

# Chair's report 2019

## Introduction

Looking back through the archive of Chair's reports, it seems like the majority start with some variation of 'this has been a quiet year for SCANZ'.

This year has been no exception.

Our groups have been stable, moderately active, and generally sensible, for all of which the committee is grateful.

## Policies

We are in the process of reviewing several of our policies - in particular, the finance policy and the code of conduct / bullying and harassment policy. We eagerly solicit assistance with this.

There is a small change proposed to the rules of the society - this is in response to the observation that our current sanctions rules arguably require someone to be a member at the point of time that they are sanctioned, which deals poorly with our current environment of event membership.

## Finances

Our financial position is strong, both at a corporate level, and within our individual groups: while we do not want to be frivolous with our money, anyone with ideas for how we could improve our game through the application of cash should not hesitate to advance them.

Our ongoing costs are extremely moderate: my equivalent in Australia is green with envy at the reasonableness of our insurance premiums.

## Other groups

Our interactions with our peer groups have been cordial, and minimal.

There was some back and forth, primarily handled at the Lochac seneschal level, with the US regarding China, and membership of Chinese members. The end result of this was that administration of Chinese members, which had been handed to Lochac and SCANZ, was returned to the US.

There are steps underway to increase communications and engagement between the SCANZ committee and the SCA Ltd (Australia) Board.

# Rotation

Trent has stepped down as Treasurer, being replaced by Will Howard. We thank Trent for his years of service, and his ongoing willingness to lend a hand when needed.

Scott stepped down recently, having extended his tenure to cover for Niamh's absence after she stepped down to take up the role of seneschal for Southron Gaard. He also is owed a great debt of gratitude for his tireless work on the committee.

Richard Dagger has stepped up in his place returning for another tour of duty.

James Glover is currently serving as Secretary, and will be replacing me as Chair as of this AGM.

We have struggled to find volunteers for committee positions, so please, if you have any interest in contributing to the running of the mundane side of our game, don't hesitate to put your hand up.

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