

Annual General Meeting 2 August 2026 - Agenda

Business

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meetings (see PDF copies at <https://sca.org.nz/meeting-documents>):
 - a. AGM August 2025
 - b. SGM January 2026
3. Report from the SCANZ Chair
4. Report from the SCANZ Treasurer
5. New committee member
6. Committee motion: to define a new SCANZ policy for the appointment of officers in Lochac.
 - a. Link to draft policy:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1baKeiFPLGM892T4T7moA5mr-1uZIYq3U/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101218701711544619328&rtpof=true&sd=true>
 - b. Background: the intent is to avoid the need to follow the requirements of Corpora of having the Crown sign a warrant form for every officer in the kingdom, for each reign – from every marshal to every canton A&S officer.
This is a Corpora requirement that we have been politely ignoring forever unless asked by a (US) Society Officer. It has come up in our review of Kingdom Law for our constitutional changes, which found a bunch of things that we weren't compliant with.
Since SCANZ policies have precedence over Corpora requirements for NZ, the proposed policy will render the discrepancy void. For a complete fix, we will be encouraging SCA Ltd to define a corresponding policy for the Australian part of Lochac.
Coincidentally, Drachenwald has also been stirring about warranting marshals since they don't do that either. We may share this policy with them.
The draft policy sets out:
 - i. - who appoints who – some of which is in our constitution and some from kingdom law,
 - ii. - terms of office,
 - iii. - how ceasing to be an officer or removal from office etc. works,
 - iv. - requirements to advertise each term etc - some from the Lochac procedures manual.
7. Committee motion: to establish a Health and Safety Officer as a SCANZ position.
 - a. Background: the Kingdom Chirurgeon office is an in-game role, and is not able to usefully manage safety aspects across two different legislative regimes. This proposed Health and Safety officer would be tasked with managing health and safety of SCA activities in New Zealand. Injuries happen to real people and not their personas, so health and safety is fundamentally a direct responsibility of SCANZ, not Lochac.

Insert in constitution:

6.2.3.5 SCANZ Health and safety officer

1. *The SCANZ health and safety officer must:*
 - a. *provide advice to the committee concerning health and safety matters for SCANZ's policies and procedures for corporate and recreational activities.*
 - b. *provide advice and support to NZ branches to improve health and safety in their activities.*
 - c. *report to the committee and its affiliates according to guidelines that may be set by the committee from time to time.*

d. perform other duties of a related nature, as may be negotiated with the committee from time to time.

2. Should the committee choose not to appoint a SCANZ health and safety officer, they must perform these duties themselves.

8. Other General Business

a. None.

SCANZ Chair's report 2026

Once again, I ask "Where did the year go?"

Our SCANZ membership holds fairly steady around 250-260ish.

This year has been fairly policy heavy as we review and discuss the changes that need to occur across the kingdom's documentation to account for the changes we made to our constitution. The officer appointment policy is one of the things that has come out of it, particularly as we went through Kingdom Law and made necessary changes. We are also working on a new affiliation agreement with our Kingdom's other half, SCA Ltd.

We are looking for people keen on reviewing and amending policies, and would like to have a working group to spread the load. So if you have a mind for policy matters, or the fact that a policy or document is out of date and that annoys you, please get in touch!

This year has also had a fair amount of engagement with our SCA Inc counterparts - the wonders of social media allowing for more frequent conversation. The East Kingdom's rapier Crown did not destroy the Society as we know it, and SCA Inc is keen to progress further experiments with alternate Crown selection. They are compiling a package of the information that they will need from kingdoms looking to run alternate Crown formats.

Occasionally, the Committee has to address things of a less pleasant nature. If you experience harm or poor behaviour at an event, or in our online spaces, please report it. You can go through your local group officer, the event steward, Kingdom officers, or straight to the Committee. We do take these things seriously, and we would rather receive multiple reports of an incident through multiple channels than none at all. We cannot address issues that are not reported.

On a brighter note, we are hoping to fill the roles of DEI Officer and the proposed H&S Officer, so if either of these roles appeal to you, I'd love to hear from you. They have a lot of opportunity for growth to take them from nonexistent to what you want them to be. I look forward to working with our new officers and committee members over the year ahead!

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