



Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd (Australia)

Website: <http://www.sca.org.au/board> Email: chair@sca.org.au or secretary@sca.org.au

The Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd

2018 Annual General Meeting

Will be held on Friday, 20 April 2018 at 5 pm in the Guild Hall at Rowany Festival

Agenda

1. Open meeting
2. Welcome to members and guests
3. Apologies
4. Minutes from the last AGM
5. Correspondence addressed to the AGM
6. Chair's Annual Report
7. Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement
8. Proposed changes to the Constitution
9. Election of Office Bearers
10. Close of meeting
11. Date, time and method of next general meeting

Important Note: As only full financial (not event) adult members of SCA Ltd are entitled to vote, proof of current membership will be required when signing in for the AGM (not just the event), otherwise you will be listed as an observer and your vote will not be counted.

Attachments

1. Chair's Report
2. Proposed changes to the Constitution
3. Candidate Statements

Attachment 1: Chair's Report to the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Chair's AGM report, SCA Ltd, Rowany Festival 2018

Michele Le Bas

After 42 months as a Board member, 41 in Executive roles, it seems very strange to be retiring from this particular service to the SCA and leaving the Board which has taken up such a large part of my time and thoughts for the last three years and a half years. While demanding and challenging at times, I wouldn't have missed the experience and am glad that I made the choice to nominate way back in 2014.

Also retiring after three years of service each are David Beresford of Tasmania and Ray Gleeson of NSW. Ray and David joined the Board at the 2015 AGM and both have served one year as Deputy Chair. We also note our retiring Pegasus Editor Jen Fraser for her superb work on our official newsletter Pegasus. We thank them all for their contributions to the operations of the Board and wish them well in their next SCA adventures.

We leave the Board in the hands of continuing members Kate Turley (VIC), Tim Liersch (ACT), Simon Miller (ACT), Georgia Winter (NSW), Clem Avenell (WA) and from today Benjamin Smith (VIC). In addition, our Registrar Robyn Boyer and her deputy James Hodgkinson continue to tackle the demanding role of managing our memberships. As of today, we have vacancies for two more potential Board members to join us, from any state except ACT and VIC. Please speak with any Board member if you would like to know more about the opportunity, whether you are considering it for now or at some point in the future.

During the year, we have provided advice and information to members, reviewed policies and processes, investigated new software to streamline processes and improved our Board governance with formal Confidentiality Agreements and modernised Motion, Agenda and Minutes formats. One of our twelve scheduled monthly Board meeting was cancelled due to a spate of illness and unavoidable absences resulting in insufficient attendance.

We requested the previous Kingdom Seneschal to establish a subcommittee to conduct due diligence on the perennial question of 'should we purchase land'. This subcommittee has made considerable progress in examining the issues and their work will be continuing under a new leader after the recent retirement of Viscount Aylwin Greymane. We thank all those who have devoted their efforts towards investigating this complex matter.

The SCA Ltd website is undergoing a refresh to modernise it – expect to see differences as the year progresses. We have published our Corporate Mission Statement, essentially the Purpose in our Constitution, but rephrased to more accessibly say what we are about as an organisation. A statement on our values regarding diversity and inclusion has been created and published.

While there will always be more that could be done, when looking back we see progress made every year. For this I thank Board members past, present and future. I would also like to thank my family for supporting me during my term on the Board. It would have been much more difficult without their understanding.

Attachment 2: Proposed changes to the SCA Ltd Constitution

Following the April Board meeting:

Taking into consideration commentary received, the Board withdraws the proposed constitutional amendment, and intends to provide a more comprehensive review of Section 26 of the constitution.

Attachment 3: Candidate Statements

Nominee for the position of Chair: Georgia Winter

Having served on the Executive as Secretary for the past 12 months, I believe I have the knowledge and sound judgement of the time and effort needed to head a successful Board. I would like to review and enhance the corporate governance processes and policies to ensure the BOD is well placed for future challenges, including audit and financial oversight and other legislative requirements.

Known as THL Honoré Corbaut, I have been an active member of the SCA for over 20 years. I enjoy cooking and costuming, knitting and rapier activities. In between this and other Board activities, in 2017 I ran a successful collegium weekend and plan to run more of these in the future.

I have over 25 years office/administrative experience, with a strong background in meetings and minute taking, and experience in project management and project administration. I am currently working in the area of Board Secretariat.

I joined the BOD in late 2016 to further serve the society that has given me so much joy and learning over the years.

Georgia Winter (THL Honoré Corbaut)

Nominee for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair:

My name is Simon Miller, known in the SCA as Lord Semeon Aleksandrovitch Dragon and I wish to nominate for the position of Chair and Deputy Chair of the SCA Australia Board of Directors.

I have been a member of the SCA for over a quarter of a century and in that time I have lived and participated in Stormhold/Krae Glas, Politarchopolis and Rowany. I have also travelled to most of the other groups in the Kingdom for events. I am primarily a fighter and my true love in the SCA is the teaching and practice of heavy combat however I am also a former Seneschal and Marshall of Politarchopolis, Have been on numerous Royal and Baronial Guards and been involved in SCA activities of all types.

As Chair I would seek to continue and build upon the fine work done by previous incumbents in the role and help guide the Board and the Kingdom towards further enhancement and enjoyment of the SCA. I am a firm believer that recruitment of new members and retention of established members are two of the most important issues facing the SCA at this time and would anticipate working closely with the Kingdom to aid these in any way the Board is empowered to. As recent events have shown problems can arise without warning, however I believe that my years of experience in law enforcement, crisis resolution and risk management have prepared me well for any such challenges in future.

I make myself available via Facebook messaging or on semyon.drakon@gmail.com to anyone who wishes to clarify anything or ask me further questions.

Yours in service

Simon (Lord Semeon Aleksandrovitch Dragon)

Nominee for the position of Deputy Chair:

I would like to nominate for the position of Deputy Chair of the Board of Directors, SCA Ltd.

While I am new to the Board of Directors I have some experience with chairing meetings and am keen to develop these skills further. Much of my experience has been in chairing meeting though my involvement with the Australian Labor Party. This included both Young Labor and Branch level meetings of between six and thirty individuals. I have often been complimented on my mediating skills and on having a cool head when arguments have become heated.

I have been a member of the Society since 2006 and during my time I have assisted in the running of a number of events, I have been a member of royal households on five separate occasions, and have had the honour of being granted a Peerage. I feel this range of experience has given me a fairly good understanding of how the group as a whole operates as well as given me an appreciation for how a large number of people participate in the society.

I joined the Board in November of 2017 and while I know this means I am the most junior member of the current Board, I feel I would be well suited to the Deputy Chair position.

Yours in service,

Clement Avenell (Sir Clement von Arlon)

Nominee for the position of Secretary: Kate Turley

I have previously served as Secretary for 12 months, and have supported the current Secretary as needed throughout her term in the role. I am familiar with the role, its requirements, and the commitment it needs in order to be executed well.

Mundanelly, I have over three years administrative experience in a variety of positions, including university administration (key skills include adherence to deadlines) and fast-paced healthcare environments. I am currently a registered teacher in Victoria. I have a strong focus on learning, and one of the outcomes for the Board I would personally like to work towards is better retention of knowledge from one group of Board volunteers to the next.

I have been a member of the SCA for about twelve years, known as Lady Edine Godin. I joined the Board in mid-2015, having previously served the SCA as a College seneschal and frequently as an event steward, including several Royal events, many tournaments, and a rapier collegium weekend. My appointment to the Board ends next Festival.

Yours in Service,

Kate Turley (Lady Edine Godin)

Nominee for the position of Treasurer: Benjamin Smith

I recently stepped down from a two year term as the Reeve of the Barony of Krae Glas and maintain a good and productive working relationship with Lochac's current Exchequer, and mundanely I work in financial reporting and compliance. From this experience, I feel that I have a solid understanding of our organisation's systems, processes and obligations, and am fully capable of taking on the role of Treasurer.

I have a number of specific goals I'd like to achieve as Treasurer, and these include improving and simplifying our internal financial systems and processes, ensuring our organisation continues to meet its external obligations and making this easier to achieve, and developing resources to support our current and future Reeves.

Thanks,

Benjamin Smith (THL Obbi illugi)