

Group: Outlands
2015, State of the Office (A&S) – December 2015

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Upswing in the Arts

- To get artisans more comfortable with displaying at smaller events and to prepare them, incrementally, for larger A&S competitions and Kingdom A&S and interkingdom Wars, local groups are encouraged to support artisans' displays and local competitions.

Decline in the Arts

- There is a lot of general complaint about the competition experience, about negative judging, and about the requirement of documentation for competitions. These are all reasons why I am told that artisans do not want to enter into competitions (apart from local, display-only opportunities). It is not clear if these complaints are grounded in truth or if they are merely SCA urban myths.
- Topics during roundtable discussions have spanned the following:
 - The purpose of A&S competitions is to provide inspiration to other artisans, feedback on projects, and to showcase projects.
 - While Kingdom A&S is identified as the artisan's Crown Tournament, fighters are better prepared for Crown than artisans are for Kingdom A&S. Should sponsorship be required of first-time entrants or of entrants who have not yet received an AoA-level or a GoA-level arts award?
 - Utilize the concept of "timed judging": all judges show up at an artisan's table at the same time, so that the artisan isn't tied to his/her table all day waiting for judges.
 - Improve the judging experience by assigning judges well in advance so that they can prepare before the event and offering a quick judging 101 discussion before the judging commences.

Current State of Arts in Kingdom

- The first Kingdom A&S Collegium was held in April 2015, to great success. It is expected that this collegium format will continue.
- Some artisans have stated that they wish there to be a Kingdom A&S Competition each year and a Kingdom A&S Collegium each year. While this would be ideal, this office feels that this Kingdom lacks the interest in local groups to host a large Kingdom-level arts event every six months. This office would like to have Kingdom A&S Collegium well-grounded, having been offered successfully every other year for a few cycles before this office entertains the feasibility of offering a Competition and Collegium every year.
- This office is glad that the alternating of regions is not a requirement for the Competition and Collegium. Many individuals have spoken with this office about the relief that all groups can bid for both events, otherwise Competition would never be in the South and Collegium would never be in the North, using the old rubric of even years in the North and odd years in the South.

Projected Path of Arts in Kingdom

- The next big A&S endeavor in the Outlands is the Kingdom A&S Competition, in April 2016.
- Does Queen Anna wish to offer a Kingdom-wide A&S display, a la Queen's Prize Tournament?

KMoAS Goals for 2016

1. Demystifying A&S documentation for artisans
2. Promoting A&S competitions and displays across the Kingdom. To support this goal, this office proposes to assign portions of this goal to two of the Kingdom deputies.
 - a. Kingdom A&S Collegium
 - b. Battlemoor
 - c. Queen's Prize (if HRM Anna wishes to have one)

- d. Kingdom A&S Competition
3. Encouraging local A&S ministers to support A&S competitions and displays (including the support of the use of simple documentation for A&S competitions and displays, a la the Atlantian short format). To support this goal, this office proposes to assign this goal to one of the Kingdom deputies.

Officers:

Emergency Deputy KMoAS:

This office will be soliciting for this position, to be filled as soon as possible. The Kingdom drop-dead will be focused on the administrivia of the office (namely the report compilation and maintenance of rosters of judges and teachers), and should expect to be strongly considered for this office's replacement at the conclusion of the warrant (November 2016).

Deputy KMoAS:

Northern (special focus: small A&S displays/mini-competitions/Queen's Prize)

SCA name: Katherina von Lehmann

Dates of service: 12/15 - 12/17

Southern (special focus: Kingdom A&S Competition and Collegium)

SCA name: Isabella di Francesco Ambrosini

Dates of service: 9/12-9/16 (extended, per her request)

At-Large (special focus: Battlemoor A&S)

SCA name: Vacant

Dates of service: #/## - #/##

Historical Combat:

SCA name: Ian of Nightsgate

Dates of service: unknown; I haven't received an electronic copy of his warrant.

Website:

SCA name: Khalidah bint Yahya'a

Dates of service: unknown; I haven't received an electronic copy of her warrant.

Proposed Changes to Job Scopes for KMoAS Deputies:

Instead of using the traditional regional deputies, this office is proposing to change the job scopes to an activity-focus, instead of a geographic-focus.

- A deputy to manage the logistics of Kingdom A&S Competition and Kingdom A&S Collegium, working directly with the event steward for scheduling and other planning activities. It has not been decided if that will include collecting the list of artisans and judges and assigning artisans to judges and the prepwork of printing all the forms and guidance documents.
- A deputy to support Queen's Prize, mini-competitions, and/or displays at larger Kingdom events, like a display of fine garb at Coronation or a display of weapons at Crown or a display of wood furniture at a camping event.
- A deputy to manage the logistics of Battlemoor A&S, working with the Battlemoor A&S Classes coordinator, Artisans' Lane coordinator, and the KAOS coordinator.

Kingdom A&S Competition:

- Due to a change in Kingdom Law, the Kingdom A&S Competition is held on the second weekend of April in even years.
- The next KA&S Competition will be on April 9, 2016, in the College of St. Goliath (Socorro, NM).

Kingdom A&S Collegium:

- Due to a change in Kingdom Law, the Kingdom A&S Collegium has been established and is held on the second weekend of April in odd years. The Kingdom A&S Collegium was held on April 11, 2015, in the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable (Farmington, NM).
- The next Kingdom A&S Collegium will be held in April 2017.

What is Working Well in the Kingdom:

- The following have been updated on the A&S website (kmoas.outlands.org): A&S handbook, the competition rules, and the competition judging forms.
- This office is using a shorter, 1-2 page judging form for Kingdom A&S Competition in April 2016.
- This office will provide each judge with a judges' guidance document to help to standardize the judging experience for the artisan and to keep the judging form shorter.

A&S Events:

- To get artisans more comfortable with displaying at smaller events and to prepare them, incrementally, for larger A&S competitions and Kingdom A&S and interkingdom Wars, local groups are encouraged to support artisans' displays and local competitions.
 - Artisan Displays:
 - Queen's Prize
 - Kingdom A&S Collegium
 - Kingdom Heralds' and Scribes' Collegium
 - Competitions:
 - Tri-Baronial Competition: joint A&S competition of the Baronies of Caer Galen, Caerthe, and Unser Hafen
 - Caer Galen: Baroness Signy von Velden, OP
 - Caerthe: Lady Killian McKenzie
 - Unser Hafen: Lady Rosamonde Carver
 - Largesse Derbies:
 - Aarquelle
 - al-Barran
 - Dragonsspine

KMoAS Office Concerns/Issues (if any):

- There are some local A&S ministers who are very much anti-documentation. This office is working on a paradigm shift among my local A&S ministers to encourage minimal documentation (the Atlantian short form) for competitions and displays. This office's hypothesis is that some local A&S ministers pointedly make A&S documentation seem harder than it should be, and because of that, potential competitors are driven away from entering in competitions. This office has also, when pointedly asked, told the local A&S ministers that documentation will always be required in Kingdom-wide competitions; this is non-negotiable.

Historical Combat Studies:

- No report was provided and e-mail correspondence with him is not acknowledged.

Report submitted Outlands' KMoAS to SMOAS and Crown, with courtesy copies to all Kingdom office deputies.