

For the June 2006 meetings, printed September 10, 2006

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 June Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, June 10, 2006, the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, June 11, 2006, and the Laurel Roadshow at Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium on Sunday, June 18, 2006. The meetings considered the following letters of Intent: Lochac (26 Jan 2006), Ealdormere (31 Jan 2006) (redated to 7 Feb based on postmark), Middle (01 Feb 2006), Atenveldt (10 Feb 2006), Laurel (10 Feb 2006), Caid (22 Feb 2006), Drachenwald (22 Feb 2006), West (22 Feb 2006), Atlantia (23 Feb 2006), East (23 Feb 2006), Meridies (25 Feb 2006), Lochac (27 Feb 2006), An Tir (28 Feb 2006), and Northshield (28 Feb 2006).

The July Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday July 16, 2006 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday July 23, 2006. The meetings considered the following letters of intent: Artemisia (22 Feb 2006), Drachenwald (21 Mar 2006), Ansteorra (22 Mar 2006), Caid (22 Mar 2006), West (22 Mar 2006), Æthelmearc (23 Mar 2006), Ealdormere (24 Mar 2006), East (24 Mar 2006), Ansteorra LoItP (25 Mar 2006), Lochac (26 Mar 2006), Outlands (27 Mar 2006), Atlantia (29 Mar 2006), Atenveldt (30 Mar 2006), An Tir (31 Mar 2006), An Tir LoItP (31 Mar 2006), Calontir (31 Mar 2006), Laurel (31 Mar 2006), and Middle (31 Mar 2006).

The August Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held at Pennsic, and the Laurel Roadshow at Pennsic on Tuesday, August 15, 2006. The meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Caid (19 Apr 2006), Drachenwald (19 Apr 2006), Gleann Abhann (19 Apr 2006), West (19 Apr 2006), Ansteorra (20 Apr 2006), Atlantia (20 Apr 2006), Æthelmearc (20 Apr 2006), East (24 Apr 2006), Meridies (25 Apr 2006), Middle (25 Apr 2006), Lochac (27 Apr 2006), Outlands (27 Apr 2006), Atenveldt (28 Apr 2006), Laurel LoPaD (28 Apr 2006), Northshield (29 Apr 2006), An Tir (30 Apr 2006), and Trimaris (30 Apr 2006).

The September Laurel decisions will be made at the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, September 17, 2006 and the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, September 24, 2006. The meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Middle (11 May 2006), East (22 May 2006), Ansteorra (24 May 2006), Artemisia (24 May 2006), Caid (24 May 2006), [Drachenwald (24 May 2006)], West (24 May 2006), Atlantia (25 May 2006), [Æthelmearc (25 May 2006)], Meridies (25 May 2006), Ealdormere (26 May 2006), Outlands (27 May 2006), Lochac (28 May 2006), Calontir (30 May 2006), An Tir (31 May 2006), Atenveldt (31 May 2006), Laurel LoPaD (31 May 2006), and Trimaris (31 May 2006). **Original commentary on these LoIs should have been in the College's hands no later than July 31, 2006. Responses and rebuttals to commentary should have been in the College's hands no later than August 31, 2006.**

The October Laurel decisions will be made at the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, October 15, 2006 and the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, October 7, 2006. The meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Gleann Abhann (12 Jun 2006), Middle (12 Jun 2006), [Ansteorra (21 Jun 2006)], Drachenwald (21 Jun 2006)], West (21 Jun 2006), Atlantia (22 Jun 2006), [East (24 Jun 2006)], Meridies (26 Jun 2006), Siren LoItUP (26 Jun 2006), [Lochac (27 Jun 2006)], Outlands (27 Jun 2006), Palimpsest (27 Jun 2006), [Atenveldt (28 Jun 2006)], and [An Tir (30 Jun 2006)]. **Original commentary on these letters should have been in the College's hands no later than August 31, 2006. Responses and rebuttals to commentary must be in the College's hands no later than September 30, 2006.**

The November Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meetings held on Saturday, November 11, 2006 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, November 5, 2006. The meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Laurel (8 Jul 2006), Middle (12 Jul 2006), [Artemisia (15 Jul 2006)], [Ansteorra (19 Jul 2006)], Atlantia (20 Jul 2006), [Æthelmearc (20 Jul 2006)], [East (20 Jul 2006)], [Drachenwald (23 Jul 2006)], Gleann Abhann (26 Jul 2006), [Caid (26 Jul 2006)], [West (26 Jul 2006)], Northshield (27 Jul 2006), [Outlands (27 Jul 2006)], [An Tir (28 Jul 2006)], [Ealdormere (28 Jul 2006)], Palimpsest LoItUP (29 Jul 2006), [Atenveldt (30 Jul 2006)], Meridies (30 Jul 2006), [and Trimaris (31 Jul 2006)]. **Original commentary on these letters must be in the College's hands no later than September 30, 2006. Responses and rebuttals to commentary must be in the College's hands no later than October 31, 2006.**

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 - Updates on OSCAR

I am often asked "When are we going to start using OSCAR for real?" The answer is that we are already using OSCAR for real. Letters of Intent are being posted, they are being commented on, and these comments are being used in decisions. The real question is "When will the paper go away?"

The current procedure is that OSCAR commentary is printed out and mailed, just like any other commentary. The Administrative Handbook requires that commentary be mailed. Because of this, the Admin Handbook must be changed before we can finish the transition away from paper.

First, though, all Letters of Intent must be entered into the system every month. Submissions heralds should already be doing this. For those that are not, please start doing so as soon as possible. The next step in the transition will be the requirement that LoIs must have been entered into OSCAR before decisions on that letter will be made. This will join the requirement that the packet and payment have been received.

The more comfortable people become with the system, the more prepared they will be when this requirement is implemented. If you have problems with the system or suggestions to improve usability, please contact Istvan Blue Tyger directly and copy me.

Istvan has added some new functionality to the OSCAR system. Most of these are minor updates to make it easier to navigate from commentary to the Letter of Intent or to the paired item when using the 'comment' interface. Some of these changes are responses to user feedback, such as hiding email addresses when mailing a LoI notification to those that have requested it and the addition of a complete copy of the roster, available to CoA members. Also, lack-of-use timeouts have been extended from one hour to two.

The system is also now able to generate XML that should facilitate production of the LoAR. This is a great step forward to making the production of the LoAR less labor intensive for Laurel staff, another major goal of OSCAR.

Again, OSCAR is only as good as its usability. If you have issues, please do speak up.

From Laurel - Thanks to Palimpsest

Herald's Point at Pennsic this year was run by Juliana Palimpsest, who, as one might expect, did a stellar job in the face of long hours, a record number of paid submissions and a few less heralds than one might have wished. To her, and all her numerous assistants, the Laurel office owes many thanks, as do the hundreds of submitters who came through the Point. The organization and hard work it takes to generate so many name and armory submissions under such conditions is both impressive and a real pleasure to watch.

Roster Changes

Ansteorra

- Gunnvor Silfraharr ... is no longer Bordure Herald (external submissions), and is no longer on the roster or mailing list.
- The new Bordure Herald is Emma de Fetherstan (Jennifer Smith), previously rostered as Asterisk Herald (internal submissions). She remains on the roster and is added to the mailing list, as with any kingdom external submissions herald. Her contact information again: 601 S Washington St # 137, Stillwater OK 74074-4539; phone 405-372-0480; e-mail bordure@ansteorra.org or jds@randomgang.com; prefers LoI: e-list, LoC: e-list.
- Since Emma has become Bordure Herald, the new Asterisk Herald is Maria Cabeca de Vaca (Christine Huse), previously rostered as Arbalest Herald (returns coordinator). As before, she remains on the roster but she is not on the mailing list. Her contact information again: 6031 Sunnyside Dr, Fort Worth TX 76119-4479; ... e-mail asterisk@ansteorra.org.
- Because Maria is now rostered as Asterisk Herald, the office of Arbalest Herald is no longer listed on the roster or mailing list.

Drachenwald

- In Nordmark, Vanna Edwinsdochter Dawburn ... is no longer Silversparre Herald (principality herald), and is no longer on the roster or mailing list.
- The new Silversparre Herald is Anna de Byxe (Anna Troy), Landgrensgatan 30, SE-871 60 Härnösand, Sweden; phone +46 611 500178 (calls between 5-10 P.M. Central European Time), e-mail owly3@yahoo.se. She notes that, if necessary, the town name could be written Harnosand, and the postal code would clear up confusion. She is added to the roster but not the mailing list.
- In the Crown Principality of Insulae Draconis, new to the roster is Rockall Herald, Robin Bowman (Alistair Darragh), 30 Bendigo Street, Belfast, BT6 8GD, United Kingdom; phone +44 (0) 28 9028 5795 (after 6 P.M. U.K. time / Western European Time); e-mail herald@insulardraconis.org. He is added to the roster but not the mailing list.

Gleann Abhann

- Saran mac Imair ... is stepping down as Diamond Principal Herald at the end of August 2006. He is no longer on the roster or mailing list.
- The new Diamond Principal Herald is Katryne MacIntosh the Strange (Kat Robinson), previously rostered as Shofar Herald (KWHSS 2006 Autocrat). As with any kingdom principal herald, she is ipso facto on the roster and the mailing list. Her contact information again: ... e-mail KatTheStrange@aol.com; prefers LoIs: e-list, LoCs: e-list.
- Katryne was previously on the roster as Shofar Herald, but with her elevation to Principal Herald, the position of Shofar Herald now becomes vacant.

Trimaris

- Giuliana del Chiaro ... is no longer Lymphad Herald (external submissions). She is no longer on the roster or mailing list.
- The new Lymphad Herald is Ilene Johnestoune...; prefers LoI: e-mail, LoC: e-mail. She is added to the roster and the mailing list.

In Artemisia, returning to the roster as a commenter without a title (for now) is Athenais Bryennissa (Kristin Gulling-Smith), PO Box 30283, Billings MT 59107-0283; ... e-mail kgullingsmith@bresnan.net; prefers LoI: e-list, LoC: e-list. As with any commenter, she is added to both the roster and the mailing list.

In the Laurel section of the roster, Margherita Alessia (Susan Earley), Laurel Exchequer, has changed her e-mail address to suzaneary@comcast.net. All other contact information remains the same.

Send What to Whom

For all Letters of Intent, Comment, Response, Correction, et cetera, send one paper copy directly to each of the Sovereigns of Arms, Laurel, Pelican and Wreath at their mailing addresses as shown on the College of Arms Roster.

Send Laurel office copies of all submissions-related paper, including

- Letters of Intent, Comment, Response, Correction, et cetera (note: such paper copies are *in addition to* the personal copies for Laurel, Pelican and Wreath mentioned above)
- 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.

Send the required electronic copies of all submissions-related files to submissions@sca.org. This applies to all LoIs, LoCs, LoRs, et cetera.

Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms" are to be sent directly to the CoA Chancellor of the Exchequer, at 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, or for questions about whom to send to, please contact Laurel.

Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Elisabeth de Rossignol
Laurel Principal Queen of Arms