

For the June 2009 meetings, printed September 30, 2009

To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Olwyn Laurel, Istvan Wreath, and Aryanhwy Pelican, greetings.

Items listed below in square brackets have not been scheduled yet. For information about future scheduling, please review the status table located on the Web at <http://oscar.sca.org/index.php?action=137>.

The June Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, June 14, 2009. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Calontir (31 Jan, 2009)(pushed due to lack of payment), Caid (12 Feb, 2009), Gleann Abhann (14 Feb, 2009), An Tir (16 Feb, 2009), Meridies (16 Feb, 2009), Æthelmearc (24 Feb, 2009), Ansteorra (24 Feb, 2009), Ealdormere (24 Feb, 2009), Atenveldt (25 Feb, 2009), Northshield (26 Feb, 2009), Laurel LoPaD (27 Feb, 2009), Outlands (27 Feb, 2009), Atlantia (28 Feb, 2009), Calontir (28 Feb, 2009), Lochac (28 Feb, 2009), and Middle (28 Feb, 2009). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Sunday, May 31, 2009.**

The July Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday July 04, 2009 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, July 11, 2009. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: East (14 Mar, 2009), East (18 Mar, 2009), Æthelmearc (23 Mar, 2009), Ansteorra (24 Mar, 2009), Atenveldt (25 Mar, 2009), Meridies (27 Mar, 2009), Gleann Abhann (28 Mar, 2009), Artemisia (29 Mar, 2009), Northshield (29 Mar, 2009), An Tir (30 Mar, 2009), Atlantia (30 Mar, 2009), Trimarís (30 Mar, 2009), Caid (31 Mar, 2009), Drachenwald (31 Mar, 2009), Lochac (31 Mar, 2009), Middle (31 Mar, 2009), Outlands (31 Mar, 2009), and West (31 Mar, 2009). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Tuesday, June 30, 2009.**

The August Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, August 08, 2009, the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, August 15, 2009 and the joint Pennsic Roadshow held on Monday, August 03, 2009. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Laurel LoPaD (07 Apr, 2009), Ealdormere (13 Apr, 2009), East (18 Apr, 2009), Laurel LoPaD (20 Apr, 2009), Calontir (22 Apr, 2009), Northshield (22 Apr, 2009), Atlantia (27 Apr, 2009), Meridies (28 Apr, 2009), An Tir (30 Apr, 2009), Drachenwald (30 Apr, 2009), and West (30 Apr, 2009). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Friday, July 31, 2009.**

The September Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, 12 September, 2009, at the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, September 19, 2009, and at the Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium Roadshow on Sunday, September 06, 2009. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Caid (19 Apr, 2009)(pushed due to lack of packet), Atenveldt (20 Apr, 2009)(pushed due to lack of packet), Æthelmearc (29 Apr, 2009)(pushed due to lack of payment), Lochac (30 Apr, 2009)(pushed due to lack of packet), Middle (30 Apr, 2009)(pushed due to lack of payment), Outlands (30 Apr, 2009)(pushed due to lack of packet), Gleann Abhann (09 May, 2009), Atenveldt (15 May, 2009), East (16 May, 2009), Gleann Abhann (19 May, 2009), Calontir (21 May, 2009), Æthelmearc (23 May, 2009), Ansteorra (28 May, 2009), Northshield (29 May, 2009), Atlantia (31 May, 2009), Caid (31 May, 2009), Drachenwald (31 May, 2009), Lochac (31 May, 2009), Meridies (31 May, 2009), Middle (31 May, 2009), Trimarís (31 May, 2009), and West (31 May, 2009). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Monday, August 31, 2009.**

The October Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, October 03, 2009 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, October 24, 2009. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: An Tir (31 May, 2009)(pushed due to lack of payment), Loyall (03 Jun, 2009), Laurel LoPaD (08 Jun, 2009), Outlands (18 Jun, 2009), Atenveldt (20 Jun, 2009), East (22 Jun, 2009), Laurel LoTP (25 Jun, 2009), Meridies (25 Jun, 2009), Northshield (25 Jun, 2009), An Tir (26 Jun, 2009), Drachenwald (28 Jun, 2009), Ansteorra (29 Jun, 2009), Atlantia (29 Jun, 2009), Gleann Abhann (29 Jun, 2009), Calontir (30 Jun, 2009), and West (30 Jun, 2009). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, September 30, 2009.**

The November Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held on Saturday, November 07, 2009. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Ealdormere (12 May, 2009)(pushed due to lack of packet), [Artemisia (31 May, 2009)](pushed due to lack of payment), Caid (15 Jun, 2009)(pushed due to lack of packet), [Caid (25 Jun, 2009)](pushed due to lack of packet), Gleann Abhann (14 Jul, 2009), Atenveldt (15 Jul, 2009), [Æthelmearc (19 Jul, 2009)], An Tir (19 Jul, 2009), Atlantia (24 Jul, 2009), [Outlands (24 Jul, 2009)], Calontir (26 Jul, 2009), Ansteorra (28 Jul, 2009), [Meridies (29 Jul, 2009)], Trimarís (30 Jul, 2009), [Artemisia (31 Jul, 2009)], East (31 Jul, 2009), Lochac (31 Jul, 2009), and [Middle (31 Jul, 2009)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Saturday, October 31, 2009.**

The December Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in December 2009. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Northshield (09 Aug, 2009), [An Tir (17 Aug, 2009)], Atenveldt (20 Aug, 2009), [Æthelmearc (21 Aug, 2009)], [Atlantia (26 Aug, 2009)], [Caid (26 Aug, 2009)], [Meridies (28 Aug, 2009)], Calontir (29 Aug, 2009), [Drachenwald (30 Aug, 2009)], [Gleann Abhann (30 Aug, 2009)], [Middle (30 Aug, 2009)], [Ansteorra (31 Aug, 2009)], [Drachenwald (31 Aug, 2009)], Ealdormere (31 Aug, 2009), [Lochac (31 Aug, 2009)], and [West (31 Aug, 2009)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Monday, November 30, 2009.**

*Not all letters of intent may be considered when they are originally scheduled on this cover letter. The date of posting 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: A New Exchequer

This month, our long-serving, long-suffering exchequer, Margherita Alessia, is finally retiring, effective October 1. Thanks to Ghita for many years of service! Stepping into the position will be Rory ua Riada, from Gleann Abhann.

Principal and Submissions heralds, please take note! There is a new address that submissions money must be sent to. It can be found in the "Send What to Whom" section, below.

#### **From Laurel: New Education Deputies**

Also this month, Gisela vom Kreuzbach has stepped down as our education deputy, and our thanks for her service, as well! The position will be filled by two capable people: Richenda du Jardin, currently residing in An Tir, and Elena Modarova vnuchka, who currently resides in Atlantia. These two ladies have some very good ideas. I ask everyone to please give them your suggestions and give their ideas your consideration.

#### **From Laurel: Filing Names on OSCAR**

An entry on the Ealdormere LoI considered this month listed the submitter's primary name in a spelling which was neither registered nor in process. Submissions heralds, we'd like to remind you how important it is that only the registered or in process form of the name is used in OSCAR submissions. Anything other than the name exactly as it is registered or submitted causes extra work for the pre-meeting clerk, who has to correct the error in the XML files. If this error is not caught before the Laurel meetings or in proof-reading, then it creates extra work for the Errata Clerk, who must issue a correction via an errata letter. Please take the extra time needed to be sure that the forms of names listed either as the "filing name" or the "old item" on OSCAR match the registered spelling in the Ordinary and Armorial or the spelling of the item as it appears on a Letter of Intent. Note that OSCAR checks names on proto-LoIs, so a message that it does not find the name is a clue. The only time OSCAR does not find a registered name is when the name is changed at Laurel and has not yet been added to the O&A database, which can take several months.

#### **From Wreath: Forced Moves**

In February, we asked the College of Arms whether or not we should change our current policy on difference for forced moves. Current interpretation holds that if the placement of the charges in either the new submission or the protected armory is dictated by other elements of the design, such as field tincture, any change of charge position is considered forced and no difference is granted for that change. Several commenters have argued that changes in charge placement should only be considered forced if the charge placement in the new submission is forced, since the position in the protected piece of armory is fixed and will never move.

We find ourselves unable to agree with the arguments in favor of changing this requirement. Returning to first principles, our goal is to ensure that two pieces of armory appear to have a minimum of two cadency steps of difference unless permission is granted. The proposed change would make even conflict between some extremely simple devices depend on the order of registration. We are unwilling to do this.

We are, therefore, retaining the transitive property of forced moves: if either the new or the old position of the charges is forced, the change of position is considered forced and not counted for difference.

#### **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 be sent to David Duggar, ATTN: Laurel Chancellor of Exchequer, 1705 Holiday Pl, Bossier City, LA 71112.

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". The electronic copy of the LoAR is available free of charge. To subscribe to the mailings of the electronic copy, please see the bottom of <http://heraldry.sca.org/heraldry/lists.html#lists> for more instructions.

For all administrative matters, please contact Laurel.

Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Olwynn ni Chinnedigh  
Laurel Principal Queen of Arms