the Minutes are binding. Any inaccuracies in reporting contained herein are my own.

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Respectfully submitted,

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President, SCA Inc.

Approval of Minutes: The board approved the meeting minutes for the January 29, 2011 Quarterly Meeting; January 29, 2011 Quarterly Subsidiaries' Meeting ; March 10, 2011 Conference Call and March 30, 2011 Conference Call

Recurring Business

Status Changes

1. The following New Branches were formed: Canton of Border Keep – Middle; Barony of Ayreton – Middle; Canton of Hochwald – Meridies and Barony of Dragon's Mist – An Tir.
2. The follow branches underwent routine changes in status: Shire of Grey Gargoyles – Middle; Shire of Rokkehealden – Middle; Shire of Vanished Wood – Middle; Shire of Foxvale – Middle; Shire of Aldlursue – Ansteorra; Shire of Aventure – Drachenwald; Shire of Drei Eichen – Drachenwald; and Shire of Trumstadt - Drachenwald
3. The following local branches were dissolved: Shire of Le Grand Tent – Calontir; Shire of Ivory Keep – Calontir; Shire of Ravensley – An Tir; Shire of Cragmere – An Tir; Shire of Far Reaches – Middle; Shire of Drakelaw – Middle; College of Val D'Azure – Middle and Shire of Ironwood Loch - Atenveldt

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

1. Establishment/Confirmation of Meeting Dates & Locations
 - a. July 9, 201 – Milpitas, CA – agenda deadline is July 1, 2011
 - b. October 15, 2011 – Seattle, WA (An Tir) – agenda deadline is October 1, 2011
 - c. January 28, 2012 – Milpitas, CA – agenda deadline is January 1, 2012

2. Establishment of Conference Call Schedule - Monday, June 20 , 2011
(tentative)

Old Business

A. Electronic Newsletter Project

Aaron (Rusty) Lloyd was appointed to the position of Vice President of Information Technology and put in charge of the electronic newsletter project. Cynthia Wong McCowin was named the program manager. Renee Signorotti provided a report regarding the actions required to transition the Chroniclers offices at Society Level and Kingdom Level that need to be addressed during the next six months. There will be a an announcement on roles and responsibilities at Society and Kingdom Levels issued shortly. The President and the Board wish to commend the numerous and in depth comments received from the populous regarding the conversion to electronic newsletters and encourages additional comments be sent to comments@sca.org in order to ensure that all views and recommendations are taken into consideration.

B. International Membership Rate Adjustment

The recent (January 2011) membership increases failed to properly account for the actual costs for the production and mailing of newsletters outside the United States. It was decided to increase the international rate to cover actual mailing costs for international mail . Effective date for rate increase is July 1, 2011; international rates are to be increased to \$56 per year. There is a potential for membership fee changes after e-newsletter implementation.

C. Inactive Branch Status Proposal

The Board approved a proposal on how to handle inactive branches which would enable local groups to retain their branch names and heraldry during an inactive period. Local branch funds would be managed at Kingdom level and returned to the local branch when active status is regained.

D. Registry Database Replacement

The board decided to re-evaluate replacing the registry database in 2 years.

E. Renewal of Background Checks

The President and the Vice President of the Corporate Office prepared a procedure for renewing background checks. The procedure will be communicated by the Society Seneschal to the Kingdoms.

New Business

The Board approved the Pennsic 2011 Adult Waiver and Minor Waiver Variance Request the

Reports

A. President

The President had no recommendations for Board Actions, Policy Interpretations or New Policies. He commended all those SCA members and volunteers who continue to make our game fun for everyone. I also want to commend all those individuals who volunteered their talents and experiences in creating and published the updated Known World Handbook. He especially commended the following persons for their efforts to date and in advance for the E-newsletter:

- Aaron "Rusty" Lloyd for stepping up to lead the E-newsletter project,
- Cynthia Wong-McGowin for volunteering to be the lead the program management functions for the E-newsletter project
- And to Renee Signorotti and Dori Andrepont for their support, enthusiasm and guidance on the member services and publications support side.

Also, to be commended are all those current, future and past members of the SCA who took the time to fill out and return their 2010 Census so that can continue to improve the SCA for everyone.

The cold winter months are now ending. There were many outstanding indoors events held by all the kingdoms. As the days get longer, the sounds of outdoor events are starting to be heard. Overall, it has been a wonderful winter time for SCA members. The President requests all SCA members to *"Have fun. Make our game fun for everyone, everyday!"*

B. Vice President of Operations (Society Seneschal) – (3/30/11)

The Society Seneschal had the following request for board action. – It is requested that the Board consider making the Society Chatelaine as a great office within the SCA corporate structure. The Board approved putting the recommendation out for comment to the membership.

The Society Seneschal had the following request to support a policy interpretation. The Kingdom of Gleann Abhann asked for a ruling on the use of email lists and who may have access to the lists specifically the crowns. The following ruling was made. The office of the seneschal does not promote the use of email lists to disseminate private and confidential information. All confidential information sent to local and regional seneschals should be sent on an as needed basis and as a private email off email lists. The SCA has no control over non SCA lists including as an example yahoo groups etc. The Board upheld this policy interpretation.

The Society Seneschal proposed the following new policy: All confidential information will be sent via private email person to person, by phone, or by hard copy letter. Private and confidential information will not be sent via electronic group lists. The office of the seneschal will make every effort to protect private and confidential information of the membership.

C. Vice President of Corporate Operations

The Vice President of Corporate Operations' request for an increase in the international membership rate was handled under new business above. The board approved the

request to modify the email address requirement for on-line activities. There were no new policy interpretations from this office.

Renee thanks the Board and all the Kingdoms for their kind willingness to assist the Corporate Staff in this financially difficult time.

D Publication Manager

The Board approved the following requested board actions from the Publications Manager.

- Confirmation of Jennifer Heise as the Editor of the Compleat Anachronist, to complete the term of Elaine Koogler following Elaine's unexpected death.
- Approval of a new policy requiring Baronies to publish newsletters, at a minimum, of quarterly.
- Approval of revisions for Chronicler's Policies to include new release forms.
- Approval of revised "Statement of Ownership" as per Board decision of September 20, 2010.
- Approval of revisions for Webminister's Handbook to include new release forms.
- Approval of Webminister's Handbook for War Websites.

The Publications Manager had no requests to uphold policy interpretations nor did she have any requests for new policies.

The SCA and the Publications group lost a wonderful contributor when Elaine Koogler, Editor of the Compleat Anachronist, passed away unexpectedly on March 16, 2011. Her Emergency Deputy, Jennifer Heise, and her Art Director, Joyce Morris, stepped up quickly to assure that the work that she had begun was completed, and deserve special thanks for their efforts during this sad time. Thanks are also given to Leslie Luther-Fulton for sending out an immediate IKD update to include the interim CA Editor. Once again, it has been a pleasure to work with Gloria Woodward, Christopher Conner, Maria Lecin, Charles Alderson, Stacie Tibbetts and Dar'C O'Neal. Finally, for their ongoing efforts, thanks are given to Theresa Anderson, Stock Clerk, and Renee Signorotti.

a. Tournaments Illuminated

There were no requested board actions, policy interpretations, or new policies from the Editor of Tournaments Illuminated. The TI Editor commends the efforts of Ellen Rawson (Ariel of Lindisfarne), Dan Berger (Rufus MacDaniel), Karen Harris (Karen Larsdatter) and Meg Baron (Francesca di Pavia). Also, she commends Theresa Anderson, TI Advertising Manager, and Renee Signorotti for their unwavering support. TI issue 178 will be mailed April 7, 2011. Issue 179 is in production.

A. Compleat Anachronist

There were no requested board actions, policy interpretations, or new policies from the Editor of the Compleat Anachronist. Joyce Morris was commended for her continuing support and creative solutions to the problems which the CA Editor continues to confront her with. Also to be commended is Jenne Heise for agreeing to be the Emergency Deputy and taking over upon the untimely death of Elaine Koogler.

B. Society Chronicler

There were no requested board actions or policy interpretations from the Society Chronicler. The Society Chronicler had recommendations for new policies which were covered above in the Publication Manager's report.

C. Society Webminister

The Society Webminister had no requests for board actions or policy interpretations. The Society Webminister requested the following new policies which were approved by the board.

- Approval of changes to compliance requirements for Copyrights.
- Approval of new release forms.
- Approval of reporting relations for Web Ministers for War Websites for Pennsic and Gulf Wars.

The Society continues to implement many updates to the web presence as a whole and the Society Webminister encourages any and all persons who have ideas, comments, or feedback to contact their Kingdom Webminister or the Society Webminister.

D. Society Treasurer

There were no requested board actions, policy interpretations, or new policies from the Corporate Treasurer. The Treasurer commends her fiancé, James Baker (Lord Giacomo Falcone) who has the patience of a saint every time she has to go to yet another meeting or someone says they to talk to me about a problem. Overall, it has been a fairly quiet quarter for the Treasurer's office. The SCA currently has six subsidiaries and is in the process for forming four more.

- Society Exchequer

The Financial Policies for the Kingdom of Glenn Abhann, Ansteorra, Estrella War and Atenveldt were returned for further work. The Board approved the Society Exchequer's Policy Interpretation regarding the minimum age for running gate/troll. There were no requests for New Policies from the Society Exchequer. The Society Exchequer sends his appreciation to Baron Borgar of South Downs (Travis Newberry), exchequer for Meridies for all of his hard work and understanding and job well done, and he wants to wish him well in his retirement. The Exchequer also commends Renee Signorotti for helping him with the new bank request process which he hopes to a better process for all concerned. Finally, he would like to once again show his appreciation to Mazelle Attiya, Corporate Treasurer, for being there at all hours and dealing with all of the questions and her general support.

All of the Kingdoms are working hard in completing and turning in their consolidated doomsday reports for the most part, all of the kingdoms have turned in their fourth quarter 2010 reports and we have seen the majority of the fourth quarter newsletter reports completed and stipends delivered. There are several kingdoms that will be transitioning their current Kingdom Exchequers and are actively educating their replacements for smooth transitions. As we are entering the summer activities there are several groups that are refining their policies to better serve the needs of their Kingdoms.

E. Laurel Sovereign of Arms (No Report Received)

Lisa Mohr, Countess Elizabeth was put in as the interim Laurel Sovereign of Arms for a period of up to six months.

F. Marshal

The following policy interpretations and policy proposals were returned for further work.

- Target area communications between opponents.
- Communication of the length of time of a sanction issued by the Marshal in Charge of an event remains in effect.
- Conversion of "Mandrake" tips for fiberglass shafts from experimental to approved status.
- Language pertaining to mace construction.
- Signage requirement for state specific requirements for equestrian activities.

The Board approved the New Policy pertaining to regulation of youth combat activities and took note of the implementation schedule covering youth armored combat and youth rapier combat.

Things are running very smoothly this quarter. The Society Marshal would like to remind Marshals that all experiments must follow the guidelines dictated in the Marshal's Handbook. Kingdom Youth Marshals are doing a great job on the updated rule set changes.

G. Mistress of Arts & Sciences

The Mistress of Arts and Sciences requested that the Board approve the warrant for Mistress Elisabeth Johanna von der Flossenburg, mka, Elisabeth J. von Hahn. She was the MoAS from Aethelmearc. The board approved the warrant. There were no requests for policy interpretations or no new policy requests. Dame Ellen Fraser is commended for her hard work as he MoAS for the Kingdom of An Tir.

Spring is upon us and everyone's thoughts turn to War. We have Lily's War in June and then Pennsic in the summer. The recruitment for Pennsic teachers has begun. The Mistress of Arts and Sciences is holding a meet and greet at Known World Dance, then at Pennsic. At Pennsic, she hopes to have several Kingdoms MoAS's there with her to talk about the health of the Arts and Sciences in the Known World.

She started a blog, SCAMOAS blog. She hopes to post links and other information that she receives via reports and other means. Also, she will talk about events she attends and ideas people had on the Arts and sciences in the SCA.
<http://scamoas.blogspot.com/> is the URL for the blog.

H. Society Chirurgeon

The Society Chirurgeon had no requested board actions, no new policy interpretations and no requests for new policies. She personally thanked everyone who stepped up at Estrella War to help move Chirurgeons point during the severe winds. Point was moved

in 8 minutes to a permanent structure on site. The KC of Atlantia was elevated to the Order of the Pelican this quarter.

I. Society Chatelaine

The Society Chatelaine had no requested board actions, no new policy interpretations and no requests for new policies. She extends her deepest thanks to Mark and Elizabeth Faulcon for their hospitality as she traveled to Trimaris. She also extends her thanks to Marcia and Ridgely Schlemm for their hospitality as she traveled to Calontir.

The Seminar Day program continues to create opportunities to highlight what effective recruitment and retention look like, and to raise the profile of the office in the Kingdoms. While the Society Chatelaine is concerned about the rapid rate of officer turnover and the confusion that seems to be accompanying these turnovers, the Kingdom Officers continue to work to build better communication with local officers and to implement ideas to support local officers. Local officers continue to be the front line in this effort, the place where recruitment and retention really happen.

J. Standing Committees:

Reports were received from the Grand Council, Legal Committee, Census Committee and the Grants Committee.

Executive (Limited) Session

A. James Cummings (Corwyn Dragonstar) Revocation & Denial of Membership

The Board approved a Revocation and Denial of Membership for James Cummings (Corwyn Dragonstar) for a period of seven years effective April 22, 2011. Also, all awards granted to Corwyn Dragonstar have been removed.

B. Tamara Smith (Tamara Lucrezia da Firenze) Absolute Banishment

The board upheld the absolute banishment of Tamara Smith (Tamara Lucrezia de Firenze) and directed the Society Seneschal to conduct an investigation into a possible revocation and denial of membership.

C. Elizabeth Roberts (Gwynwilf) Warrant Suspension Appeal

The Board took no action on the appeal of the warrant suspension for Elizabeth Roberts (Gwynwilf.)

D. A & S Officer Confirmation

The Board confirmed the Minister of Arts and Sciences.

E. Director Selection*

The Board selected Lisa May as the new director elect.

The Board meetings for the subsidiaries were held. The actions of the Board of Directors for SCA, Inc. were approved for each of the subsidiaries.