

For the February 2007 meetings, printed May 21, 2007

To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Elisabeth Laurel, Jeanne Marie Wreath, and Margaret Pelican, greetings.

For information about future scheduling, please review the status table located on the Web at <http://www.sca.org/heraldry/status.html>.

The February Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, February 11, 2007 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, February 25, 2007. The meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: Northshield (6 Oct 2006), Laurel LoPaD (15 Oct 2006), Gleann Abhann (16 Oct 2006), Lochac (16 Oct 2006), Artemisia (22 Oct 2006), Drachenwald (22 Oct 2006), East (23 Oct 2006), Ansteorra (24 Oct 2006), West (25 Oct 2006), Æthelmearc (26 Oct 2006), Caid (26 Oct 2006), Loyall (26 Oct 2006), Middle (27 Oct 2006), Outlands (27 Oct 2006), Atlantia (29 Oct 2006), Trimaris (29 Oct 2006), An Tir (30 Oct 2006), Calontir (30 Oct 2006), Meridies (30 Oct 2006), Palimpsest LoftUP (30 Oct 2006), and Atenveldt (31 Oct 2006). **Original commentary on these letters should have been in the College's hands no later than December 31, 2006. Responses and rebuttals to commentary should have been in the College's hands no later than January 31, 2007.**

The March Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican held on Saturday, March 24, 2007, at the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, March 18, 2007, at the Gulf Wars Roadshow on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, and at the Northshield Heraldic Symposium Roadshow held Saturday, March 24, 2007. The meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: Laurel (13 Nov 2006), Lochac (13 Nov 2006), Atenveldt (17 Nov 2006), Ealdormere (18 Nov 2006), Drachenwald (20 Nov 2006), Ansteorra (21 Nov 2006), [Æthelmearc (22 Nov 2006)], Caid (22 Nov 2006), East (22 Nov 2006), Atlantia (27 Nov 2006), Meridies (27 Nov 2006), Northshield (27 Nov 2006), Outlands (27 Nov 2006), and An Tir (28 Nov 2006). **Original commentary on these letters should have been in the College's hands no later than January 31, 2007. Responses and rebuttals to commentary should have been in the College's hands no later than February 28, 2007.**

The April Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held Saturday, April 28, 2007 and Wreath meeting held on Sunday, April 29, 2007. The meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: West (6 Dec 2006), Calontir (11 Dec 2006), Gleann Abhann (14 Dec 2006), Laurel (15 Dec 2006), Middle (16 Dec 2006), Ansteorra (20 Dec 2006), Artemisia (20 Dec 2006), Atenveldt (20 Dec 2006), [Æthelmearc (20 Dec 2006)], Caid (20 Dec 2006), Drachenwald (20 Dec 2006), Atlantia (26 Dec 2006), Middle (26 Dec 2006), Outlands (27 Dec 2006), and Trimaris (30 Dec 2006). **Original commentary on these letters should have been in the College's hands no later than February 28, 2007. Responses and rebuttals to commentary must be in the College's hands no later than March 31, 2007.**

The May Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held Sunday, May 13, 2007 and the Wreath meeting held Sunday, May 20, 2007. These meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: West (17 Jan 2007), Atenveldt (19 Jan 2007), [Drachenwald (20 Jan 2007)], [Lochac (22 Jan 2007)], Ansteorra (23 Jan 2007), Calontir (23 Jan 2007), Caid (24 Jan 2007), Artemisia (24 Jan 2007), [Æthelmearc (25 Jan 2007)], Ealdormere (26 Jan 2007), Outlands (27 Jan 2007), Atlantia (28 Jan 2007), Meridies (29 Jan 2007), East (30 Jan 2007), and Laurel (31 Jan 2007). **Original commentary on these letters should be in the College's hands no later than March 31, 2007. Responses and rebuttals to commentary must be in the Colleges hands no later than April 30, 2007.**

The June Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in June 2007. These meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: East (6 Feb 2007), [Drachenwald (19 Feb 2007)], Gleann Abhann (20 Feb 2007), [Lochac (20 Feb 2007)], Meridies (21 Feb 2007), West (21 Feb 2007), Calontir (22 Feb 2007), Laurel LoPaD (23 Feb 2007), Laurel LoI (23 Feb 2007), Atlantia (26 Feb 2007), Ansteorra (27 Feb 2007), Atenveldt (27 Feb 2007), Outlands (27 Feb 2007), and [Trimaris (28 Feb 2007)]. **Original commentary on these letters should be in the College's hands no later than April 30, 2007. Responses and rebuttals to commentary must be in the Colleges hands no later than May 31, 2007.**

The July Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in July 2007. These meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: East (6 Mar 2007), [Middle (11 Mar 2007)], [Artemisia (20 Mar 2007)], [Lochac (20 Mar 2007)], Laurel (23 Mar 2007), [Caid (24 Mar 2007)], [Drachenwald (24 Mar 2007)], [Æthelmearc (25 Mar 2007)], [Atenveldt (26 Mar 2007)], Calontir (26 Mar 2007), [Meridies (26 Mar 2007)], [Atlantia (27 Mar 2007)], Outlands (27 Mar 2007), [Ansteorra (28 Mar 2007)], [Ealdormere (29 Mar 2007)], West (30 Mar 2007), and [An Tir (31 Mar 2007)]. **Original commentary on these letters should be in the College's hands no later than May 31, 2007. Responses and rebuttals to commentary must be in the Colleges hands no later than June 30, 2007.**

The August Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in August 2007. These meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: East (3-Apr-2007), [Northshield (6-Apr-2007)], [Æthelmearc (15-Apr-2007)], [Middle (15-Apr-2007)], [Drachenwald (21-Apr-2007)], [Caid (25-Apr-2007)], [Meridies (25-Apr-2007)], West (25-Apr-2007), [Ansteorra (27-Apr-2007)], [Atenveldt (27-Apr-2007)], Laurel (27-Apr-2007), [Outlands (27-Apr-2007)], [Atlantia (29-Apr-2007)], [An Tir (30-Apr-2007)], and [Trimaris (30-Apr-2007)]. **Original commentary on these letters should be in the College's hands no later than June 30, 2007. Responses and rebuttals to commentary must be in the Colleges hands no later than July 31, 2007.**

Not all letters of intent may be considered when they are originally scheduled on this cover letter. The date of mailing of the LoI, date of receipt of the Laurel packet, or other factors may delay consideration of certain letters of intent. Additionally, some letters of intent received may not have been scheduled because the administrative requirements (receipt of the forms packet, receipt of the necessary fees, et cetera) have not yet been met.

REMINDER: Until all administrative requirements are met, the letter may not be scheduled.

From Laurel: Dating and Your Letter of Intent

The Administrative Handbook VIII.A.2. reads as follows:

"Late Distribution - If a letter of intent is not distributed in a timely manner to the appropriate members of the College, it will be scheduled as if dated on the date when it was actually mailed."

This rule still applies, except read 'posted' for 'mailed.' If your Letter of Intent is dated in June, for instance, and it is not posted to OSCAR until after the first of July, it will be scheduled as a July letter and you will hear about it. Promptness is as important as ever and should be pretty easy now that printing, stuffing envelopes, labeling, stamping, etc. are things of the past.

The tracking charts are being edited to reflect this change. Instead of the multiple columns listing when LoIs were dated, mailed, received in hard copy, received electronically, and so on, they will now simply list the LoI date and when it was posted to OSCAR.

I thank everyone for their patience, not to mention their persistence in asking questions when they needed clarification, throughout the Great OSCAR Shift. The many needed changes to the Administrative Handbook will be commenced directly after KWHSS in June, which is the deadline for specific requests and suggestions for same.

From Laurel: A Timely Reminder

From the December 2006 Cover Letter: "All Letters of Intent on OSCAR means that all new commentary will, as of May 2007, be on OSCAR as well." Submission heralds and commenters, please take note. Letters of Comment and Letters of Intent are, as of publication of this letter, to be published on OSCAR only. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me.

From Laurel - OSCAR and Letters of Pends and Discussion

A question was raised regarding hardcopy mailings of LoPaDs. Since they can be considered to be equivalent to Letters of Intent for most purposes, they will be posted to OSCAR and no paper will be sent. All rules about dates of issue also apply: if a LoPaD is dated in May, but issued after June 1, it is considered a June letter.

From Wreath: Concerning OSCAR

I encourage submission heralds to post color emblazons to OSCAR. This will reduce - and hopefully eliminate - pends due to misblazons of the tincture(s) of the armory. I realize that there may still be some question as to the exact tincture (e.g., azure or purple) due to scanning issues and the fact that not all monitors display colors the same; however, this is much less of a problem than not having any tinctures present.

I ask that all commenters please check the other comments posted. I know a number of people prefer to comment without seeing previous comments. To those people, I ask that they go back and check comments posted prior to their comments. Among other things, I am using comments to pose questions and ask for comments on specific issues. Responses to these issues may well mean the difference between registering (or returning) an item and pending that item for further commentary.

Send What to Whom

Letters of Intent, Comment, Response, Correction, et cetera are to be posted to the OSCAR online system. No paper copies need be sent.

Submission packets (one copy of each name form plus documentation, including petitions; two colored copies of each armory form plus two copies of any associated documentation, including petitions) to the SCA College of Arms, PO Box 31755, Billings, MT 59107-1755.

Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms" are to: Laurel Chancellor of Exchequer, 4N400 Church Rd, Bensenville, IL 60106-2928.

Send roster changes and corrections to Laurel. College of Arms members may also request a copy of the current roster from Laurel.

For a paper copy of a LoAR, please contact Laurel, at the address above. The cost for one LoAR is \$3. Please make all checks or money orders payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms". For subscriptions to the electronic copy of the LoAR, please contact Laurel at herald@sca.org. The electronic copy is available free of charge.

For all administrative matters, please contact Laurel.

Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Elisabeth de Rossignol
Laurel Principal Queen of Arms