

## Chair Report AGM 2026

2025 was a big year. I joined the Board in January 2026 and found myself chairing the AGM that May. I truly did jump into deep water and have been vigorously dog paddling ever since. I am very happy with the way the Board is working. Our new members have hit the ground running, and our returning members continue to make valuable contributions.

The Board signed off on the Affiliation Agreement with SCA Inc in America in July. Many thanks to the previous Board Chair, Tam Hovenga, for all their hard work preparing this.

The Board ratified a Grant Fact sheet for groups looking to apply for community grants. This is available on the Board website (<https://sca.org.au/documents/policy/grantfactsheet/>).

The Child Protection Policy was updated and improved with many thanks to Lady Thalia Brasse for her very hard work compiling and updating these policies (<https://sca.org.au/documents/policy/children/>). This was a significant effort, as our policy has to fit in with different legislative requirements for every state and territory. As part of this update, the Board has also recently advertised the role of Youth Authorisation Officer.

My gratitude also goes to the hard working folk on the Alternate Crown Working Group, who have accomplished miracles. I shall let our esteemed Secretary, Nicole Hellessey, explain this in a separate report.

The Board is in the process of revising the Companion Card Policy after consultation with the Populace. We thank everyone who gave feedback and advice based on their lived experiences.

The Social Media policy has seen significant revision thanks to our Kingdom Social Media Officer, Isabella Miller. Once again, we sought input from the Populace, and it has helped immeasurably.

Craig Hutchinson has been working to bring the possibility of using Siege Legal weapons to the shores of Terra Rosa. There has been many hurdles to overcome as the Siege book is written for US laws, which are more lax than Australian laws. Much like the Child Protection Policies, another problem is different laws in different states. I look forward to seeing what miracles he can achieve in this space alongside the Kingdom earl Marshal.

In January 2026, Section VII.A.2 of Corpora was amended to include Chatelaine and DEIB as Kingdom Great Offices. The Kingdom of Lochac is bound by our corporate agreements to follow the requirements of Corpora.

The Board of SCA Limited Australia (SCA Ltd Australia) has been working on our DEIB policy and procedures for some time. Our preferred option involves the establishment of an Australian Office of Inclusive Programs, reporting directly to SCA Ltd Australia. We believe that having a corporate DEI Officer in Australia will achieve better results than having a single “game-facing” person attempting to straddle the legal responsibilities and requirements of two separate countries. This will also bring us inline with our cousins at SCANZ in New Zealand.

Yours in Service,  
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Chair of SCA Ltd (Australia)