

**Agenda for the July 17 – 18, 1999  
Imperial Estates General Meeting  
Location and Time To Be Announced**

- I. Call to Order.  
II. Roll Call to Verify Proxies and Establish Quorum. ROLL OF VOTING MEMBERS (Members not listed do not count against quorum).

IMPERIAL: Sir Stephan, Emperor  
Prince Sir Nikolai  
Prince Sir Jehan  
Princess Dame Dorthea  
Princess and Founding Viscountess, Dame Isabeau  
Prince Sir Mathghamhain  
H.H. Katherine Marshall  
Comtessa Dame Anginette, Imperial Estate

ALORIA: Viceroy Guymon

ARAGON: Sir Winfred, King  
Marquis Sir Cirus, March of the Black Horde  
Sir Chrysagon d'Winter, Knight Champion  
Countess Dame Serina, Barony of the Golden Horde  
Baron Sir Sven, Barony of the Golden Horde

ANNELYNROSE: Dame Shelaine, Arch (?) Duchess  
Sir Mric, Baron  
Sir Kartifillis, Sire

DULRAODO KELTER:  
Viceroy Dame Brigid O'Callhan

EKATERINEGOROD  
Viceroys Lord Alexi and Lady Zopha

ESPERANCE: Sir Reilly, King of Esperance  
Comtessa Dame Willow  
Comtessa Dame Roselyn  
Sir Galadon, Knight Champion  
Erasmus, March MacCabra  
Terrin Greyphis, Count de Monet  
Sir Morgan, Baron Lagersuifer

FIRE AND ICE: Viceroy Dae Nadel

MIRKWOOD: Viceroy Achbar ibn Ali

SANGREAL: Arch Duchess Isabeau Dionne  
Sir Caspain, House Fealagh  
Sire Dawnlyn, House MacDonald

TERRE NUEVE: Sir Tremain, King  
Earl Sir Thomas  
Earl Sir Erik the Awful  
Comtessa Dame Katayana  
Marquis Alejandro  
Kasey Kelly and Perrandin, County

Talia Nochette McDonnon, Barony of Ard Artha

TIERRA DEL FUEGO:

Elizabeth Grey, Queen  
Earl Sir Karl  
R. Bradley, March  
S. Jacobson, Estates Minor  
Sir Wilhelm, Estates Minor

UMBRIA:

Dame Roawyn, Queen  
Sir Frederick, Knight Champion  
Lady Dame Alexandria, County Warwick  
Lord Sir James the Red, County of Dragonstar

YORK:

Sir Killian, King  
Sir Rafe, Count  
Dame Brejeune, Baroness

- III. Consent Calendar.
- IV. Minutes of the February 27 – 28, 1999 Meeting of the Imperial Estates General.
- V. Minister's Reports.
  - A. State of the Empire.
  - B. Chancery Report: The Bylaws revision and update shall be presented by the November Meeting. The delay is solely the responsibility of the outgoing Chancellor Sir William who will complete the assignment.
  - C. Judiciary Report. Report on the outcomes of previous trials; and, the status of ongoing investigations or trials.
  - D. Steward's Report.
    - 1. Banking Resolution.
    - 2. Invoicing procedures (how detailed should Dede Chavez invoices be?), referred to Their Imperial Majesties.
    - 3. Report on Status of 501c3.
    - 4. Income Tax filing.
    - 5. Budget.
    - 6. Expenditure Action Items.
    - 7. Review of Imperial Steward's Manual.
  - E. Rolls' Report. Report on current status of new data management system.
  - F. Physicker Report. Report on reported injuries throughout the Empire.
  - G. Arts' Report.
    - 1. Judge's Manual.
    - 2. Current status of Arts in the Empire.
  - H. War and Joust Report. Report on the current status of the Combat Arts.
  - I. Chronicler's Report. Report on the "Adrian Herald".
  - J. Minister of Archery Report.
- VI. Writs and Charters for Approval: Changes of Status for Existing Subdivisions, Recognition of New Subdivisions, and Imperial Writs.
  - A. Changes of Status: Aragon to Kingdom.
  - B. Recognition of New Subdivisions.
  - C. Imperial Writ:
    - Imperial Writ SIW-4 Procedures for the Conduct of Courts of Law:  
"Unto the populace of the Adrian Empire, hear now Our voice most Terrible for it is Imperial:

As is Our right as the lawful and rightful Sovereign of the Adrian Empire We do hereby issue this most Lawful Writ as an addition to those sections of the Imperial By-laws and Codex Adjudicata that are already in existence.

Once charges have been filed with the appropriate chancellor or Magistrate and those charges have been found to be legitimate and warrant trial the following procedure shall be followed:

- 1). The chancellor shall notify the named defendant(s) in writing. This shall be down in any of the following methods:
  - a) hand delivered
  - b) via fax
  - c) via email
  - d) via mail
  - e) via phone conversation (in order to setup a meeting to hand deliver)

Notification of a vassal's Liege-Lord shall qualify as notification of the individual.

- 2). Once notified the defendant shall be informed that the date of the trial shall not be less then thirty days of this notification unless the defendant requests Immediate Justice. Immediate Justice shall be defined as the very next Scheduled Adrian event in the Chartered Sub-Division. This is to include: Normal Crown and Canton events, feasts, Estate Meetings and Wars. They do NOT include fighter/arts practices, collegia or subdivision meetings (i.e.: a meeting of such and such barony)
- 3). The Magistrate/Chancellor will then request the defendant to choose a date for their trial. This date must be acceptable to Magistrate/Chancellor, Crown and plaintiff as well as the defendant.
- 4). The Magistrate/Chancellor shall select the time and place of the trial, provided Immediate Justice was not called for, in which case it will take place during the next Scheduled event. The Date, Time and Place of this trial shall be published in the Adrian Herald as well as announced at the next Crown Event, unless Immediate Justice is demanded.
- 5). The Defendant shall be afforded every opportunity to prepare a defense. This will include but not be limited to reviewing evidence and questioning witnesses. The Plaintiff shall also be afforded this same opportunity to prepare their case. This 'Period of Discovery' shall continue until 48 hours prior to trial at which point all witness lists and evidence lists shall be frozen and reviewed by the Magistrate. This may be appealed by the Magistrate during the trial, and the opposing council shall have an opportunity to argue against such an appeal, after which the Magistrate shall decide if the added testimony/evidence shall be heard.

Lastly, it shall be understood throughout Adrian Courts that the primary responsibility of the Court is to determine the Truth of the Matter. That this Search for the truth shall be the over-riding determinate in the process, and not procedure. Objections due to procedure should be discouraged if they may be used to hide or diffuse the Truth.”

By Our Hand on this Day May 20, 1999

Stefanus Imperator  
Tsar of all the Adrias

VII. Issues for Clarification.

VIII. Old Business from the February 1999 Meeting of the Imperial Estates General.

A. Proposed Bylaws Amendments submitted by Koning Sir Duriel van Hansard. Tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting.

1. Proposal regarding the Board of Directors:

- a. That the Board of Directors (BoD) be a group of five members responsible for the management of the corporate, legal and financial affairs of the Adrian Empire, Inc., separate from the Imperial Estates and the Imperial Government.
- b. That the BoD be five Officers/Directors: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Registrar.
- c. That the members of the BoD be elected annually by the Membership of the Adrian Empire, with such election to be held during October, with the results to be published in the next available newsletter. Newly Elected officers will then be cross-trained by their predecessor, if possible. The new BoD takes office the following January 1.
- d. All members in good standing are eligible to be part of the BoD.
- e. Duties of the Board of Directors:
  - i. President: The principle spokesperson for the corporation. The President may sign and authorize such instruments as he or she deems appropriate to the conduct of the corporation's proper business, and may delegate similar responsibilities. In the event of absence or incapacity of the President the duties shall be apportioned at the discretion of the Board. The President shall supervise and control all the business and administrative affairs of the corporation and oversee its internal and external public relations. The President shall be responsible to and governed by the Board, shall report to and advise the Board on all significant matters of the corporation's business, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. The Executive Director may sign and authorize such instruments as her or she deems appropriate to the conduct of the corporation's proper business, and may delegate similar responsibilities.
  - ii. Vice President: The Vice President shall manage the administration of the corporation's historical re-creation under the overall supervision of the President, through a network of Regional Vice Presidents. With the consent of the President, the Vice-President may sign and authorize instruments required for the conduct of the corporation's historical re-creations, and may delegate similar responsibilities.
  - iii. Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for the regular administrative duties of the Board and the corporation, including correspondence, Minutes of all meetings of the Board and of Officers of the corporation, and such other administrative duties as shall be assigned by the Board or the President. The Secretary shall maintain all necessary records of the corporation not maintained by other officers or offices. The Secretary shall be responsible to the President and the Board for the regular performance of the administrative duties of the corporation.
  - iv. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses,

capital, retaining earnings, and other matters customarily included in financial statements.

The Treasurer shall deposit (or cause to be deposited) all moneys and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the corporation in all such depositories as may be designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall disburse (or cause to be disbursed) the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board, shall render to the President and the Board, whenever they request it, an account of all the Treasurer's transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these by-laws.

The Treasurer shall either hold a separate position (Imperial Steward) within the structure of the corporation's historical recreations, or supervise a person holding such a position. The duties of this position as defined in the by-laws.

v. Registrar: The Registrar shall be responsible for maintaining the membership files of the corporation; for processing membership applications and delivering membership moneys to the Treasurer; and, for preparing mailing lists for publications of the corporation. The Registrar shall be financially responsible for all membership moneys to the Treasurer. The Registrar is otherwise responsible to the Secretary, and at the Board's discretion the office may be held by the Secretary.

- f. Under normal circumstances, the BoD will publicize proposed changes to the corporation's governing documents in sufficient time to allow comment from the membership before making a final determination. However, changes to the by-laws affecting only the external operations of the corporation will be published after they are put into effect, as will governing and policy decisions, which clarify the intent of the by-laws without amending them.
  - g. Relations with Kingdoms and other Subdivisions. The BoD will maintain a policy of non-interference with the Subdivisions; but, reserves the right to intervene in the regional affairs if: 1) the events leading to such intervention appear to cause a threat to the integrity of the corporation; 2) the governing documents of the corporation appear to have been violated; 3) there is a threat to the corporation's legal standing; or, 4) the Board is asked to become involved.
  - h. When individual actions or decisions are appealed to the Board, any Directors who have been personally involved with the matters in question within the medieval structure of the corporation must declare potential conflict of interest, and withdraw from the ruling.
  - i. A Director's tenure on the Board can be challenged by means of a Petition presented to the Board (via the Corporate Secretary) by a majority of the current Crowns.
  - j. Decisions of the Board are effective immediately, but shall not be considered binding until made available to the segment of the membership they affect via direct mailing, printing in the appropriate corporate publications or other methods the Board shall establish.
2. Nationwide Imperial War (tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting):
- a. The results of the Imperial War Weekend (Labor Day) shall be determined by the combined outcomes of regional Imperial Wars, proportionate to that region's population at the beginning of its war.
  - b. Each Subdivision has the right to host a local Imperial War to be fought by supporters of the Imperial Candidates.

- c. The results of each regional Imperial War must be conveyed to the Imperial Chancellor by Sunday of that weekend, 9 p.m. Pacific Time.
  - d. Subdivisions may combine their Imperial Wars, if they so choose.
  - e. Combat scenarios for all regional Imperial Wars will be identical. Imperial Minister of War and Joust will provide combat scenarios to all regional War and Joust Ministers at least 30 days before the regional Imperial War begins.
3. Elimination of “Death From Behind” (tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting). There will be no “death from behind” in the combat of the Adrian Empire, Inc. “Death from Behind” can cause confusion and raises safety issues among the Combatants and Marshals. Combatants who are not within the front field of vision of their opponent should either move to another opponent or move into an opponent’s field of visions.
4. Proposed Amendment submitted at the request of King Sir Reilly, Esperance (tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting):
- a. The proper method of killing from behind is to bring the blade of the weapon into to opponent’s vision. Pole arms shall be placed on the shoulder of the opponent so that the whole blade will be within the opponent’s vision. With all weapon styles, the combatants shall be required as a final step to call out “DEAD M’LORD”. (Addition) \*\*Experimentation with alternative methods are allowed with the approval of the Ruling Noble of a Subdivision and the local Minister of Joust and War.\*\*
  - b. And, from the Combat Archery Supplement Manual, Killing Zones: Insert “Killing zones are optional. As this is an experiment, experimentation shall be allowed with different types of Combat Archery. The basic rules applies, never strike an archer! Killing an archer remains the same as with the Killing Zone. The combatant comes within striking distance of the Archer and calls out “Dead M’Lord!”  
 Killing Zones listed in the Combat Manual shall apply to all combatants; the only difference shall be the manner in which an archer is killed. An archer shall be considered dead if: . . . (continued on as before).
5. Crafted Arts Subcategories: Renaming and redefinition of “Food and Alchemy” Category (tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting): The Crafted Category in the Arts should have subcategories related to the main category, but distinct enough to require separate judging criteria.  
 The ‘Food and Alchemy’ Category should be revised: Crafted Subcategories:
- Whimsical: Folk cures, scientific projects or research papers promoting, describing or ‘proving’ Medieval scientific theories or beliefs since debunked, shown to be fallible or not empirically verifiable. Examples would be alchemy, waterwitching, Leonardo da Vinci’s helicopter, Copernican astronomy, ‘cures’ for disease, etc. Judging criteria should not include actual functionality, but how the functionality of the item or concept was thought to be in the time period.
  - Science: Scientific projects or research papers addressing actual medieval scientific theories or inventions. Examples would be models of waterwheels, windmills, ships, castles, cathedrals, siege engines, weaponry, etc.; as well as, papers on mathematics, philosophy, astronomy, physics medicine, logic, etc. Judging should be reflective of the actual functionality of the item or concept.

Food and Drink: Renamed 'Food and Alchemy' to reflect placement of healing and scientific projects into 'Crafted'. Now exclusively indicative of items to be imbibed or consumed.

6. Retirement Title Voting Rights (tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting): Voting rights due to retirement titles end after one year. The title is permanent.
  7. Large Duchies to be known as Archduchies. Duchies with 50+ members shall be known as Archduchies, with the rulers known as Archduke and/or Archduchess. This replaces Duke/Duchess. Note: This is not an action item. This matter was addressed at the May 1998 Imperial Senate Meeting; and, ratified by actions of the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting.
  8. Repeal Article XVI. Note: This is not an action item. Article XVI. A. 3. was deleted by the February 1999 Imperial Estates General.
  9. Knight Combatants are encouraged, but are not required to be their own champion in the Armed Combatants Champion's battle in wars. Note: This is not an action item. The bylaw requiring Knight Combatants to participate as their own Champion in the Armed Combatants Champion's Battle at Imperial Wars was amended at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting. The final language parallels Koning Sir Duriel's proposal.
  10. Rolls Ministers are required to maintain accurate records for all members. No written notification by the member is required. Tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting.
  11. Abolishment of "The Adrian Herald" (tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting): The Adrian Herald should be abolished, replaced by regional newsletters that will be mailed to all members in that region. The Imperial Chronicler will be responsible for distributing Imperial Information to the regional chroniclers for mandatory inclusion in the next regional newsletter. A quarterly Imperial newsletter could additionally be considered. [Note: The following segment of this proposal regarding the Imperial Tax is obsolete as of the November 1998 Imperial Estates General Meeting.] Imperial Tax rate of 70% will be lowered proportionately to reflect the reduction in Imperial expenses. Members outside of a region may subscribe to that region's newsletter at a price to be determined by that region's chronicler.
  12. Imperial Tax is to be converted to a quarterly payment due from each region, rather than a flat percentage of each membership fee. This rate, which may be approximately \$1 per member per quarter, would proportionately reflect the Imperial expenditures such as insurance, mailing costs, travel, etc. The regions would be required to provide a list of active members along with the quarterly payment. Note: The Imperial Tax was amended to 100% as part of the membership and budget restructuring passed at the November 1998 Imperial Estates General Meeting.
  13. Amend Article VI. E. 5. Delete "summoning" insert "convening"; delete the word "subsequently". All estates that exist at the beginning of an estates meeting are entitled to representation and a voice at the meeting. Estates that existed when the meeting was originally summoned, but no longer exist or are on probation, are not entitled to be at the estates meeting. Further, it is the responsibility of the estate holder to prove their right to vote. This can be easily accomplished by providing a list of the estate's members, subject to verification by the region's steward.
  14. Remove Mark Smith from the list of founding Viscounts. Remove Karen Smith from the list of lifetime members (Article III. b. 3.).
- B. Vote on the Imperial Reign of Sir James. Tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting.
- C. Proposal from the Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Reform (Sir Jehan); tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting.

PROPOSAL: Article XI. B. 5. Judicial Courts: Right of Appeal.

Delete: “The Complainant shall have no right to appeal an adverse ruling. The decision of the Imperial Crown is final.”

Insert: “The final Court of Appeal shall be the Grand Assembly.

- a. The Grand Assembly is empowered to review any case referred or appealed from the Imperial Crown.
- b. The Grand Assembly alone is empowered to hear a case brought against a sitting Imperial Crown. When hearing a case against a sitting Imperial Crown, the Grand Assembly may act as its own Chancellor or appoint another or others to act as Chancellor on its behalf.
- c. The grand Assembly may appoint a judicial committee to act on its behalf to hear referrals and appeals. The parameters of said Judicial Committee (constitution, term of office, powers, and etc.) shall be determined exclusively by the Grand Assembly, and shall be published as an appendix to the Codex Adjudicata.
- d. The Grand Assembly is not automatically called into session by the submission of an appeal or referral. The Grand Assembly may be called into session pursuant to the dictates of the Grand Assembly as published in the Codex Adjudicata.”

D. Proposals from the Committee on Knighthood. Tabled at the February 1999 Imperial Estates General Meeting.

1. At the Senate meeting of 7/98, it was proposed that the committee study the possibility of developing a proposal whereby certain ministry points might be worth more ministry participations than others based on the level of difficulty and service. A “sliding scale”. We should have a report.
2. Also to be studied was the idea of gaining ministry points (either participations, or demo initiations) for autocrating events of for other ministry projects. It was suggested that in light of the current estates writ regarding classes, perhaps all we need to do is substitute “initiate, organize, and autocrat [insert number here] demonstrations or events” for the current language.

E. Formation, report or proposals from the Committee on Unprecedented Growth.

F. (Calling for Agenda Items, form and format of Agenda Items, Agenda Publication dates and requirements). Dame Allora’s proposal: “Imperial Agenda submissions must be authored by at least one member of Adria and signed in support by at least two additional Members. If the submission signed by at least three names, it will not be placed on the Agenda and must be properly resubmitted.”

IX. New Business.

A. Proposed Bylaws Amendment: ORDER OF THE MAGISTER (an alternative to knighthood; Dame Maedb):

Commentary: Adria is an organization very much founded on the principle of Knighthood. It is required for advancement in ruling and administrative roles. It does not, however, take into account that many people of the Middle Ages and Renaissance would have been able to become knights. Adrians are making a much more concerted effort to remain historically accurate in their recreations, and their personas. This precludes them from being able to fill certain roles in our organization unless they accept a position (knighthood) that would not have been historically possible. This proposal is an attempt to address the needs of the organization, historical accuracy, and desires of the populace, while remaining true to the ideals upon which Adria was founded.

Accession to knighthood is based on experience and participation points. Once a person attains these points, they are considered to be a knight candidate. At that time they

decide to become a knight, or to not become a knight. I propose the formation of an Imperial Order of Non-Knights, so that they may have a third choice.

Terminology: The term “magister” is used as a synonym for professor. According to the OED, the term professor was used in the mediæval European Universities, at first simply as a synonym of Magister or Doctor (degrees being originally qualifications to teach). I had considered “professor” but found it was not a common English word in our time period. Again according to the OED, “magister” is a “mediæval and modern Latin title of academic rank, usually rendered by master, but occasionally employed Hist. or in speaking of foreign universities.” This reflects my desire to shift the focus of accomplishment and responsibility from the chivalric to the educational in this order.

“ORDER OF THE MAGISTER: In lieu of knighthood, a knight may choose to become a member of this order, rather than a member of the Chivalry. Members shall in every way be considered equal to a knight, save one: they are not members of the Chivalry. The requirements shall be the same as that of knighthood. A ceremony, with oath, shall be required. In any publication of the Adrian Empire, members of this order shall be considered equivalent to their knightly counterpart.

TITLES: Instead of ‘knight’, ‘dame,’ or ‘sir,’ members of this order shall be referred to as ‘magister’ (with no distinction for men or women as they are all masters and teachers of their field).

- Combatant Roll: Magister Bachelor, Magister Bannerette, Magister Champion
- Robe Roll: Magister Robe, Magister Doctor, Magister Master
- Minister Roll: Magister Minister, Magister Civil, Magister Doctor

SUMPTUARIES: Instead of a blue belt, Magisters shall be entitled to wear a blue badge upon their hat, bodice, shirt or belt. There shall be no other sumptuaries (if you want the perks of knighthood, be a knight.)

OATH: Every master shall swear an oath as part of his acceptance of Magistracy. This oath shall be phrased according to the wishes of the master candidate, but shall contain all of the following elements:

- To share their knowledge
- To support the Crown
- To uphold the bylaws of the Empire

SQUIRES: Just as recognizing knighthood does not easily fall into the personas of every Adrian, so, too, do we need to recognize that squireship does not. As an alternative to squire, I propose that Masters be allowed to accept Apprentices who would in every way be equivalent to a squire. Instead of a red belt to distinguish their status, I propose they wear a red badge on their hat, shirt, bodice or belt.

TITLE SWITCHING: A knight may at some point in time find that their choice of the chivalry does not historically and accurately reflect the personas which they have created and researched. In this case, they may ask to be relieved of their vows as a knight, and may take the vows of the magister. These two items should be contained in the same ceremony. The release of vows must take place before the oath of the magister, for a person may be either a knight or a magister, but not both.”

B. Proposed Bylaws Amendment: IMPERIAL MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS (Dame Maebd)

Commentary: At the last Estates meeting, many of the Imperial Ministry requirements were revised to eliminate the need for knighthood. There were three

Ministry positions that were not included in these changes. This makes the current bylaws inconsistent as to their requirements. Looking at the accepted changes, and perceiving a trend toward experience and knowledge and away from rank, I make the following suggested changes to the remaining Ministry positions.

Article VIII. F. 1. Chancellor: Delete current language “Imperial - Knight Minister or higher Chartered Subdivision - Chamberlain or higher.” insert “Must be knowledgeable in the bylaws and manuals of the Empire. Imperial - must have held the position of Chancellor for a chartered subdivision (recommended at the ducal level or higher).”

C. Proposed Bylaws Amendment: MINISTER OF JOUST AND WAR (Dame Maebd)

Article VIII. F. 6.: Delete current language “Imperial - Knight Bachelor or higher and Rector or higher Chartered Subdivision - Sergeant or higher.” insert “Must be knowledgeable in the combat requirements for the Adrian Empire and current combat manuals. Must be qualified as a combatant. Imperial - must have held the position of Minister of Joust and War for a chartered subdivision (recommended at the ducal level or higher).

D. Proposed Bylaws Amendment: MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (Dame Maedb):

Article VIII. F. 7.: delete current language “Imperial - Knight Robe or higher and Rector or higher, Chartered Subdivision - Master or higher.” Insert “Must have a working knowledge of the arts manuals of the Adrian Empire. Must also be willing to conduct collegiums and training sessions for the purpose of qualifying arts judges. Imperial - Must be willing to act as arbitrator and/or facilitator when requested (for both specific entries, and for specific tournaments). Imperial - must have held the position of Minister of Arts and Sciences for a chartered subdivision (recommended at the ducal level or higher.”

E. Proposed Bylaws Amendments: NON-EUROPEAN PERSONAS AND CULTURES (Dame Maedb):

Commentary: Adria has historically focused on the European view of the Middle Ages, to the exclusion of other cultures. People were not prevented from pursuing research into these cultures, but neither were they encouraged. With the extension of our timeline to 1603, other cultures were not only known to Europe, but were beginning to play a significant role in European history. I feel it is necessary to highlight and define how it is we want to interact with non-European cultures within Adria, especially now so that we can guide our growth.

This proposal is based on these assumptions: we are all one Empire (and thus do not need separate bylaws, etc. for separate cultures); we are an educational organization (and should not ignore an opportunity to educate others as well as ourselves); we are able to accommodate non-European cultures in a historically accurate way (as far as modern day will allow); and, we will be able to enhance our game (and not detract from it in any way).

MEMBERSHIP: One person is one member. As it is with any member, they may play and participate at any function in any region that they wish. As it is with any member, they may hold office only in the chartered subdivision to which they belong.

MANUALS: The manuals in use in Adria shall be the same manuals in use by the non-European subdivisions. It’s one Empire, one set of rules, one time period.

1. Article VII. Ministries: insert “Non-European subdivisions shall provide a system of terminology consistent with their stated culture, but in every way equal to the ministries and requirements outlined herein.”

2. Article VIII. SUBDIVISIONS OF THE EMPIRE: insert: “NON-EUROPEAN CULTURES: Separate subdivisions shall be recognized for the development of non-European cultures that existed in the same time frame as Adria as a whole, and were known to Europe during that time frame. These subdivisions will be deemed equal to all other subdivisions and must meet the requirement and responsibilities of all other subdivisions with these exceptions:
  - They may exist within the boundaries of previously chartered subdivisions
  - They must be dedicated, in their entirety, to a non-European culture
  - They must present, as part of their charter application, a structure of terminology that will historically represent their European counterparts (this will include titles of every level, including knightly, ministry, and awards). (Note: The structure shall remain the same, but the terminology shall be different)
  - They will be recognized as guests when they attend chartered subdivision functions of the European arena.
  - They will recognize as guests any European arena members who attend their chartered subdivision functions.
  - They will be acknowledged as equal for any Imperial level considerations, but separate for any chartered subdivision considerations.
  - If creation of a separate chartered subdivision will negatively impact the current chartered subdivision, then creation of a subdivision shall be allowed, with the same guidelines as a chartered subdivision.”
3. Article IX. C. RANKS: insert “Non-European subdivisions shall provide a system of terminology consistent with their stated culture, but in every way equal to the ranks and requirements outlined herein.”
4. Article IX. D. TITLES: insert “Non-European subdivisions shall provide a system of terminology consistent with their stated culture, but in every way equal to the titles and requirements outlined herein.”

F. **Proposed:** Language addition/clarification of Article VIII, Section F (Sir Fredrick):

Commentary: All proposed changes are in bold italic (addition) or with strikethrough (removal).

## **ARTICLE VIII: SUBDIVISIONS OF THE EMPIRE**

### **F. ESTABLISHMENT, ADVANCEMENT, AND CONTINUATION OF SUBDIVISIONS.**

From time to time subdivisions within the Adrian Empire may desire advancement. This is to be encouraged and permitted as long as the prerequisite membership is achieved without reducing any other *chartered* subdivision below minimum standard and as long as the land the new subdivision *to be chartered* is claiming does not cross over or diminish the land of any other *chartered* subdivision not in the new subdivision. *Members of any unchartered subdivision (March, County, Barony or House) have the right to remove themselves from said subdivision at any time, even if taking this action reduces the estate below minimum numbers. The ruling noble or nobles must be made aware of this decision so that they may effectively manage their estate.* The following general procedures shall be followed for the initial establishment, and for the subsequent advancement, of subdivisions within the Adrian Empire.

Commentary: This is how this section has been interpreted by various Chancellors (including me when I was Imperial Chancellor). This proposal should clarify this section sufficiently so that it no longer is confusing to our members without having to refer to the free association clause (see A subdivision is based on the free association of their members within a chartered subdivision. and other portions of the Bylaws.

- G. **Proposed:** Language addition/clarification of Article VIII, Section B, part 1-b (Sir Fredrick):

Commentary: All proposed changes are in bold italic (addition) or with strikethrough (removal).

#### **ARTICLE VIII: SUBDIVISION OF THE EMPIRE**

##### **B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CROWNS/RULING NOBLES.**

1. Qualifications are:

- b. Has held a **Royal Crown *with a successful completion of reign***, or has completed the Pax Regium if a first time Crown ***and the Estates vote that the reign has been successful***, or has attained the second level of Knightly Rank and served as a Duc for six months or longer ***with a successful completion of reign***. (Imperial Crown only).

- H. **Proposed:** Language addition/clarification of Article VI, Section E, (Sir Fredrick/Dame Delia):

Commentary: All proposed changes are in bold italic (addition) or with strikethrough (removal).

#### **ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

##### **E. OFFICIAL MEETINGS; IMPERIAL ESTATES CALENDAR**

Members entitled to a seat by virtue of rank or office whose dues are not current, are under judicial ban, or have not attended at least two (2) official events in any subdivision within the previous six (6) months will be denied a seat. The membership entitled to vote at a Meeting of a Given Body is fixed as of the summoning of the meeting, ~~and may not be subsequently altered by any means.~~ ***No one may thereafter be denied a seat for any reason*** including expiration of dues, non-participation, ***or*** formation of new Estates, ~~or change in Estate held by a given member~~ until the meeting is concluded. A meeting is deemed summoned at the point of minimum notice. The point of minimum notice is defined as thirty days for Chartered Subdivisions or sixty days for the Imperial Estates, unless waiver of such notice is granted by the summoned body. The Crown will convene the summoned Estates at the appointed time and place and the meeting will be presided over by the Chancellor. Upon completion of its statutory duties it is the privilege of the Estates to advise the Crown concerning any issue of interest.

1. ***Imperial Estates: The two senior Estates minor shall be fixed as of the summoning of the meeting. All Greater Estates formed after the summoning of the meeting shall be entitled a seat; it shall be the responsibility of the estate holder (or proxy) to provide proof of entitlement to the Imperial***

*Chancellor before the Estates convene. It is not the responsibility of the Imperial Chancellery to provide an agenda to Estates formed after the summoning of the meeting.*

2. *Estates of the Chartered Subdivisions: Any member entitled to a vote by virtue of Rank or Estate as of the convening of the meeting shall have the right to a seat.*

Commentary: The first paragraph mentions first how you may be denied a seat; then it speaks on how your seat cannot be taken away, but the current wording denies the rights of Estate holders and the rights of the chivalry (2<sup>nd</sup> level and above) from representation if that Estate was formed after the summoning of the meeting. Since the bylaws clearly state that estate holders have the right to represent their estate (see Article VIII, Section D & E), this language is to clarify that they cannot be denied that right based on when their Estate is formed. The reason the time restraint was originally added was due to the logistic nightmare of getting all of the Imperial agendas out; the language removing that responsibility seems to address the problem without denying anyone the right to a seat.

- I. **Proposed:** Language modification of Article IX, Section D, part 6 (Sir Fredrick/Dame Delia):

Commentary: All proposed changes are in bold italic (addition) or with strikethrough (removal).

#### **ARTICLE IX: AWARDS, ORDERS, RANKS & TITLES.D. TITLES**

##### **6. EARL/COMTESSA.**

The retired ruler or rulers of a Kingdom who have a successful completion of reign. They wear a silver and black chain of state. ~~Part of the Great Estates.~~ *One retired ruler from each successful completion of reign will continue to be part of the Great Estates. If there are two rulers, they may choose to split their representation between the Local and Imperial Estates, one per estate body; they must state their intent to split their vote and how it will be split upon being named Earl and Comtessa.*

Note: This would not remove the rights of anyone who is currently part of the Great Estates. See Article VI, Section J.

Commentary: Currently the rulers of a Kingdom, representing 100+ members, have one vote during their reign. When they retire and represent only themselves and their vassals (a small fraction of the entire populace of the Kingdom), they are often awarded 2 votes, one for each title. This can allow them to not only cancel out the vote of the current King/Queen but cast another in opposition. This proposal is a compromise to the often-heard one to abolish the retirement vote. This proposal is written with the understanding that Kings/Queens often need more than a year to enact legislative change on the Imperial Estates.

- J. **Proposed:** Language modification of Article XV, Section B (Dame Delia):

Commentary: All proposed changes are in bold italic (addition) or with strikethrough (removal).

## ARTICLE XV: PAX REGIUM AND INTERIM CIVIL WAR

### B. INTERIM CIVIL WAR.

An Interim Civil War may be called by any member who meets the qualifications for Crown. In the event that a challenge is presented by a qualified person, the Chancellor shall direct the Minister of War to plan, execute and autocrat a Civil War of either one or two day duration. In the event the Crown is successful, a new Pax Regium shall be instituted *for three (3) months or* for the duration of the time allotted to the Crown to rule, *whichever is less*. No Interim Civil War may be called against a Lord/Lady Protector, Viceroy, or Estate holder. Only the membership of the chartered subdivision may choose for whom they will fight, the distribution of all visiting members and participates shall be in proportion to the size of the army as set by the choice of the membership of the chartered subdivision. ~~In the case of an Imperial Civil War, the war must take place in a chartered subdivision other than that in which the Imperial Throne resides. If there are co-rulers who live in different chartered subdivisions, the war shall be in a chartered subdivision where neither ruler lives.~~

K. Proposals to Avoid Future Financial Shenanigans (as submitted by Koning Sir Durial Van Hansard): In order to help make recovering Adrian funds from defunct subdivisions, I think these steps might help:

- 1). Mandating that all Adrian checking accounts requires two signatures.
  - a. Proposal: All Adrian Empire, Inc. checking accounts shall require two signatures;
  - or,
  - b. Proposal: All Adrian Empire, Inc. checks shall require two signatures for all checks written over \$100.00. All future check orders printed shall have two signature lines and include this verbiage.

- 2). Insisting that the Imperial Steward be on all checking accounts (as per the Imperial Estates writ currently in effect).

Proposal: The Imperial Steward shall be a signer on all Adrian Empire, Inc. accounts. Signature cards shall be forwarded to the office of the Imperial Steward for all existing accounts every November, and upon opening any new accounts, and upon a new Imperial Steward holding office, and/or upon any need of replacement signature cards.

- 3). Requiring that all signatories sign a form agreeing that they explicitly accept financial responsibility for all expenditures that they authorize that are later rejected by their local Estates or rejected by the Imperium.

Proposal: All signatories shall sign an agreement stating that they explicitly accept financial responsibility for all expenditures they authorize. If the expenditures are not approved by their local Estates or not approved by the Imperium, the signatories will be financially responsible for reimbursing all funds authorized by their signature.

L. Proposed bylaws amendment: move to delete Article IV.B. and Article IV.E. (King Sir Reilly).

Commentary: Because the change in the dues structure passed by the Estates-General this past November makes these sections obsolete.

Text of the proposed deleted Article:

“B. DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of dues paid shall be as follows: seventy (70) percent to the Imperial treasury and thirty (30) percent to the local treasury.”

- M. Proposed bylaws amendment: move to delete Article IV. E. (King Sir Reilly).

Commentary: Why? Because the change in the dues structure passed by the Estates-General this past November makes these sections obsolete.

Text of the proposed deleted Article:

“E. SCHEDULE

Membership dues are set at the following: Membership Type Semi-Annual, Single \$15.00; Annual \$25.00, Life 10 \* Annual Rate, Group +(\$3.00 \* X) +(\$5.00 \* X) N/A (X = per each additional member over the initial member).”

- N. Proposed bylaws amendment: move to Article VI. J. be deleted (King Sir Reilly). Article VI.J reads as follows:

“VI. J. PROTECTION OF STATUS AGAINST LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

No member shall be deprived of any titles, office, lands, rights or courtesy by virtue of change in these Imperial bylaws without the consent of the member. This section shall not be cited to restrict the rights of a duly constituted Civil or Judicial court. This section shall not be cited to protect a title existent by virtue of landed estate where the estate no longer exists or the member no longer holds the estate.”

Commentary: What this means is any attempt to reform the existing Permanent Estates votes is dead in the water until this provision is repealed, repeal of this section is a necessary precursor to any change in the permanent voting rights.

- O. Proposed bylaws amendment: move to amend Article XVI. B. to read:

“The Minister of War will then provide a copy of the first days battles to each contender. On the following morning, after Opening Court, the battles will begin. There shall be fifteen (15) war points consisting of three (3) light weapons battles, two (2) renaissance weapons battles, one (1) renaissance champions battle, two (2) armored battles, and one (1) armored champions battle and six (6) arts points consisting of three (3) from the masters’ tournament and three (3) from the knights’ tournament. At least four (4) group battles, one (1) champions battle, and three (3) arts points shall be decided on the first day. At the end of the day the top two (2) armies shall be allowed to continue the following day. The members of the eliminated armies must, prior to closing court, bind to a new army in order to participate the next day.”

Commentary: This amendment strikes the sentence “If the contender is a Knight Combatant, he must represent him/herself in the armored champions battle.” It makes no other changes than that.

It has been suggested that the current provision can provide an unfair advantage to a non-knight combatant who can choose the best combatant available to represent himself or herself, whereas a Knight Combatant, must rely only on his or her own skill.

There is also a possible problem with pregnancy and or the American With Disabilities Act, as a Knight combatant could very well be pregnant, and there is the very real possibility that a Knight combatant could become disabled after being knighted, and therefore unable to fight.

- P. Their Imperial Majesties submit the following resolution for consideration:

RESOLVED: That the Imperial Estates General resolve in principle that a Board of Directors should be elected from the Imperial Estates General. Said Board would have the powers granted it by the Imperial Estates General including at least the power to approve budgets, expenditures, and resolutions. The membership of said Board would be reported to the Arizona Corporations Commission.

This Resolution would have no legislative effect except to place any proposals for the Board of Directors on the November agenda. In the mean time, it would open up the issue for discussion.

In addition, Their Imperial Majesties wish to propose a series of sumptuary for titles, ranks, and ministries (crowns, chains, symbols, etc.) Lord Nigel and Baroness Geneva shall have proposals and counterproposals for consideration by the Estates. It is expected that they shall have them to you no later than the May 31, 1999 deadline.

- Q. Proposal Bylaws Amendment: Sumptuary Rights (Baroness Geneva O'Bryan)

Commentary: This Proposal is **not** an all or nothing proposal. The writers of this proposal do not wish the proposals be voted on as a package, but the proposals be reviewed independently and voted on independently. The material is organized: Titles, Forms of Formal Address, and Regalia.

1. Sumptuary Rights, Landed and Non-landed, by Rank: A Crown should be at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in width. A circle cannot be more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  in width. Cabochons may not be clear or faceted (i.e. stones like diamonds or rubies and so on).
  - a. Emperor/Empress; Imperial Majesty; Crown of Gold with 8 points and 7 Cabochons; a silver fleur-de-lis, a Gold chain, and a Banner;
  - b. Prince/Princess; Imperial Highness; Crown of Silver with one gold fleur-de-lis, and Silver chain with a Gold link;
  - c. Heir Apparent: Imperial Highness; Crown of Silver with one gold fleur-de-lis, and Silver chain with a Gold link;
  - d. King/Queen; Royal Majesty; Crown of Gold with 6 points and 6 Cabochons, a Gold Chain, and a Banner;
  - e. Prince/Princess; Highness; Crown of Gold with 5 points and 4 Cabochons, a Silver Chain, and a Banner;
  - f. Arch Duc/Duchess; Royal Grace; Crown of Gold with 4 points and 4 Cabochons, a Gold Chain With a Silver link, and a Banner;

- g. Duc/Duchess; Royal Grace; Crown of Gold with 3 points and 3 Cabochons, a Silver Chain With a gold link, and a Banner;
  - h. Lord/Lady Protector; Lord/Lady Protector; Same as the seat they sit, (i.e., Imperial Lord/Lady Protector would be the same as the Imperial Majesties);
  - i. Earl/Comtessa; Grace; Crown of Gold with 2 points opposing each other and 4 Cabochons, Black and Silver Chain, and a Banner;
  - j. Marquis/Marquessa; Excellency; Crown of Gold with 2 Points and Cabochons, Black [and] Gold chain, and a Banner;
  - k. Founding Viscount/Viscountess; Grace; Crown of Silver with 1 point and 3 Cabochons, Black [and] Gold chain, and a Banner;
  - l. Viscount/Viscountess; Grace; Crown of Silver with 1 point and 1 Cabochon, Black [and] Gold chain, and a Banner;
  - m. Count/Countess; Excellency; Crown with pearls, Gold chain with 2 Silver links, and a Banner;
  - n. Viceroy; Excellency; Gold circlet of ½ inch, and a Banner;
  - o. Baron/Baroness; Excellency; Gold Crown of 1 point, Black Chain with 1 Silver link, and a Banner;
  - p. Lord/Lady Baronet; Lord/Lady; Gold and Silver Metal Entwined Circlet of ½ inch;
  - q. Household Sire; Sire; Gold circlet of ¼ inch, Black chain, and a Banner; and,
  - r. Lord/Lady; Lord/Lady; Silver Circlet of ¼ inch.
2. Sumptuary Rights: Knightly Ranks:
- a. Third Level Knights:
    - i. Knight Champion; Sir/Dame; Blue belt, Banner, Gold spurs, Gold and Black chain;
    - ii. Knight Premier; Sir/Dame; Red caplet with silver and gold Piping, Blue belt, Banner, Gold Spurs gold and black chain; and,
    - iii. Knight Masters; Sir/Dame; Red Robe with Silver and Gold Piping, Blue belt, Banner, Gold Spurs, Gold and Silver chain.
  - b. Second Level Knights:
    - i. Knight Bannerette; Sir/Dame; Blue belt, Banner, Gold and Silver spurs, Black chain;
    - ii. Knight Civil; Sir/Dame; Red Caplet with Silver piping, Blue belt, Banner, Gold and silver Spurs, Black chain; and,
    - iii. Knight Doctor; Sir/Dame; Red Robe with Silver piping, Blue belt, Banner, Gold and silver Spurs, Black chain.
  - c. First Level Knights:
    - i. Knight Bachelor; Sir/Dame; Blue belt, Silver spurs;
    - ii. Knight Minister; Sir/Dame; Red Caplet, Blue belt, Silver Spurs; and,

- iii. Knight Robe; Sir/Dame; Blue robe, Blue belt, Silver spurs.
  - d. For those that have a number of Knighthoods, a badge or favor of Black for Combat; Red for Ministry; and, Blue for Arts. No trim or piping for 1<sup>st</sup> level. Silver trim for 2<sup>nd</sup> level. Two rows of trim or piping for Third level: the inner row, Silver; and, the outer row, Gold. These show the Different levels of Knighthood. The above are Knightly rights, they are **NOT** mandatory.
  - e. Squire; Squire; Red belt.
  - f. Man at Arms; Man at Arms; Green belt.
  - g. Page; Page; Yellow belt.
  - h. Lady in Waiting; Lady in Waiting; Favor as seen to be given.
  - i. A Squire can have a Man at Arms, a Lady in Waiting or a Page. A Man at Arms or Lady in Waiting can only have a Page. An Estate holder can have a Man at Arms, a Lady in Waiting or a Page. A Knight is the only one who can have a Squire.
5. Sumptuary Rights: Ministry:
- Each Minister shall be entitled to wear the badge of the office s/he holds. The Physicker, Herald and Marshal must wear a tabard when on the field. All other Ministers may wear a tabard if they so choose. Each minister shall have a pennoncel. The first half of the pennoncel shall consist of either the Imperial Arms for the Imperial Officers, or the Arms of the Chartered Sub-Divisions for local Officers. The second half of the Pennoncel will consist of one of the following, according to office:
- a. Chancellor: Gold Ring on a Blue Field;
  - b. Rolls: Gold Scroll on a Black Field;
  - c. Steward: 3 Gold Coins on a Green Field;
  - d. Sovereign of Arms: A Gold fleur-de-lis in the upper left hand corner on a Blue Field, Gold Tudor Rose W/Red Seeds in the center on both Fields, A Gold Royal Crown, in the upper right hand corner on a Green Field;
  - e. Chronicler: A Gold Quill on a Blue Field;
  - f. Joust: A Gold Sword on a Red Field,
  - g. War: Gold Crossed Pole Axes on a Red Field, or
  - h. Joust and War: split the area horizontally in half, and place the sword over the crossed pole axes;
  - i. Arts: Silver needle and thread on a Black Field,
  - j. Sciences: A Gold sextant on a Black Field, or,
  - k. Arts and Sciences: split the area horizontally in half, and place the needle and thread over the sextant;
  - l. Hospitaler: A Silver chest on a Blue Field;
  - m. Physicker: A Red Tao Cross on a White Field;
  - n. Herald: 3 Gold trumpets on a Blue Field; and,
  - o. Marshal: Silver scale on a Black Field.

6. Sumptuary Rights: Awards: The following are Award sumptuary rights. Royal and Imperial Crowns give them out. ONLY the recipients of these awards are allowed to wear them.
    - a. Royal Star: A Gold mullet (star) on a Black Field;
    - b. Imperial Nebula: A Black Spiral of estoiles on a White Field;
    - c. Imperial Comet: A Silver Comet on a Black Field;
    - d. Imperial Lion of Adria: A Gold Lion sedant on a Red Field;
    - e. Imperial Harp of Adria: A Gold Harp on a Red Field; and,
    - f. Imperial Quill: A Gold Quill on a Red Field.
  5. Sumptuary Rights: Orders: The Members of the following Orders are entitled to the following sumptuaries:
    - a. Royal Order of the Crown Companion:
      - i. Non-Knights: White Garters;
      - ii. Knight Combatants: Black Garters;
      - iii. Knight Robe: Blue Garters; and,
      - iv. Knights Minister: Red Garters.
    - b. Royal Order of the Queen’s Guards: Silver Fleur-de-lis on a Blue Field;
    - c. Noble Order of the Crown Guards: 2 Gold Spears crossed on a Black Field;
    - d. Imperial Order of the Knights Round: Gold Chalice on a White Field;
    - e. Imperial Order of Saint Joan: A Red Saltier Cross-with a White Lilly in the middle of the cross on a White Field;
    - f. Royal Order of Saint Bridget: A Red Flame in base, A green pair of antlers on a Black Field;
 

(Note: The following Orders reflect those awarded in Terre Neuve. Others subdivisions may have regional Orders, including the Imperium).
    - g. Royal Order of the Celestial Raven: A Gold Raven with Gold Stars above the head of the Raven on a Red Field;
    - h. Royal Order of the Golden Claw: Gold Scorpion Claws on a Red Field;
    - i. Royal Order of the Cheese: Sash of gold with holes in it; and,
    - j. Royal Order of the Rose: Three colored Roses, one of Red, One Silver/white, and one Gold
- R. Amend Article I: General.
1. Delete: [1150]; and, insert “850”.
- Or
2. Delete [1150]; and, insert “1066”.
- Commentary: These amendments are presented at the request of early period personas. The either result, 850 to 1603 or 1066 to 1603, would allow for Vikings and Saxons historically present prior to Norman England.
- S. Amend Article I: General.

Insert as the second sentence: “In recreating chivalric history the Adrian Empire, Inc. shall not include firearms as any part of its activities.”

Commentary: Guns were the “death of Chivalry” and while historically present from the Fourteenth Century; we choose not to use them or deal with the dangers they can present.

T. Amend Article III. F.:

Insert as the third sentence: “These rules shall not preclude formation of political rather than geographical subdivisions; but, any request to divide a chartered subdivision into two or more such political subdivisions must be with the consent of the Estates of the subdivision affected, the Imperial Crown, and the Imperial Estates General.”

Commentary: It has been suggested that territorial exclusivity has led to lost membership and competition with other organizations, that members feel forces them to join another club to play the game.

U. Amend Article V. B. (Dame Rose of Aberlone):

Insert as the second sentence: “The official event shall be considered suspended or over during any hours alcohol is permitted, with the exception of the judging of Arts entries.”

Commentary: When alcohol consumption begins the legitimate educational activities are not generally taking place, members’ behavior is affected; and, mundane disturbances are best resolved mundanely.

V. Amend Article VIII. B. 1. B.: Imperial Crown Qualifications.

Delete: [or]; and, insert a semicolon. Delete the period [.]; and, insert “; or, attained the Third Level of Knightly Rank.”

Commentary: This amendment will open the pool of qualified candidates to Third Level Knights whether they have served as Crowns or not, and is consistent with the progressive requirements for other candidates.

W. Amend Articles IV., XV., and XVI.

1. Amend Article VI. F. 1. a.

Insert “elect the Imperial Crown(s) by a simple majority and. . .”

If passed:

2. Amend Articles XV. and XVI.

Delete all references to Imperial Crown or Civil Wars and set the election during the November Meeting.

Commentary: A real Imperial Crown War is unworkable even multiple site versions cannot fully allow all regions to participate; but allowing all representatives to vote will. In addition, the amendment will simplify the Bylaws by eliminating these complex provisions.

X. Amend Articles XV. and XVI. B. Conduct of War – War Points.

Delete [fifteen (15)]; and, insert “seventeen (17)”. Delete the period [.} at the end of the second sentence; and, insert following “tournament”: “two archery points consisting of one (1) Masters’ Tournament and one (1) Knights’ Tournament.”

Commentary: The addition of archery necessitates its inclusion in Crown and Civil Wars just as combat and arts but due to range availability the two tournaments should not be required to be held specifically at the same site or particular day, flexibility is required here.

X. Committee Reports.

- XI. Protectors of the Dream.
- A. Sir William Baine respectfully declined;
  - B. Sir Stephan, HIM;
  - C. Dame Katayana, HIM;
  - D. Sir Mathghamhain, Prince;
  - E. Sir Winfred, HRM Aragon; and,
  - F. Dame Anginette, HRM Aragon

XII. Setting the Next Meeting.

XIII. Announcements.

Apology.

“Unto the Imperial Crown and populace of Adria,

I Sapphire Jade do hereby apologize for any and all actions that I took or did not take while sharing the throne of Dragon's Mist with Jochen Morgan MacKay. It is my belief that had I done more at that time then perhaps this area would not be as it is now for this I do beg your forgiveness.

It is my belief that had I taken different actions at that time, this area may not be in the position that it is in today for this, I also ask forgiveness. I do not take responsibility for things I knew or could do nothing about but I do accept responsibility for the chain of actions and reactions that have come from them. I do this because I believe in this game and the dream we represent, and because it is my duty as the founding Viceroy to do so much as it would be the duty of a captain to go down with his ship. It is in your hands now as to the possibilities for my doing something about the sinking ship.

In service to the dream,  
Sapphire Jade”

XIV. Adjournment.