

**Minutes of for the Meeting of the Imperial Estates
General of the Adrian Empire, Inc.
November 2000**

I. Call to Order (10:15am November 4, 2000)

II. Roll Call (Quorum Established 10:21 am, 58 Estates holders present by person or proxy)

III. Consent Calendar (none)

(Meeting turned over to the Chancellor 10:47am)

IV. Minutes of July 2000 Imperial Estates Meeting (approved without objections)

[Chancellor moved to adopt the Proposed Chancellor's Manual for this meeting with the observation that the Imperial Estates still can look at New Business & review it for input – approved by voice vote/one nay]

V. Imperial Reports

- A. President's Report
- B. Chancery Report
- C. Judiciary Report
- D. Imperial Steward's Report
 - i. Deputy Steward's Report
 - ii. Budget Review
- E. Imperial Rolls Minister Report
- F. Imperial Physicker Report
- G. Imperial Arts & Sciences Minister Report
- H. Imperial Minister of War & Joust Report
- I. Imperial Chronicler's Report
- J. Imperial Minister of Archery Report
- K. Imperial Sovereign of Arms Report
- L. Imperial Website Report
- M. Board of Directors Report

VI. Crown Business (action items contained in reports)

CB0 (approved by acclamation)

Authors HIM Dame Elisabeth/HIM Sir Erik

Approval of Charters required for the following (see Appendix A2 for actual Charters):

- Grant of new Charter for the Shire of Borealis in Minnesota
- Boundary amendment of the Charter for Fire & Ice to take in the rest of the state of Oregon.
- Boundary amendment of the Charter for Caerleon (was Thatuna).
- Elevation of the Shire of Caerleon to Duchy status.
- Boundary amendment of the Charter for Ekaterinegorod.
- Elevation of Ekaterinegorod to a Duchy.

CB1 (moved to table failed; move to refer to the Board of Directors passed 29ayes, 27 naves)

Author Sir Nikolai

Crown comments: the following proposal has been placed before us by Sir Nikolai in response to the Imperial Crowns' concerns regarding current limitations experienced when dealing with situations involving ESTATES WRIT B.7 in the past year. It reflects concerns we expressed, but does not wholly reflect our thinking. Our proposed amendments and/or commentary is added in italics.

PROPOSAL ON MODIFICATIONS TO THE WRIT FOR PROTECTION OF MINORS AND

MEMBERS AND ARTICLE III

Author's Commentary: At the Western Imperial War, several ideas were discussed to deal with members and prospective members who had been convicted of violent and child-related sex crimes. I am always concerned with any restriction on membership as it is so susceptible to abuse; however, here is a proposal for a change to Article III.

Currently, membership may be revoked or denied for conviction of a crime in connection with an Adrian activity. I propose that this be modified to include conviction of any crime that the Imperial Crown determines to indicate that the member or prospective member is a clear and present danger to members of the Adrian Empire. Membership may also be denied or revoked on recommendation of an Adrian court after conviction for an Adrian offense. I propose that this be modified to allow denial or revocation of membership on recommendation of an Adrian court based on a finding that the member or prospective member is a clear and present danger to members of the Adrian Empire.

Recent experience with the Writ for Protection of Minors and Members indicates that some minor modifications are in order:

1. A member restricted from overnight events should also be restricted from being responsible for minors (other than the member's own children) at Adrian events.
2. Notice to Crowns by the Imperial Crown regarding restrictions on a member's overnight privileges and ability to be responsible for minors shall be done by certified mail, and shall include a copy of the Writ itself for review, as well as an admonition that the Crowns are responsible to pass on the information to their successors, and that the restriction is to remain in effect until further notice. If the restriction is to be Empire-wide, all Crowns shall be notified. As newly chartered subdivisions are created, new Crowns shall be given notice.
[Crown proposes to amend to "shall be done by "confirmed delivery mail", which is now available through all postal carriers. Additionally, we propose that Writ B.7 itself stipulate that Crowns, once notified, are responsible to pass on the information to their successors.]
3. Where the restriction on the member is based on a report of sexually related transgressions, all Crowns shall be notified to check to see if the member is a registered sex offender on the Megan's Law database, or other appropriate information repository of registered sex offenders. If the member is so registered, the Crowns shall obtain authorization from law enforcement to disseminate the registered information within the organization.
[Crown suggests that final language reflect the possibility that law enforcement agencies might deny the authorization for reasons we may not be able to anticipate. Language might state "must seek to obtain", for example.]

Finally, it seems appropriate to ask members and prospective members themselves if they have been convicted of any crimes other than infractions, and if so, the date, location, and nature of the convictions. This should be made a mandatory part of the membership application (and therefore part of the Steward's Manual Estates Writ).
[We do not support the proposal here as it is specifically paraphrased. We would suggest that the nature of the inquiry is too broad. It may be more useful to have the membership application contain a sworn statement that addresses what the undersigned is not – ie. not a registered sex offender, never convicted for violent crime, etc. Then, if the person cannot affirm it, allow them to request a judicial review to establish why or how their situation has no bearing on their membership.]

Having proposed the above, let me now say that a bigger problem than legislation is implementation. Although we have the Writ for Protection of Minors and Members and a Writ regarding alcohol and overnight events (from the current Reign), I have personally witnessed that said Writs are only haphazardly enforced. Minors continue to move freely without supervision at our overnight events, with free access to alcohol. I propose that to facilitate implementation, we do two things:

1. Proposed to be added to the Writ for Protection of Minors and Members:

At every event, at sign-up, all those attending need indicate their ages in writing. If the person attending the event is under 18, that person shall also put the name of the adult supervising that person. Conversely, the responsible adult needs to list all children in that adult's charge. This will facilitate administration. While the supervising adult may enlist others to supervise the children while that adult is involved in other activities, that adult is ultimately responsible.

[We propose an amendment that only legally designated guardians are allowed, as with most organizations, to be acting guardian for a minor signing up at an event. Lacking that requirement there should be, at the least, a signed statement form from the parents themselves authorizing said legal guardian for the weekend.]

2. Proposed addition to Article VII: It's time to create a new ministry, one responsible for implementing safety and security measures at events, especially overnight events. In Terre-Neuve, this would likely fall under the auspices of the Warden's office (created 1992). I understand that other chartered subdivisions have Wardens, including, I believe, Esperance and Umbria. Let the Office of the Warden become an additional Ministry reflected in the Bylaws. I propose the following section to be added to Article VII:

"The Warden shall be entrusted with the supervision of the execution of events and specifically charged with the enforcement of the current laws for protection of minors and members. The Imperial Warden shall be authorized and directed to prepare and promulgate a procedural manual for the holding of events, as well as to ensure enforcement of safety and security measures at all events."

The buck has to stop somewhere, and thus far, it may be that our problems have arisen due to the fact that many autocrats, including Crowns, are simply insufficiently focused on the issue, or insufficiently versed in Adrian law on the subject. I envision the Warden as being in charge of organizing volunteers to be vigilant at events in shifts and assist with enforcement (as has been coordinated by some previous Crowns in the past). Imperial Wardens should be knights (of any discipline). Local Wardens need only have an interest.

Terre-Neuve also has a minister who is solely concerned with the welfare of children. At the Imperial level, such a minister could be appointed as needed as a deputy in the Warden's office. As the Imperium holds very few events, a stand-alone children's ministry is probably not yet necessary, although chartered subdivisions of any size may find such ministers indispensable. I propose the following subsection to the section on Wardens:

"Minister of Children: an optional deputy to the Warden, primarily concerned with the encouragement, involvement, safety, care, and welfare of children at events."

[Crown Commentary: We would like to amend to read "an optional deputy to the Warden, primarily concerned with promoting the encouragement, involvement, safety, care and welfare of children participating at events." This is adding a clarification to the intent of the position. Explanation: we are not, and should not be, licensed day care providers. We can promote, through education and activities, the safety and fun of our children. It would be unwise, as an organization (or appointed agent thereof) complete responsibility for such broad legal definitions as "safety, care, and welfare of children at events". We must be careful in our enthusiasm to engage and embrace our children's participation at events that we do not set ourselves before the parents in assuming legal responsibility for their children's welfare.]

I propose that the Chancellor be authorized and directed to take the operational language from the above paragraphs and insert them in an appropriate section of Article VII.

As indicated above, I think the rules we have are good ones, needing only minor modification; however, we still seem to have several sexual and alcohol-related incidents a year and Adria is still growing. I believe the situation is sufficiently important to warrant the attention of its own ministry. Currently, we have at least 8 ministries devoted to administration, and only one devoted to safety (the Physicker-- with the Combatant Ministries having some safety functions). No ministries are dedicated to security, with security functions traditionally relegated to the Crowns and "the Chivalry." In Terre-Neuve, the Warden has administrative duties as well. These are centered around the planning of events (finding parks, halls, sources for food and furniture, etc.). For Terre-Neuve, the Warden is like a permanent floating autocrat. The Imperial Warden could serve those functions as well.

[We feel that of the 8 Ministries devoted to administration, that the Ministers of Archery, Joust & War, Combat, the Chancellory, and the Physicker are all devoted mainly to safety. Perhaps it's just our own point of perspective. Nonetheless, We do strongly feel that it is long past due to have someone whose job is essentially to be in charge of planning and operations to help work with the Imperial event autocrats to assure consistency in event operations and planning both.]

CB2.1 (moved to table failed; motion failed)

Author Sir Nicolai

That Jade Alberts' name replace that of Orn Pitman in the Bylaws; that Dame Lizbet de Gour de Ley nee Coucy replace that of Sir Francois de Coucy in the Bylaws.

CB2.2 (passed by acclamation)

Author HIM Dame Elisabeth/HIM Sir Erik

That the name of Orn Pitman be removed from the list of recognized Founding Viscounts in the bylaws.

CB3 (move to table failed; motion passed)

Author Sir Karl/Sir Nicolai

Adopt proposed Chancellors Manual (see Appendix B) **as amended. [Amend Manual to include: deadline for proposed agenda items to be 60 days, and agenda to be published 30 days prior]**

CB4 (passed by acclamation)

Author Sir Nicolai

Adopt proposed Steward's Manual 2000, as revised by Sir Nikolai (see Appendix F).

CB5 (no action required)

Author HIM Dame Elisabeth Grey

Withdraw Imperial Crown Writ . E&E -1 June 20 , 2000 Conduct of Archery at Imperial War.

VII. Clarifications/Chancellor

CL1

Author Sir Karl von Katzburg

Chancellor's comments: these issues concerning conduct of Tournaments have arisen many times in the past. Based on rulings of the Chancery in the past and present I feel it is time to put them into law to ensure uniform application. The intent in item #1 is to accommodate subdivisions operating where severe weather conditions or unexpected loss or unavailability of facilities must be dealt with. Item #2 provides for situations where the number required to make up a list has failed to be met. Item #3 addresses providing for the ability to, within the context of an Adrian event, stage a tournament styled on period practices for the purposes of display or competition (Pas de Armes, etcetera).

WRIT ON THE CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS (passed as bylaw 51 ayes, 7 naves, 1 abstained)

[Chancellor to add clarifying language concerning safety considerations]

1. Tournaments can be made up if they were cancelled or interrupted due to lack of facilities based on:

- a. Acts of God such as:
 - i. Rain, hail or snow
 - ii. Excessive heat
 - iii. Excessive cold
 - iv. Excessive winds
 - v. Flooding
 - vi. Darkness

vii. Or any other naturally occurring conditions that in the opinion of the Crown warrants invoking this writ.

- b. Interference of property owners or mundane authorities (site cancellation by parks or landowners, or events shutdown by police or other law enforcement agencies)

This writ may be invoked by the Crown upon their own initiative or on the recommendation of the:

- i. Minister of Joust & War
- ii. Minister of Arts & Sciences
- iii. Minister of Archery
- iv. Physicker

The writ will apply to tournament competitions involving:

- i. Combat
- ii. Archery
- iii. Arts & Sciences

Make up tournaments may be held at a prearranged rain date or at a regularly scheduled event in the future.

Make up tournaments are to be open to all comers.

2. Tournaments failing to meet the minimum number required to make up a list may proceed, granting participation points but not wins. This will apply to:

- i. Combat
- ii. Archery
- iii. Arts & Sciences

3. For reasons of historical accuracy and game play the Host (i.e. the Crown, Minister of Joust & War) may, without allowing blows disallowed by the Combat Manual, limit the target areas to be counted as good blows to:

- i. counted blows
- ii. fighting across the barriers
- iii. limited courses to certain weapons
- iv. counted blows between quarters
- v. or any such devices as to enhance game play or historical accuracy that in the opinion of the Minister of Joust & War is safe.

CL2

Election of the Board of Directors

Following is the text, excerpted from Estates Writ B-14, that applies to this new process. The current Board of Directors serving the Empire: HIM Dame Elisabeth (President), HIM Sir Erik (Vice President), Sir Terrin Greyphis (Treasurer/Secretary), Princess Katherine Marshall (Past President), Prince Jehan (Past Vice President).

ESTATES WRIT B-14. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (listed herein for reference purpose only)

a. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The number of Directors shall be five. The Emperor or the Empress (at the Imperial Crown's option) shall always be one of the members. The Imperial Estates General will elect the Board of Directors from their members by a simple majority vote. Candidates will be self-nominated.

b. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office shall be for approximately one year between meetings of the Imperial Estates General (currently in November). At each such annual meeting, Directors will be elected for the next annual term. Directors may succeed themselves. A Director may be removed prematurely by action of the Imperial Estates General, the action of a duly convened Imperial Court of Justice, or by a unanimous vote of all other Directors (so long as the Board has more than two members). Directors may resign, or cease to

serve through death or incapacity. The Imperial Crown must fill empty Director positions, pending a full election at the next annual meeting of the Imperial Estates General.

Nominations: Jonathon Barton, Sir Wm. Baine, Dame Elisabeth Grey, Sir Eric the Aweful, Sir Terrin Greyphis, Dame Katherine Marshall, Sir Jehan.

[ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS: HIM Dame Elisabeth (President), HIM Sir Erik (Vice President), Sir Terrin Greyphis (Treasurer/Secretary), Princess Katherine Marshall (Past President), Prince Jehan (Past Vice President).]

VIII. Old Business

OB1 (passed 38 ayes, 8 naves)

Author HIM Dame Elisabeth/HIM Sir Erik

We propose, in the interest of reducing newsletter costs and subsequently to save money for the Empire and its membership, to allow members who opt for electronic delivery of the Adrian Herald to receive a corresponding discount on their membership. We therefore propose:

Revise ARTICLE IV DUES.F DISCOUNTS to give a discount of \$10 per year for Participating Member's annual dues with electronic delivery; and \$5 per year discount for Participating Member's semi-annual dues.

OB2 (passed)

Authored by Sir Nicolai

PROPOSAL REGARDING THE COMBAT MANUAL

Certain manuals have been made Imperial Estates Writ as they embody fundamental rights of members. Those manuals are the Combat Manual, the Arts & Science Manual, the Codex Adjudicata, and the Steward's Manual. The Steward's Manuals, as indicated above, were remanded to the Crown for revision. This revision is done, and it is time for the Steward's Manual to revert to Imperial Estates Writ Status. The Combat Manual was also remanded to the Crown for revision last November. Whether or not the revisions are complete, it is important that the Imperial Estates take back control of the manual, such that changes not be subject to whim. It is time to either make the new manual (if completed and published) an Imperial Estates Writ, or to re-implement the old manual depending on the desires of the Estates. I think it appropriate to mention at this point that there has been a suggestion that the Arts & Science Manual be given over to Crown control. No. Any proposed changes should be presented to the Estates for approval for play-test and possible subsequent adoption. There are people who are impatient with how long it takes to implement sweeping changes in our rules. Sorry. Fundamental rules should not be subject to easy change. Modifications should only be made after long and careful consideration. The game is playable now, and no emergencies currently present themselves. We need to make sure that proposed changes are actually improvements before we adopt them.

[Added commentary: the Draft Combat Manual has been available for review and discussion via the Imperial website for several months now. It's available at <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/ontis>, along with the draft Arts & Sciences Manual and the proposed Imperial Chancellors Manual]

OB3 (in answer to Estates resolution of July 2000) (withdrawn by author)

Authored by Sir Nicolai

All memberships begun between 4/1 and 9/30 shall be treated as if they were received on July 1. For half-year memberships, renewal will be on January 1. For full-year memberships, renewal will be on July 1.

All memberships begun between 10/1 and 3/31 shall be treated as if they were received January 1. For half-year

memberships, renewal will be on July 1. For full-year memberships, renewal will be on January 1.

As you can see, depending on when dues are paid, the member can "gain" or "lose" three months. At our current level of dues, this represents a maximum one-time swing of \$7.50. The only way this situation would ever be repeated is if the membership were allowed to expire. Otherwise, the issue would never come up again.

Rather than micromanage the Bylaws, I think that the Imperial Steward's office can simply try this idea as an administrative experiment. As a technical argument, it might be said that the dues for a member's first year (or six months) are being changed. To combat that argument, the Estates may simply pass a resolution which indicates that its interpretation of the law is otherwise. Such an interpretation is part of my proposal.

It may be that the dates set forth above may not be perfect for all chartered subdivisions. At the meeting, we may wish to make alternate suggestions to the Imperial Crown, but I propose that we leave the ultimate decision to them. I also suggest that the issue be reviewed at the July Estates Meeting, so that if the experiment is an unmitigated disaster, we can withdraw our approval.

OB4 (withdrawn by author)

Author HIM Dame Elisabeth Grey

This purpose of this proposal is to provide for a calendar based annual renewal date, and to clarify existing law. Current practice of random annual renewals confounds budget management due to the ongoing "trickle" of renewals. At no time can the Empire realistically project a budget based on "real" membership numbers. Organizations with calendar based annual renewals project budgetary requirements based on the ability to determine the renewed membership annually. Based from this position, with a reasonable estimate of the organization's membership for the remainder of the year, budgeted expenditures can be tailored to work to the numbers determined. Paperwork is streamlined, and membership renewal verification only needs to be accomplished once per year, reducing the amount of work for the Royal and Imperial Steward's offices. Since a once a year "proofing" of membership would be possible, lapsed or incomplete renewals can be tracked down and corrected more efficiently.

In order to implement an efficient collection of membership dues that is fair and consistent in practice throughout the Empire we propose the following revision (strike-thru text is deleted, underlined is added):

ARTICLE IV.A GENERAL

Membership dues are set by the Imperial Estates General. Dues may be paid in annual or semi-annual installments to the Steward of the Empire. ~~Dues may be paid to the Steward of a chartered subdivision, but must be sent as presented, to the Steward of the Empire. The current practices of subdivisions of a chartered subdivision in handling dues shall not be altered. Any subdivision or chartered subdivision created after March 1st, 1992 shall comply.~~ Membership fees are due annually, on the first day of each year. During the interim conversion period, dues will be pro-rated. New memberships will be prorated quarterly as collected throughout the year.

Note: Memberships will be accepted via mail to the Imperial Stewards office with payment made by personal check, cashiers check, or money order only. Persons wishing to hand a third party their renewals to collect and send on their behalf do so at their own discretion and risk. At the 30 day, 60 day, and 90 day mark (past due) the Imperial Steward will send a listing, to each subdivision of renewals received. Membership cards will be sent to the membership directly by return mail for receipt purposes. Members can check on their renewals with either the Imperial or Royal Steward's office. For the remainder of the year the Imperial Steward will issue monthly updates listing new members and membership transfers as needed.

[Author proposes to amend to "New memberships will be prorated montly..."; ongoing memberships already intended to be prorated monthly]

OB5 [withdrawn by author]

Author HIM Dame Elisabeth Grey

Current law allows semi-annual membership payments. Current practice is to treat them, for record keeping, as a six month membership, requiring new waivers and repetitive database entries for each payment. Consequently a surcharge of \$3/membership was imposed. In order to continue the practice of allowing semi-annual (twice yearly) installment payments on annual memberships, which would then be billed at the six month juncture, revise ARTICLE IV.E.SCHEDULE to read:

1. SINGLE

- Annual: 30.00 (may be made in two semi-annual installments)
- Life: 10 times Annual Rate

2. GROUP

X = per each additional member over the initial member.

Cap on group memberships set at \$70.00 annually

- Annual: +(\$10.00 * X) (may be paid in two semi-annual installments)
- Life: N/A

Note: suggest sending a simple postcard or “e-billing” reminders 30 days prior to the six month mark. No waiver is needed, as is already on file and this is an “installment” payment. If payment lapses 30 days past due date (60 days from date of billing) membership would lapse as according to current practice. Membership forms will be revised to allow members to select “full payment enclosed” or “Semi-annual installment payment enclosed, bill me later”. This results in a savings in printing (one form instead of two) and time (data entry).

OB6 (motion failed)

Author HIM Dame Elisabeth Grey

Revise ARTICLE IV.F DISCOUNTS to read:

“Senior Citizens (55 years +) are allowed a 10% discount on annual membership only.”

OB7 (passed as amended)

Author HIM Dame Elisabeth Grey

The Operating Principles in ARTICLE I.C of the Bylaws sets forth considerations regarding Adrian’s “Shared commitment to a common purpose, values, and operating principles”. For the purpose of reflecting the Articles of Incorporation, add:

- “Promote research, education, and publication relevant to Western Culture within our period of history.”

[Author proposes to amend to state: “Promote research, education, and publication relevant to those cultures falling within the influence of Western Civilization within our period of history.”]

[ITEMS NUMBER OB8 – OB12 ARE PART OF ONGOING BUSINESS FROM THE ARTS & SCIENCES MINISTRY, remains in committee]

OB8 (remains in committee)

Author Sir Wm de Grosso

Under "Appendix B": B.1 The Manual of Arts and Sciences.

Proposal: Convert this from Estates Writ to Continuing Crown Writ.

Author's Commentary:

This will take the A&S Manual to the same status as the Combat Manual. The primary purpose is to allow changes to the manual without having to convene the Estates.

OB9 (remains in committee)

Author Sir Wm de Grosso

Modifying

XI. Awards, Orders, Ranks and Titles

C. Ranks

2. Robe Roll

to Change the Tourney Win requirement to be defined by the A&S Manual, and allow the A&S Manual to define equivalent achievements which do not require a competitive "Tournament" format. In each case where "win(s) in a Knight's/Master's Tourney" is mentioned insert the parenthetical "(or equivalent as defined in the Manual of Arts and Sciences)".

ORIGINAL TEXT:

2. Robe Roll.
 - a. Apprentice.
 - b. Journeyman.
 - i. Participation in 3 Masters' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - c. Master.
 - i. Participation in 5 additional Masters' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - ii. 1 win in a Masters' Tourney at a Crown event.
 - iii. Participation in 2 demonstrations.
 - d. Knight Robe.
 - i. Participation in 10 Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - ii. 1 win in the Knights' Tourneys at a Crown event.
 - iii. 1 master work.
 - iv. Participation in 3 additional demonstrations.
 - v. Participation in 1 war at a Crown event.
 - e. Knight Doctor.
 - i. Participation in 18 additional Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - ii. 5 additional wins in the Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - iii. 2 additional master works.
 - iv. Participation in 5 additional demonstrations.
 - v. Participation in 3 additional wars at Crown events.
 - f. Knight Master.
 - i. Participation in 36 additional Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - ii. 10 additional wins in the Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - iii. 4 additional master works.
 - iv. Participation in 15 additional demonstrations.
 - v. Participation in 5 additional wars at Crown events.

MODIFIED TEXT:

2. Robe Roll.
 - a. Apprentice.
 - b. Journeyman.
 - i. Participation in 3 Masters' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - c. Master.
 - i. Participation in 5 additional Masters' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - ii. 1 win in a Masters' Tourney (or equivalent as defined in the Manual of Arts and Sciences) at a Crown event.
 - iii. Participation in 2 demonstrations.
 - d. Knight Robe.
 - i. Participation in 10 Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.

- ii. 1 win in the Knights' Tourneys (or equivalent as defined in the Manual of Arts and Sciences) at a Crown event.
- iii. 1 master work.
- iv. Participation in 3 additional demonstrations.
- v. Participation in 1 war at a Crown event.
- e. Knight Doctor.
 - i. Participation in 18 additional Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - ii. 5 additional wins in the Knights' Tourneys (or equivalent as defined in the Manual of Arts and Sciences) at Crown events.
 - iii. 2 additional master works.
 - iv. Participation in 5 additional demonstrations.
 - v. Participation in 3 additional wars at Crown events.
- f. Knight Master.
 - i. Participation in 36 additional Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
 - ii. 10 additional wins in the Knights' Tourneys (or equivalent as defined in the Manual of Arts and Sciences) at Crown events.
 - iii. 4 additional master works.
 - iv. Participation in 15 additional demonstrations.
 - v. Participation in 5 additional wars at Crown events.

Author's Commentary:

This change is fundamental to how the Robe Roll is structured, and is presented in the clear knowledge that it is the intention of the A&S Ministry and the Imperial Crown to change from a Tournament format for arts judging and milestones in the Robe Roll to one which does not require a competitive format.

OB10 (*remains in committee*)

Author Sir Wm de Grosso

Modify

- D. Imperial Crown War
- 5. Armed and Arts Combat

ORIGINAL TEXT:

The number and types of battles shall be determined by Imperial Estates Writ, but in any case, there shall be an equitable mixture of light weapons, renaissance and armored battles and (1) armored champions battle and a number of arts points as set forth in the current Manual of Arts and Sciences.

CHANGE TO:

The number and types of battles shall be determined by Imperial Estates Writ, but in any case, there shall be an equitable mixture of light weapons, renaissance and armored battles and (1) armored champions battle and a resolve arts points as set forth in the current Manual of Arts and Sciences.

Author's Commentary:

The number of categories in the Arts and Sciences has caused us a number of interesting problems over time as we have adjusted the number of points to fit the categories and have had several different systems for handling fractional points etc. We need to adopt a system which is not dependant on the number and variety of categories in the Arts and remove this complexity from the Bylaws.

OB11 (*remains in committee*)

Author Sir Wm de Grosso

Change

- XVI. Crown War
- B. War

ORIGINAL TEXT:

eight (8) arts points (consisting of four (4) Master's Tournament and four (4) Knight's Tournament)

PROPOSED TEXT:

six (6) arts points (consisting of three (3) to be resolved by scenario at the Master's level and three (3) resolved by scenario at the Knight's level)

OB12 (*remains in committee*)

Author Sir Wm de Grosso

Proposed Continuing Estates Writ

"For the total war points to be awarded at the Knight's or Master's level: 1/2 of the total points, rounded down to the nearest whole point, will be determined by total points of all entries at that level.

In the absence of scenarios set forth in the Manual of Arts and Sciences or by the Crown autocrat (and published per the same time requirements as for battle scenarios) war points for Arts and Sciences shall be determined as follows:

For the total war points to be awarded at the Knight's or Master's level:

- 1/2 shall be determined by total points of all entries at that level.
- 1/2 shall be determined by the top scoring item"

Author's Commentary:

This is proposed to provide a default system for determining the Arts points in the absence of any other direction.

OB13 (passed 53 ayes)

Author HIM Dame Elisabeth Grey

Under ARTICLE III.B CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP: Existing terminology is confusing, with the use of the term "group membership" used in both the Family and the Associate membership sections. Revise heading from "Participating Group Membership" to "Participating **Family** Membership".

OB14 (passed as amended)

Author Sir Wm Baine/HIM Dame Elisabeth

Original Text (withdrawn for rewrite): Article III. C. line 2: after "advancement" insert "; to hold decision making offices including Estates membership, Rulers of chartered subdivisions and the Empire, members must be at least 18 years of age." (grave concerns have been raised regarding the appropriateness of minors to participate in contract and policy decisions and whether Estates votes should be held by minor children who may not be free to vote their own conscience).

Rewrite: The requirements for offices are better served if kept in the qualifying sections, for clarity and simplicity. The proposal goes to the issue of requiring adults to fill positions of authority and responsibility. Two areas of

service involved are the Ministerial Offices, and the requirements for ruling Crowns. Added language is underlined, deleted language is struck through.

ARTICLE VII.C. REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD MINISTERIAL OFFICE

All ministers and their deputies shall hold a participating or family membership, ~~and~~ shall maintain such membership for the duration of their appointment, and be of at least 18 years of age.

[Amended to read: "All ministers and their deputies shall hold a participating or family membership, and shall maintain such membership for the duration of their appointment. Those holding statutory offices must be of at least 18 years of age."]

ARTICLE VIII.B .1.c. GENERAL REQ'T FOR CROWNS/RULING NOBLES - QUALIFICATIONS

i. Imperial and Royal Crowns must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than one year, and be of at least 18 years of age.

[Commentary: mundane law already requires that statutory offices be filled by persons of the age of majority]

OB15 (withdrawn by author & referred to committee)

Author Sir Wm Baine

Article III. F. line 4: insert new sentence: "A group of associate members, see Article III. B. 4., large enough to be recognized as chartered subdivision may be so recognized despite existing in the same region as another chartered subdivision, subject of the Imperial Crown and a majority vote of the Imperial Estates." (a strong incentive for cross joining with Adria is to maintain group identification in multiple organizations i.e. an SCA Barony could under this amendment cross join and be recognized as a distinct Adrian chartered subdivision; clearly as separate subdivision its members would not unduly interfere in or control the existing Adria subdivision).

OB16 (withdrawn by author & referred to committee)

Author Sir Wm Baine

Article III. F. line 4: insert new sentence: "Members, who for sufficient reason as determined by the Imperial Crown, are unable to participate in their chartered subdivision of residence may be permitted status of member at large of the Adrian Empire, Inc.; such members' participation shall be reported to the appropriate Imperial officer, and such members shall not participate in, or again be considered a member of the local chartered subdivision without express consent of the Ruler of the local chartered subdivision." (Okay, so you don't want to play with the locals, this status permits independence at a price, you are free to participate elsewhere but not to burden or interfere in the group you have chosen not to be a part of).

OB17 (motion failed)

Author Sir Wm Baine

Article IV. A. line 2: after "Empire." delete rest of paragraph; insert new sentence: "Additional separate dues for a chartered subdivision may be established by the Estates of the chartered subdivision and consent of the Imperial Crown in an amount not to exceed fifty (50) percent of Imperial fees. If such dues are established members must pay both to maintain Adrian membership." (The Empire needs all of its Imperial fees to operate, chartered subdivisions require operating funds as well; these must be reasonable and not unduly burden members).

OB18 (motion failed)

Author Sir Wm Baine

Article IV. B. line 1: after "Imperium" insert "of Imperial dues; and, 100 percent to the chartered subdivision of chartered subdivision dues if adopted."

OB19 (no action required, remanded to the Chancery for clarification)

Author Sir Wm Baine

Article XV. B. 4. Can this whole subdivision civil war and fief fee be clarified? At least in line 8, delete "working for a fief fee" insert "having accepted payment for fealty."

OB20 (resolved by estates resolution)

Author Sir Wm Baine

Article VI. A. line 5 (probably): delete: "July" insert: "May" (this would make the meetings six months apart).

OB21 (withdrawn by author)

Author Sir Wm Baine

Article VI. A. line 2: delete: "and the two senior members of the Estates Minor from each chartered subdivision" (much has been made of the unwieldy size of the Imperial Estates, since the retired titles and earned ranks are protected by Article VI. J. and the estates of the chartered subdivision are represented by greater estate holders and rulers--these additional representatives may be duplicative).

[RESOLUTIONS:]

- 1. Motion proposed by Protectors of the Dream: delete the Grandmaster of the Dream (passed)**
- 2. Motion to table consideration of any Imperial Reign (passed)**
- 3. Vote of confidence (for the current Imperial Reign)**
- 4. Motion for Imperial Estates to conduct an interim Imperial Estates Meeting on March 10,11, 2001. Agenda submission deadline December 8, 2000. (passed)**
- 5. Motion to consider only NB1 (see item) in New Business. (passed)**

IX. New Business

NB 1 (passed)

Authored by Lady Serena of Umbria

Proposal to remove limitations from number of classes that may be given per year for points. Strikes the following language from Estates Writ 8:

~~d. No individual may do more than 2 classes per year for points.~~

[MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:50PM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2000.]

NB 2

Authored by Sir Nicolai

PROPOSAL ON CROWNS SUCCEEDING THEMSELVES

At the July meeting of the Estates, a proposal for allowing Crowns to succeed themselves appeared on the Agenda as New Business. Many did not expect the issue to be discussed at that meeting and were waiting to debate the matter in November, hopefully, with some additional alternate proposals. This may have especially been true of some of those who sent proxies. Nevertheless, the Estates present at the meeting seemed to feel the issue was interesting enough to take up right away. As drafted, the measure failed, after VERY limited caucus-style debate. Subsequently, the Queen of Terre-Neuve presented a redrafted proposal which passed. We were pressed for time, and there was no debate on the second proposal. I am terribly concerned about this for a couple of reasons. The first is that I believe it inappropriate for non-agenda items to be presented to the Estates. It is unfair to proxies (who have never seen the items), and also, it can lead to hasty poorly-considered actions due to insufficient time being given to consideration. My second concern is that I think allowing multiple successive terms for Crowns is a mistake. Incumbents, even those who are incompetent or corrupt, enjoy significant advantages in war. Furthermore, as information about a given Reign is essentially controlled by the Crowns

themselves, we have had a phenomenon in the past wherein some of the most popular Reigns were those where the Crowns' failings were simply never disclosed. Conversely, the Reigns where the Crowns were the most honest and diligent were often some of the least popular. This being the case, we often don't learn of our Crowns' shortcomings until the Reigns turn over. Under the new law, that would not be for two years. I have two more things to say about this law. First, I don't buy that it takes more than a year as Crown to accomplish something in this Empire. I haven't been a Crown in four years, and I continue to contribute and accomplish. Second, I worry about Crowns who will feel the need to take steps to assure their own succession. I am not convinced that they will do so by providing good service. I fear that the temptation to control information and to engage in power politics may overcome many. I think we saw enough of that tendency in the past, even without this new law. Now we have made it easier.

Having said all that, let me say where I think we are procedurally. Where emergency items have arisen without notice, it has been appropriate to revisit and reconsider those items as Old Business at the next meeting. This procedure had not been universally applied as we had yet to adopt a manual of parliamentary procedure (a deficiency I hope will be remedied as I have been called upon to present such a manual at this meeting). Nevertheless, I believe such a procedure is in keeping with the spirit (though not the exact letter) of Article VI.G. (regarding waiver of notice and reconsideration). Therefore, I have asked the Chancellor to place the item which passed in July as a matter for reconsideration under Old Business at this meeting.

Law for Reconsideration: At the July meeting, the prohibition on Kingdom and Imperial Crowns succeeding themselves was repealed, and a new law was passed allowing one self-succession without pax regium.

I hate this law, and I think its dangers are very real, while I find it difficult to see any benefits.

My first proposal is that we vote on this measure again in the spirit of Article VI.G., and if it fails to garner a 2/3 majority, that the "emergency" measure passed in July be simply allowed to expire, with the old law to continue.

If there is continued support for this new law, then my second proposal is as follows:

That we treat the new law as experimental and that we give this new law an expiration date; that at every mid-term meeting (currently July) we vote (by majority vote) as to whether the experiment should continue. If the new law should ever fail to receive the continued blessing of a majority of the Imperial Estates, the old law prohibiting self-succession would automatically return to effect. This proposal would require 2/3 of the Estates to pass. It would keep the new law so long as a majority liked it. It would trash the new law once a majority saw trouble. Either way, the will of the majority will be maintained, and we give this very controversial issue the attention it deserves.

NB 3

Author the Earl Of Lincoln

Remove all term limits to a Crown succeeding themselves.

NB 4

Authored by Sir Nigel the Byzantine

The Imperial Sovereign of Arms would like to respectfully request that Estates Writ 5, the Herald's Handbook of the Adrian Empire, be removed as it is no longer in use by the College of Arms.

NB 5

Authored by Sir Nigel the Byzantine

That the Bylaws, Article VII.F., Definitions, and Article VII.F.4., The Sovereign of Arms, be re-written for clarification as follows. (Deleted text is in ~~strikeout~~, added text is in **bold type**, and comments are in *italics*.) Items may be taken separately, as the Chancery may so direct.

ARTICLE VII.F. DEFINITIONS

The Ministries of the Adrian Empire are the Chancellor, the Minister of Rolls, the Steward, the ~~Sovereign~~ **Minister** of Arms, the Chronicler, the Minister of Joust & War, the Minister of Arts & Sciences, the Minister of Physicks, the Hospitaler, and Viceroy.

ARTICLE VII.F.4 THE ~~SOVEREIGN~~ **MINISTER** OF ARMS.

Comment: According to College of Arms practice, not every person serving in this position is titled "Sovereign of Arms" (see below). Retitling this section is intended to bring the Bylaws in line with actual practice.

~~The Sovereign of Arms is responsible for maintaining the Armorial. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms is responsible for supervising and coordinating the heraldic functions and activities of the College of Arms and its members. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall be the foremost heraldic officer of the Adrian Empire and the head of the College of Arms. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall have the exclusive right to resolve conflict of armorial devices submitted by the membership of the Adrian Empire. The Sovereign of Arms of a chartered subdivision shall have the exclusive right to approve armorial devices submitted by the membership of the chartered subdivision.~~

~~Requirements: An understanding of the heraldic practices of the Adrian Empire.~~

Comment: This[deleted] section is re-written below under item (b).

- a. College of Arms. The College of Arms shall be a sovereign body of arms, and shall consist of the Imperial Sovereign of Arms and the ~~Sovereign~~ **chief Minister** of Arms of each chartered subdivision **and other persons as appointed by the Imperial Sovereign of Arms** .

Comment: The College of Arms is structured along Period lines so that Shires have Ministers of Arms with the heraldic rank of "Pursuivant", Ducal Ministers of Arms are ranked "Herald" (with a capital H), and Archducal and Kingdom Ministers of Arms (along with the Imperial) are ranked "Sovereign of Arms". This brings the Bylaws in line with actual practice. It also allows the Imperial Sovereign of Arms to appoint his or her deputies to the College of Arms (as permitted by Bylaws VII.B.).

- i. The College of Arms shall protect only the Arms of the membership, **Estates, and Domains** of the Adrian Empire and those Arms that the Imperial Sovereign of Arms and the ~~Imperial Crown~~ **College of Arms** agree are worthy of protection.

Comment: The addition of Estates and Domians recognizes them as armigerous entities, as noted elsewhere in the Bylaws and Estates Writs. With regard to the Imperial Crown, the College of Arms has sovereignty over its own internal decisions and should not have to consult with the Imperial Crown on which arms need protection; the Imperial Sovereign of Arms should rather consult with the College of Arms (for that is what the College is there for).

- ii. The College **of Arms shall may** not grant **the right to bear** arms, but only approve of their design and construction **according to the established Rules of the College**.

Comment: Only the Crown and the Estates have the right to grant the right to bear arms; the Crown by making a Knight or by granting the title of Lord, Lady, or Baronet; the Estates by granting a retirement title or by creating a Protector of the Dream. Historically in our Period, Sovereigns of Arms granted arms, but this was only done by explicit direction of the Crown. This clarification makes it clear that the authority to grant the right to bear arms does not lie with the College of Arms.

- iii. The College may reserve a ~~blazon device~~ **blazon device** for ~~a any~~ **a any** member of the Adrian Empire **as defined in Article III of these Bylaws** against the day when that member shall have the right to bear ~~them~~ **it**. **The College may also register a device for any potential Estate or potential Domain against the day when that Estate or Domain may bear it.**

Comment: This re-wording makes the terminology clearer: the “blazon” is merely the word used to describe the piece of “armory” being registered. It also makes clear whose arms are registerable. The grammar is also repaired by changing from plural to singular. The addition of Estates and Domians recognizes them as armigerous entities, as noted elsewhere in the Bylaws and Estates Writs.

- iv. The College of Arms shall further aid the ~~Imperial, Royal, and Noble~~ **Crowns and Estates** in the design and staging of authentic ~~ceremonial~~ **ceremonies** that are adapted to the needs of the Adrian Empire.

Comment: This tightens the language and fixes the noun form (“ceremonial” is an adjective).

- v. The College of Arms is entitled and required to establish a body of standard terminology, usage, and rules for ~~heraldry~~ **heraldic registrations and display** within the Adrian Empire.

Comment: This clarifies the definition of “heraldry”.

Comment: The following section takes the first paragraph of section 4 and breaks it down into its component pieces. They have been rearranged in a more logical order.

- b. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall be the foremost heraldic officer of the Adrian Empire and the head of the College of Arms. **The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall act as the Voice of the Imperial Crown.**

Comment: This merely codifies actual practice. The Rules of the College of Arms allow for a deputy to assume these duties if so appointed.

- i. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms is responsible for supervising and coordinating the heraldic functions and activities of the College of Arms and its members.
- ii. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall have the exclusive right to resolve conflict of armorial devices submitted by the membership, **Estates, and Domains** of the Adrian Empire.

Comment: The addition of Estates and Domians recognizes them as armigerous entities, as noted elsewhere in the Bylaws and Estates Writs..

- iii. The **Imperial** Sovereign of Arms of a ~~chartered subdivision~~ shall have the exclusive right to approve **the design of** armorial devices submitted by the membership of the ~~chartered subdivision~~ **Adrian Empire.**

Comment: The Imperial Sovereign of Arms, as the chief heraldic officer of the Empire and the Head of the College of Arms, is responsible for the Rules under which armory is approved, but this Bylaw has brought local Ministers of Arms into conflict with the Imperial Sovereign of Arms. This change places all of the heraldic authority at the Imperial level where it belongs. It should be noted here that the College of Arms has clear and established guidelines for resolving conflict, including an appeals process that may go all the way to the Imperial Crown (if necessary).

- iv. The **Imperial** Sovereign of Arms is responsible for maintaining the Armorial, **Ordinary, and Roll of Arms, or causing them to be maintained.**

Comment: This is merely a clarification, as the Imperial Sovereign of Arms is responsible for more than just the Armorial (the list of heraldic registrations by name); he or she is also responsible for the Ordinary (the list of heraldic registrations by blazon) and the Roll of Arms (the pictorial list). This also specifically allows the Imperial Sovereign of Arms to appoint a deputy to do this task (which was prevented under the current Bylaw, according to one interpretation).

- v. Requirements: ~~An~~ **A thorough** understanding of the heraldic practices of the Adrian Empire.

Comment: This makes it clear that the Imperial Sovereign of Arms must be more than just familiar with heraldry as we practice it, this person must have a complete understanding in order to hold the Imperial office. There is

currently no requirement to hold a Minister of Arms position in any subdivision save that one be interested in Heraldry.

NB 6

Author Dame Jericho

Add a requirement to ARTICLE VI.E.3 MEETING DATE, JULY for meeting of the Imperial Estates to be held in the East Coast area.

NB 7

Author Dame Jericho

Location of Imperial Estates Meeting to be announced 30 days in advance.

[No action required, this is already law.]

NB 8

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick

Article VI: Meetings of the Governing Body, Section 1. Limitation of Votes

Proposed: Strike current language and replace with proposed language.

Current Language Regardless of the number or types of titles entitled to a member to seats on any of the Estates, the member shall have only one vote, proxies excepted

Proposed Language: *A member shall be limited to one (1) vote granted by any and all non-landed titles and/or ranks. There shall be no limit as to the number of votes per member granted by any landed representation or proxy. These votes shall be in addition to any one vote granted due to non-landed titles and/or ranks if applicable.*

Note: Non-landed ranks and titles are those of 2nd and 3rd level knights, retired Royalty, Founding Peers, and the equivalents.

Landed representation is formed by the creation of chartered and unchartered subdivisions within and of the Empire such as Empire, Kingdom, Dchy, Maarch, County, Barony and House and their equivalents. Each subdivision would still be limited by law to one vote per subdivision. If there are two (2) ruling peers for a Kingdom, the kingdom is still entitled to only one (1) vote.

NB 9

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick

Article VIII: Subdivisions of the Empire, Section B. General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles, Part I.a.

Proposed: Strike current language and replace with proposed language.

Current Language:

- a. Is of knightly rank (Royal Crowns only);

Proposed Language:

- a. Is of knightly rank (*except representatives of a House*)

NB 10

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick

Article VII: Subdivisions of the Empire, Section B. General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles, Part I.e.

Current Language:

- c Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward

Proposed:

c. Meets the following *Participating* Membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:

Note: This wording is to differentiate between associate membership and participating membership for determining those people who can shape and write laws for our organization.

NB 11

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick

Article VIII: Subdivisions of the Empire, Section B: General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles, Part 1.c.iii.

Proposed: Strike current language.

Current Language:

- c. Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:
 - ii. Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than 6 months.
 - iii. Household sires must hold a current membership.

Proposed Language:

- c. Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:
 - ii. Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than 6 months.
 - ~~iii. Household sires must hold a current membership.~~

Note: Striking the final line would require **all** Estate holders to have a minimum of 6 months of continuous membership prior to ruling an Estate. No one Estate vote is worth more.

NB 12

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick

Article VII: Ministries, Section F: Definitions, Part 3: The Steward.

Proposed: Additional language.

Current Language:

Requirements: must he qualified in bookkeeping and/or accounting.

Proposed Language:

Requirements must he qualified in bookkeeping and/or accounting; ***must he able and willing to be bonded (Imperial).***

NB13

Author HIM Dame Elisabeth/HIM Sir Erik

Currently Imperial events occupy the two major holiday weekends of the year, Memorial Day and Labor Day. This places us in direct competition for sites and all other organizations for both events. It has been suggested by several members and the current Board of Directors that moving the May event (Banner War) to an earlier date would make it at mid-reign, rather than almost seven months into the reign. Thus we propose the following:

To move the Imperial Banner/Civil War date to the first weekend in May.

-----End of Agenda-----

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