

# Echoes

## *Special Edition*

A Quarterly Newsletter

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This is a special addition of the Echoes, as requested by the Principality Seneschal, publishing information as encouraged by the President of the Board.

Rose Atherton  
Summits Chronicler



February 7, 2012

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 January 28, 2012, in the Kingdom of the West. 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 January 28, 2012 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.

Subscriptions to the Board Minutes are available from the SCA, Inc. A subscription includes this report in addition to the Minutes approved at the meeting.

Have fun. Make our game fun for everyone, every day!

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas (Tom) W. Hughes  
President, SCA Inc.



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## Old business

**Same Sex Consorts in Crown Tournaments:** The Board is submitting, for commentary, the following potential change to Corpora relative to combatants in Crown Tournaments.

Current Corpora language:

Each competitor in a Royal Lists must be fighting for a consort of the opposite gender.

Proposed Language:

Each competitor in a Royal Lists must be fighting for a consort of the opposite gender. Crowns may permit entry into the Royal Lists by same-gender couples. Please provide your comments to [comments@sca.org](mailto:comments@sca.org).

**Additional Peerage:** Based on the results of the Census data, as well as an examination of the number of participants in the Knowne World, the Board of Directors intends to explore the possibility of creating a new peerage to recognize as peers those rapier fighters who meet the general requirements for a patent of arms and who demonstrate prowess in rapier combat and cut and thrust combat. Therefore, the Board is forming an exploratory committee to investigate heraldry, regalia, corpora changes and associated issues around creating such a peerage. The board expects the committee to make concrete recommendations with respect to creations of such a peerage. Any resulting corpora changes will be submitted for comment pursuant to the Board's standard policy. The Board invites the input of the general membership, Kingdom Crowns and officers as to the make-up of the committee.

## New Business

Corporate Resolutions were approved for the following subsidiary actions:

- A. SCA – *Gulf Wars, Inc. (SCA-GW, Inc.)* – approved
- B. SCA – *Tennessee, Inc. (SCA-TN, Inc.)* – approved
- C. SCA-Maine, Inc. *Subsidiary Formation* – approved
- D. SCA-Mississippi, Inc. *Subsidiary Formation* – approved
- E. SCA-New York, Inc. *Subsidiary Formation* – approved
- F. SCA-Rhode Island, Inc. *Subsidiary Formation* – approved
- G. SCA-Tennessee, Inc. *Subsidiary Formation* – approved
- H. SCA-Gulf Wars, Inc. *Subsidiary Formation* – approved

I. Additional Peerage Proposal – approved the explorations for the formation of a peerage for rapier.

The following New Business were returned for further work.

- A. Social Media Policy – returned for further work
- B. Rules of Submission Handbook – returned for further work. Need to streamline process.

## President

There were no requested Board actions. There were several policy interpretations made by the President during the quarter that were approved by the Board.

1. **Tokens** – An SCA member proposed the use of tokens as currency at an SCA event. I rejected this proposal since it would have violated SCA's By-Laws and Corporate Policy XI. Policy on Coinage and Currency. The Board upheld this policy interpretation.
2. **SCA Trademark and Service Mark enforcement** – An SCA member created a Facebook page using the local branch heraldry and local branch name to use as a platform to make inappropriate comments about the Crown of the member's kingdom. As President, I contacted Facebook and requested that they remove the offensive page since it was using SCA trademarks and service marks without permission. Facebook removed the subject Facebook page within 24 hours. The Board ruled that it is within the authority of the Office of the President to protect and defend SCA's Trademarks and Service Marks.
3. **Consolidated Equestrian waiver request** – A draft consolidated waiver for use at events where equestrian activities was submitted as a replacement for the State by State equestrian waivers. The Society Marshal submitted a request for several State specific equestrian waivers. The equestrian waivers were referred to the Legal Committee for review.

There were no requests for new policies made by the President.

The President commends all those SCA members and volunteers who continue to make our game fun for everyone. He also commended Paul Newton, Sir Omarad the Wary, for his service as Society Marshal.

The SCA is now 45 years old. Plans are underway to hold a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event celebrating our game. Kingdoms interested in hosting this prestigious event are encouraged to submit their bid to the Society Seneschal. Details for the bid requirements can be found on the [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org) web site and in kingdom newsletters. Over the next couple of months, the SCA will be transitioning to electronic newsletters; all members are encouraged to make the change to electronic formats if they are able to do so as this will reduce the operating costs for running the SCA. By changing to electronic formats, members will have access to the newsletters for all kingdoms. The legal matter in Pennsylvania continues to consume the time, talents and resources of the SCA.

The Society Chronicler requested approval of modification to "Statement for Newsletters" in the Chronicler's Policies to include "This newsletter is available online as [www.scanewsletters.org](http://www.scanewsletters.org) for current Sustaining and International members." This request was approved.

The Society Chronicler had no policy interpretations or requests for new policies. The Society Chronicler thanked all of the Kingdom Chroniclers, Dori Andrepont, Renee Signorotti and John Fulton for support and hard work as we prepare to implement electronic Kingdom newsletters. All Kingdom newsletters are running smoothly. The transition to electronic newsletters is underway and the Kingdom Chroniclers are doing a wonderful job preparing for the changes.

### **Tournaments Illuminated Editor**

The Tournaments Illuminated Editor had no requested board actions, no policy interpretations and not requests for new policies. The TI staff has performed outstandingly. The editor is particularly indebted this quarter to the Review Panel Coordinator, Jennifer Franson/Mistress Fionnabhair Kyriat Inghen ui Neill of Caid, Art Director Dori Andrepont/Mistress Doria Tecla continues to be invaluable resource. TI Issue 181 is expected to be mailed January 6, 2012. Issue 182 is in production.

### **Compleat Anachronist Editor**

The Compleat Anachronist Editor requested that warrants for the CA Editor and the Art Director be extended. The Board approved the warrant extensions. The CA Editor had no policy interpretations or request for new policies. The CA Editor commended Joyce Morris and Elise Fleming for pulling together the last two issues with great dispatch. She also requested that the Board put a call for applicants for the Art Director position.

### **Society Chronicler**

The Society Chronicler requested approval modification to "Statement for Newsletters" in Chroniclers Policies to include "This newsletter is available online at [www.scanewsletters.org](http://www.scanewsletters.org) for current and sustaining members. The Board approved the request. The Society Chronicler had not policy interpretations and no requests for new policies. He commended the Kingdom Chroniclers, Dori Andrepont, Renee Signorotti and John Fulton for support and hard work as we prepare to implement electronic Kingdom newsletters. All Kingdom newsletters are running smoothly. The transition to electronic newsletters is underway and the Kingdom Chroniclers are doing a wonderful job preparing for the changes.

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:  
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You may also email [comments@lists.sca.org](mailto:comments@lists.sca.org).

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