



# THE GALE WINDS



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Shire Work Session & Tavern—06 Aug 2011 at 10am
- August Business Meeting—Monday 22 Aug 2011

## IMPORTANT NEWS!

In this issue, there are 2 very important issues that need everyone's attention!

First—the office of the Minister of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) is vacant. On page 2, you will find the official notice of vacancy as well as the job description for the office, and instructions on how to put forth your interest in the position.

Second—in the July business meeting, there were some changes proposed to our charter. On page 3, you will see this proposal. Please read it carefully, and be prepared to vote on the changes (or discuss them further) at the August business meeting.

Votes for the charter changes can be made via proxy to the seneschal (Geryl Turner) via email by noon on the day of the next business meeting (Monday 22 August 2011).

## MUSINGS OF THE MAGIC BOX

Webminister / Chronicler —Lady Celestria de Cranham

**Wow....it seems like it was just a week ago when I created the last newsletter.....**

**OH WAIT A MINUTE—IT WAS JUST A WEEK AGO!!!**

After some discussion at the last business meeting, it was decided that starting with the August edition of the Gale Winds, the newsletter publishing date would change from the date of the business meetings to the first(ish) of every month.

This change was made so that we can use our newsletter as a more timely method of passing along information. Over the past few months, there has been a lot of confusion around the dates and information housed in the newsletter, because it always contained the previous months meeting minutes—which often had outdated dates or times for events, as there had been 3-4 weeks for them to change! Additionally, according to our charter, we should be publishing things like vacant officerships, major votes etc in our newsletter—which was actually slowing down the process!

We will continue to provide a copy or two of the newsletter at the business meetings - but by the meeting, you should have already seen it online—either via email, the Shire Website, or a link on Facebook.

As always, we are looking for contributions to the newsletter— all officers should be copying or forwarding me on their officer reports for inclusion in the newsletter, and I love to see reports from anyone who attends events, or on anything SCA related in general! We can even start including a running section for people's persona history!

Let your creative juices flow!!!

## VACANT –MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Effective immediately, the position of Minister of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) is vacant. Nicole has decided to step down, and awaits her successor. All interested candidates should present themselves to the populace at the August business meeting (Monday 22 August 2011). Any candidates will then be sent out to the shire for consideration (via the September Gale Winds, email list, etc) and will be voted upon at the September business meeting (Monday 26 September 2011).

### Below is a description of the MOAS position:

The purpose of the Arts and Sciences in the Society is to help us recreate medieval life and culture. It is the responsibility of the Minister of Arts and Sciences to encourage everyone who wants to learn, teach, study, demonstrate, display, or practice some medieval art or science to do so.

MOASs have four principal tools at their disposal to help them with their work: Facilitation, Communication, Encouragement and Recognition.

**Facilitation:** Otherwise called “networking,” facilitation puts the people who want to learn stuff in contact with the people who know stuff.

**Communication:** Reporting is very important, but there is more to communication than reports. A good MOAS encourages communication among artisans. Find out what arts and sciences people in your group want to learn about. Arrange classes or workshops on those topics. If no one in your local group can teach, arrange for guest teachers from another group. Your Regional and Kingdom MOAS can help you find teachers if you don't know who to contact.

**Encouragement:** Encourage people in your group who are working on group and individual projects, help new members make or obtain basic garb and other necessities, and help members prepare to enter A & S displays and contests.

**Recognition:** Be aware of what people in your group are doing, praise their endeavors and make sure recognition is given where it is due! Public praise is a great motivator: have "show and tell" local meetings, arrange arts and sciences displays at local events or put a column in your local newsletter that features what artisans in your area are doing. Nominate worthy people for Baronial and/or Kingdom awards. Refer to Chapter 9, Awards, for more details.

The Arts and Sciences happen every day; when food is prepared to share, a new costume is made; armor is updated, in every attempt to look and feel medieval. Think about what you and your friends are doing every day to make the SCA come alive, and you will find the Arts and Sciences. The MOAS should foster growth of the Arts and Sciences in the SCA, keeping in mind that everyone will move at his/her own pace.

In the SCA framework, reporting is important and necessary, you should make every attempt to be complete and on time. Take time to communicate with your group to learn about their projects, progress, and any problems they may be encountering to include with your reports.

An effective MOAS willingly shares ideas and information. Learning is enhanced by researching, doing and teaching. Direct people to good SCA sources to find and share information such as local newsletters, Artes Draconis (the Arts and Sciences Newsletter of the Middle Kingdom), Tournaments Illuminated, or The Compleat Anachronist; or at a Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM) session, Pennsic, or local workshops.



# PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES—PLEASE REVIEW

At the July business meeting, Carol Girard proposed some changes be made to the charter, to better ensure that our voting procedures for new officers are handled a little more efficiently as well as increasing the methods of allowed communication of officership vacancies, upcoming votes, etc. Please read the proposed changes below. We will be voting on these proposed changes at the August business meeting, unless there is considerable discussion and change to the proposal.

You can view the existing charter at <http://sca-altenberg.org/charter.pdf>

## First Change—Publishing of information:

Any place in the charter that references publishing something in The Gale Winds will be changed to read “publish.....in The Gale Winds or other appropriate means of electronic communication...”

## Second Change—Section 2-3—Filling Offices :

This section reads today as follows:

### Filling Offices

When a Shire office becomes vacant, the Shire shall recommend to the Crown a successor as follows:

Note: Upon normal completion of a term, the position must be opened and voted upon.

- A. If the retiring officer wishes to recommend a deputy who is willing and qualified to fill the office, the Shire shall support that recommendation as provided in II.3.D below.
- B. If the retiring officer has no recommendation, the Seneschal shall have published in the Gale Winds a Notice of Vacancy, a job description, and a request for written applications for at least one month, or one issue, whichever is greater.
- C. All applications shall be interviewed by the Seneschal, the retiring officer, and members of the Shire.
  - A. An appropriate officer appointed by the Seneschal shall attend if the retiring officer is not available.
  - B. Applications for Seneschal shall be interviewed by ALL officers and those Shire members who wish to participate.
- D. All applicants are then voted upon by the Shire, before being put before the Crown. If necessary, the Seneschal may appoint, a pro-tem officer to carry out the vital services of an office until a permanent successor can be chosen.
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- C. Applications for officers shall be reviewed by ALL officers and those Shire members who wish to participate during the next business meeting.
  - A. In the event that no applicants step forward for a Greater Officer Position, a pro-tem officer will be assigned by the Seneschal and the Notice of Vacancy will continue to run on the mailing list until an applicant is found.
- D. A notice of upcoming vote will be published in the Gale Winds or other appropriate means of electronic communication, listing all applicants (regardless of number of applicants). This will allow for proxy voting at the next Business Meeting (See VOTING).
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SHIRE OF ALTENBERG MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING	
FACILITATOR	Gerallyn Turner (Lady Mariana de la Mar)
SCRIBE	Carol Girard (Lady Celestria de Cranham)
DATE	25 July 2011
TIME	7:30pm
LOCATION	Mt. Clemens Public Library

ATTENDEES					
OFFICERS		POPULACE			
Gerallyn Turner	X	Allison Anderson		Bill Hanna	
Becky Klein	X	Courtney Bocci	X	Michelle Hogan	x
Bart Wright	X	Jerry Bocci	X	Russ Martin	
Nicole Hanna		Kevin Bowers		Joe Nardi	
Chris Hogan	x	Marva Bowers	x	Kim Rewitzer	
Carol Girard	X	Mel Charlebois		Matt Sarns	
		Mike Foster		David Turner	
		John Girard		Barb Wright	
GUESTS					
Susanne	X				

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION
<b>SENECHAL REPORT</b> <b>GERALYN TURNER</b>	<p>Charter changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carol proposed some changes to the charter regarding the voting procedures. It was also discussed that anywhere it mentioned posting something in the Gale Winds, it should be changed to "The Gale Winds or other appropriate means of electronic communication". The proposed changes will be posted in the next Gale Winds, and will be discussed / voted on at the August meeting.</li> <li>Carol proposed that we since the changes to the voting procedures are not changed yet, we vote to submit the notice to vacate via list rather than Gale Winds -(there were 7 yes and 1 abstention)</li> </ul> <p>Changing the date of The Gale Winds to the first of the month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on discussions, the "new August addition" will have the proposed charter changes</li> </ul> <p>Pentemere becoming a principality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a link from the midrealm website about Pentemere becoming a principality.</li> <li>A Principality is a sub-set of the kingdom itself that has it's own prince &amp; princess and their own crown tourney &amp; coronation - it's like a mini-kingdom under Midrealm.</li> <li>It would allow for sitting royalty in Michigan - would create more A&amp;S and research events in Michigan, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>EXCHEQUER REPORT</b> <b>BECKY KLEIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yard Sale - we came out with \$73.00.</li> <li>Quarterly Kroger Check - approx. \$72</li> <li>Donation from Macomb County Kennel Club for redoing our site map and adjusting it to them - \$50</li> <li>Total Deposit - 194.20.</li> <li>All checks have cleared except for the badge submission of \$7</li> <li>\$1500.50 - current balance</li> <li>Quarterly Report has gone in and been accepted</li> </ul>
<b>CHATELAINE REPORT</b> <b>BART WRIGHT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have a guest - Welcome Susanne</li> <li>Nothing else to report</li> </ul>

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PURSUIVANT REPORT BART WRIGHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report</li> </ul>
THROWN WEAPONS CAROL GIRARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is archery tomorrow &amp; we now have an Archery Marshal in progress and Bill is the Northwoods Baronial Archery champion</li> </ul>
MOAS REPORT NICOLE HANNA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was sent via email to the shire and was included in the July newsletter</li> </ul>
FIGHTER MARSHAL REPORT CHRIS HOGAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing new to report</li> </ul>
CHRONICLER REPORT CAROL GIRARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As previously discussed in the meeting, we are changing the publication date of the newsletter to the beginning of the month!</li> </ul>
WEB MINISTER REPORT CAROL GIRARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need pictures for the website!</li> </ul>
OLD BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event – is there money coming back? No – we rolled this years deposit over for next year. Michelle &amp; GERALYN will follow up with the site to get a receipt.</li> <li>We have a date set for next year! May 18th – 20th</li> </ul>
NEW BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cordial Party – this Saturday at Michelle &amp; Chris's – 21 &amp; Garfield. Bring a dish to pass &amp; your own grillables – see facebook to list what you're bringing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You need an alcohol base (whisky, rum, vodka or sherry)</li> <li>Sweetner (honey or sugar)</li> <li>Flavors – fruit, nut or spices</li> <li>Jar with a sealable lid</li> </ul> </li> <li>Work session – August 6th at Beckys House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am – finish ship stuff possibly go through and resort the dishes &amp; feast gear. Mostly – dealing with rigging, possibly work on deck, etc.</li> <li>Park is 2 blocks away for the kids</li> <li>BBQ – bring your own grillables</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do we want to start handing out invites for next year's BOTIS at some of the recent fall events that we may have missed last year? Yes, we do!</li> </ul>

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# MIDREALM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: The online version at [www.midrealm.org/calendar/index.php](http://www.midrealm.org/calendar/index.php) is the most up to date version...

## September 2011

- 2-4
  - Middle Kingdom Academy of Defence XIV {Shire of Ravenslake} [Woodstock, IL]
- 2-5
  - Havoc in Hastings {Canton of Three Walls} [Hastings, MI]
- 9-11
  - For Hands {Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Wood River, IL]
  - Harvest Days/Tournament of Chivalry {Winged Hills/Flaming Gryphon} [Pleasant Hill, OH]
- 16-18
  - Fields of Cloth and Gold {Illiton} [chillicothe, IL]
  - Saxon Summer XI {Shire of Rivenvale} [Burghill, OH]
  - VIKINGS COME HOME XX {Barony of Donnershafen} [Traverse City, MI]
- 17
  - Still Smoking - Day of the Dragon XI {Shire of Dragons Vale} [Cromwell, IN]
- 24
  - Coronation {Barony of Red Spears}
- 30-October 2
  - Mounted War Games {Shire of Shadowed Stars} [Peru, IN ]
  - Pounce X and North Oaken Regional Craftperson's Faire {Catteden} [Vanlue, OH]
  - Procrastinators Brawl & Ball and Roaring Wastes Baronial Championships {Canton of Brackendelve} [Ray Township, MI]

## October 2011

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  - All about the Arts and Sciences {The Shire of Baile na Scolairi} [Bloomington, IL]
  - Cleftlands Baronial Standard Bearer Tournament {Barony of Cleftlands} [Olmstead, OH]
  - Cynnabar's Fiber Faire and Pentamere Craftperson's Faire {Barony of Cynnabar} [Chelsea, MI]
  - Harvest Celebration {Barony of Carraig Ban} [DeKalb, IL]

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