

Minutes for July 21 & 22, 2001 Meeting of the Estates General of the Empire of Adria

- I. Call to Order (9:15 am)
 - II. Roll Call (44 present by person or proxy – quorum established)
 - III. Consent Calendar
 - IV. Minutes of March 2001 Imperial Estates Meeting (approved as presented)
 - V. Imperial Reports
 - A. President's Report
 - B. Board of Directors Report
- (additional Estates arrived/total 61 present) ----
- VI. Crown Business

Charters :

The Imperial Shire of Trinacria (**on hold - international insurance problems**)

CRB#1 (passed without objections)

This is required in Law that the Crown produce this writ. it sunsets on Sept 5, 2001 and authority to do so is already in law. It is the opinion of the Chancery that this does not require a vote, but will entertain objections

Archery at IMP Crown WAR 2001

At the March 2001 meeting of the Imperial Estates passed a revision to Article XVI to change the total number of points at the war from nineteen to twenty-one, the additional two points being added to the Archery making a total of four points. The revised Article XVI.B reads then as follows:

B. WAR

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 **twenty-one (21)** war points consisting of:

- three (3) light weapons battles
- two (2) renaissance weapons battles
- one (1) renaissance champions battle
- two (2) armored battles
- one (1) armored champions battle
- eight (8) arts points (consisting of four (4) Masters' Tournament and four (4) Knights' Tournament)
- **four (4) archery points (consisting of one (1) Masters' Tournament, one (1) Knights' Tournament), one (1) Open Tournament, and one (1) Champion's Match.**

Imperial Crown Writ E&E-4 June 5, 2001

Conduct of Archery at Imperial Crown War

ARTICLE XVIII: CONDUCT OF TARGET ARCHERY IN TOURNAMENTS AND WAR

Realizing that facilities for archery are somewhat limited in some subdivisions the following will apply:

A. SCHEDULING

Archery need not be held on the same day or place as other tournament and war activities, and may be scheduled as completely separate activity. Archery activities that cannot be held due to lack of facilities, or acts of God (i.e. weather) may be rescheduled and or made up. This applies but is not limited to Crown tournaments, Events, and Wars, and Imperial tournaments, Events, and Wars.

B. WARS

Should it become necessary to hold War Target Archery lists offsite, or on a different day from the rest of the war, the Crown presiding over the War shall lay out in Writ the time, place, and conditions of the Target Archery, with the course being set by the Minister of Joust and War, bearing in mind the facilities available to different subdivisions in the case of Imperial Wars (i.e. set ranges and course that may be conducted under even the most limited conditions). The tallying must be completed prior to the start of the on site War, with the course being set by the minister of Joust and War with the advice of the Minister of Archery, bearing in mind the facilities available to different subdivisions in the case of Imperial Wars.

Pursuant to current law, the archery war point and tournament may be conducted off-site and on different days if facilities are not available at the war site. The site of the Imperial Crown War West 2001 has no such facilities. The archery war point and Imp tournament for said Imperial Crown War for those sites which cannot provide on-site archery will be conducted as follows. It will be shot at any practice or tournament conducted between June 30 , 2001 through August 26 2001. Scores will be collected by the local archery minister or, in absence of the minister, the Crown or any Knight the Crown designates for this purpose.

The standard 60cm FITA target will be used. If the 60cm is not available you may use an accurate facsimile. All courses to be fired at 20 yards. A score sheet with game name, real name and candidate that is being supported will be forwarded to the Vice Chancellor, Sir Karl von Katzburg at ontis@compuserve.com not later than Aug.28th via e-mail. Participants must either pre-register for the war paying the registration fee, postmarked by Aug. 27, or register at the site by close of Saturday Ministers may carry registration to war sight if they wish but scores must be E-mail delivered by Aug. 28th no exceptions. For your scores to count and to receive any points you must register. If formatting fails the scores can not be counted so be alert for correspondence concerning formatting .

The course of fire will be:

One (1) Masters' Tournament War Point:

6 arrows at 20 yds (possible score 60), combined score of all Masters list (Bowman).

One (1) Knights' War Point: 6 arrows at 20 yds (possible score 60); combined score of all Knights list (Huntsman)

One (1) Open Tournament War Point: 6 arrows at 20 yds(possible score 60); combined score of all masters list and knights list . (this is to be fired in addition to the two list mentioned above)

And one (1) Champion's Match War Point: 6 arrows at 20 yds(possible score 60); highest score of any individual declaring for a candidate. The Candidate need not declare a champion but the highest score of his/her supporters will be the score for the champions point .

For the separate Imperial Archery tournament:

6 arrows at 20 yds (possible score 60) Bowman's and Huntsman list.

All targets for the IMP Crown War 2001 & Imp Archery Tournament 2001

Targets will be scored as follows:

- the inner yellow circle 10X
- the middle yellow circle: 10
- the outer yellow circle: 9
- the inner red circle: 8
- the outer red circle: 7
- the inner blue circle: 6

the outer blue circle: 5
the inner black circle: 4
the outer black circle: 3
the inner white circle: 2
the outer white circle: 1

Should an unforeseen event arise this writ may be used at the discretion of the Imperial Minister of Archery in conjunction of the Deputy Imperial Minister of Joust and War East for the Imperial Crown War East .
This writ will sunset Sept . 5 2001

This 5th Day of June being 2001 C.E
Elisabeth, Imperatrix
Erik, Imperator

CRB#2 Estates Writ requires simple majority (passed without objection)

Proposal:

Authorize the creation of a IMP Crown Travel Fund.

The fund would be able to raise funds through various means such as but not limited to auctions, raffles, hold benefits and accept donations for use of the Imperial Crown to help defray travel expenses. The fund could start raising monies immediately but no withdrawals would be made until 1 November 2001 . The Imperial Steward would receive all monies for this fund and track in separate category and disperse the funds to the Imperial Crowns for purposes of travel. Donations to this fund would be purely voluntary. This would be additional to any funds authorized by the Imperial Estates for this purposes .

Commentary :

The cost involved in sitting the Imperial Throne are ever increasing as the Empire grows and spreads out geographically. The personal expenses of travel involved for the Crowns has reached the point where only the well to do would ever be able to meet the obligations of office, the fund would facilitate the ability of many more to sit the Throne without incurring any cost to the membership .

CRB # 3 (passed by acclamation – 49 ayes/10 naves)

from the Imperial Crowns and the Board of Directors

Commentary: current law pertaining to revocation of membership stipulates only two circumstances: a) conviction of violation of state or federal penal code in connection with an Adrian Empire activity, or b) recommendation of a duly-constituted court following conviction under the law. The law does not stipulate relevancy, nor consider the possibility that persons may be convicted of a crime not at an Adrian event nor in connection to one which may still be very relevant to the Adrian Empire's concerns for the protection of minors and the populace's safety. Based on last year's incident of dealing with an ongoing investigation (since prosecuted and convicted) of a member of Adria (who's no longer a member) for child molestation which was not "in connection with an Adrian Empire activity" We feel that the organization should consider adding language that allows the Empire to consider convictions for crimes "relevant to Adrian Empire activity". Under current law We could not deny membership to Charles Manson, if he were to make parole, because his crimes didn't take place at or in connection with an Adrian Empire activity. Additionally under current law we could technically throw someone out for being caught littering in a state park at an event. Relevancy should be a consideration. This proposal is a response to the previously considered CB1.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS (added language is underlined and bold text)

A.2 MEMBERSHIP REVOCATION

Membership in the Adrian Empire may be revoked as provided above only for one of the following reasons;

- a. Conviction of violation of state or federal penal code in connection with or relevant to an Adrian Empire activity, or
- b. Recommendation of a duly-constituted judicial court following conviction under the law.

A.3 MEMBERSHIP DENIAL

Membership in the Adrian Empire may be denied for the same reasons as revocation. Membership may also be denied if the reasons for a previous revocation of membership are still valid.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CHB # 1

The Kingdom of Aragon formally requests the Imperial Crown confirm judgement in the matter pertaining to the former sovereigns and their officer, and that the Imperial Estates consider the banishment extension requested (See Writ of Judgement, Aragon).

WRIT OF JUDGEMENT FOR: (moved to separate – see notation)

Sir Winfred Randall Llewellyn ap Alyson MKA: Randy Allison,
Dame Anginette Theresa Mesalyn de la Fouche' ap Alyson
MKA: Annette Allison
Lady Alara de la Fouche' MKA: Clara Fouche'

In May of 1998, Sir Winfred MKA: Randy Allison and Dame Anginette MKA: Annette Allison began their Service as Rulers of Aragon, at which time they appointed Lady Alara de la Fouche' MKA: Clara Fouche'' as Stewart, Lady Alara remained in this position until she was removed in May of 2000.

Financial irregularities including non-payment of Imperial dues came to the attention of the Imperial Government in March of 2000 and the incoming crowns of Aragon in May of 2000.

At the May 2000 event Sir Winfred, Dame Anginette and Lady Alara were given a copy of an e-mail by Her Royal Majesty Dame Serina MKA: Lori Yerger from the Imperial Stewart. This e-mail stated that Aragon had only 27 paid members. At this time His Royal Majesty Sir David MKA: Dave Albrecht and the then Chancellor Dame Betka MKA: Becky Spray were also notified of the discrepancy. This prompted the audit investigation.

Sometime around May 18, 2000, Sir Winfred, Dame Anginette and Lady Alara were informed that the Imperial Crowns requested and audit of the Stewart's office.

Dame Betka made several trips to the home of Sir Winfred, Dame Anginette and Lady Alara to retrieve documents needed for the audit. Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette made several trips to Her Royal Majesty Dame Serina's home also.

In consolation with the Imperial Crowns and Imperial Chancellor and audit was conducted. Ultimately the amount of \$11,669.84 was unaccounted for, from the period May 1998 through May 2000.

On October 22, 1999 a check for the amount of \$1300.00 was issued to and cashed by Randy Allison for the purchase of 6 pavilions.

In December 1999 at the Estates meeting it was voted to approve the expenditure of the \$1300.00 for the 6 pavilions.

In the March 2000, at the estates meeting, Sir Winfred advised the estates that it was apparent that we were not going to receive the 6 pavilions and that he personally accepted full financial responsibility for the repayment of the

\$1300.00. Randy also advised the estates that he had indeed filed a police report. During the audit it was discovered no such police report was filed. When confronted Randy admitted he never filed the report.

Several meetings took place between Sir Winfred, Dame Anginette, Dame Serina, and Dame Betka. At some of these meetings Sir Cirus MKA: Jason Dvorchak and Sir Eduardo MKA: Ed Perusse were present. During these meetings evidence of their involvement was brought to their attention. On the eve of the audit Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette admitted to Dame Serina, Dame Betka and Sir Eduardo that they had known of at least \$1600.00 missing from Aragon's bank account for several months and had asked at that time to resign quietly from Adria. Also Dame Anginette's participation with ATM Transactions were initially denied at that time. Upon investigation Dame Anginette admitted to ATM usage once advised that she was one of two people identified as using the ATM Machines.

Notification letter of the Charges of Misfeasance of Office was delivered by Dame Betka and signed for on the behalf of Sir Winfred MKA: Randy Allison, Dame Anginette MKA: Annette Allison and Lady Alara de la Fouche MKA: Clara Fouche by Dame Anginette MKA: Annette Allison.

This notice informed that other charges might be filed pending full investigation. This was done to preserve the rights of the Kingdom of Aragon and The Empire of Adria. (See attached)

The three- (3) defendants requested crown justice and pleaded guilty to the charges of Misfeasance of Office.

On August the 8th 2000 Randy Allison, Annette Allison and Clara Fouche' signed before a notary public a promissory note for the full amount of \$11,669.84 plus interest. This is to be paid at, at least \$100.00 a month. (See attached) At which time they asked that if it was determined that a lesser amount was actually owed the amount would be amended.

After these proceedings the Crowns of Aragon invited and encouraged commentary and sentencing suggestions by the populace. (This was done out of a courtesy as the populace was also effect by the outcome of the audit) These suggestions were considered but the decision rests entirely with the Crowns.

THEREFORE: in consideration of all of the proceedings, we Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello and Sir David von Albrecht, Regina et Rex Aragon, hold in re:

Sir Winfred Randall Llewellyn ap Alyson MKA: Randy Allison
Dame Anginette Theresa Mesalyn de la Fouche' ap Alyson MKA: Annette Allison
Lady Alara de la Fouche' MKA: Clara Fouche'

GUILTY of the charge of Misfeasance of Office

The seriousness of their misconduct demands the harshest of sentences. We request the Imperial Crowns concur in and where necessary request the Imperial Estates approve the following:

(Passed by acclamation):

In the matter of Lady Alara de la Fouche' MKA: Clara Fouche':

Banished for Life or for so long as the Imperial Estates see fit.

(Let it be known that Clara Fouche' requested this through her son-in-law Randy Allison and was made public knowledge by Randy Allison.)

Revocation of all ranks, titles, honors and awards granted by the Adrian Empire.

(As per the Adrian Imperial Bylaws and the Codex Adjudicata,
Courts of Justice,

Conduct of the court,

6. Punishment

B. Loss of Awards, Ranks and Titles.

D. Judicial Ban,

E. Banishment:

We the Crowns of Aragon order banishment for 1 year.

We request the Imperial Crowns extend the banishment to 3 years.

We request the Imperial Estates extend the banishment to life.

We further request the persona known as Alara de la Fouche' be put to death as per precedence.

F. Removal of Honorifics and the striking of Arms.)

(Passed by acclamation):

In the matter of Sir Winfred Randall Llewellyn ap Alyson MKA: Randy Allison

And Dame Anginette Theresa Mesalyn de la Fouche' ap Alyson MKA Annette Allison:

Banishment until the debt of \$11,669.84 is paid in full or life.

Revocation of all ranks, titles, honors and awards granted by the Adrian Empire.

(As per the Adrian Imperial Bylaws and the Codex Adjudicata,

Courts of Justice,

Conduct of the court,

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We request the Imperial Crowns extend the banishment to 3 years.

We request the Imperial Estates extend the banishment to until the debt of \$11,669.84 is paid in full or
Life.

F. Removal of Honorifics and the striking of Arms.)

We order that the Knighthood Civil for Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette be permanently removed.

We order that the Knighthood Minister for Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette, Knighthood Bachelor for Sir Winfred,
Knighthood Robe for Dame Anginette be suspended until the debt is paid in full.

We order that the retiring titles of Last Viscount and Viscountess of Aragon, First Earl and Comtessa of Aragon, all
other titles, awards and honors acquired during the reigns of Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette in Aragon be
permanently removed.

We order, and request that the Imperial Crowns concur, that any and all other titles earned in Adria are permanently
removed.

We order the Honorifics and the Arms of Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette be suspended until the debt is paid in full.

It was request of the Crowns of Aragon to show compassion to the aforementioned defendants. We feel that
compassion is reflected in this sentence given how gross the offense. The Knightly virtue: Compassion and
Forgiveness demand contrition and repentance, both seem to be lacking here.

So say we,

Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello
Regina et Aragon

Sir David von Albrecht
Rex et Aragon

Chancellory ruled: this banishment is conditional, not lifetime, and as such does not require unanimity. The banishment requires payment of membership to serve.

CHB #2 (passed by acclamation)

Clarification : requested by Rolls Minister of TN and IMP Chancery

Chancery Comments : Clarify the issue of whether one may receive an additional participation for participating in an Imperial tournament. Imperial tournaments held at Imperial Wars or otherwise do in fact entitle the participant to a additional participation for the month in question . This has been the longstanding practice and current ruling of the Chancery and the Imperial Crown . The question was is a tournament at a Imperial war a Imperial tournament and is the Imperial Crown War and Imperial Banner war or other such designated event an Imperial Crown event : the answer is yes and this is also a longstanding ruling of the Chancery and Imperial Crown .

In Article V, section D it states:

"A member shall not be allowed to participate in more than one (1) event per month for purposes of meeting their requirements for advancement. There are two exceptions to this: 1)Imperial Crown events and 2)Crown/Civil Wars."

Also stated as in Article X, section C it states:

"No member of the Adrian Empire may gain more than one tourney win per month for the purpose of gaining rank in the Knightly Orders. The only exception to this rule shall be in the case of attending an Imperial Tournament in the same month as a Crown Tournament."

Propose by Chancery : add specific language clarifying that the extra participation may be granted for the participation in IMP Tournaments and tournaments at Crown Wars.

CHB#3 This item was moved from NB in March and passed 34yes 12 no/the chancery has offered final clarifying language.

**[Sir Nicolai – commentary that “21” is clarification not bylaw
as points are held in Estates Writ]**

Final language: (passed without objection)

Article XVI: Crown War B.

There shall be twenty-one (21) war points consisting of:

* four (4) archery points (consisting of

One (1) Masters' Tournament War Point:

combined score of all Masters list (bowmen).

One (1) Knights' War Point: combined score of all Knights list (Huntsman)

One (1) Open Tournament War Point: combined score of all masters list and knights list .

This is a separate act from the above .

And one (1) Champion's Match War Point: highest score of any individual .
this will be determined by the highest score by any individual from the list of supporters of any given candidate , the candidate need not select a champion .

[request Chancellory clarify language to stipulate clearly these are separate matches, and must be completed as such]

Article XVI: Crown War B. (line three and the 7th "bullet" regarding archery)

There shall be twenty-one (21) [nineteen (19)] war points consisting of:

- * four (4) [two (2)] archery points (consisting of one (1) Master's Tournament, [and] one (1) Knight's Tournament, one (1) Open Tournament, and one (1) Champion's Match

Note: this is an effort to recognize Archery's expanding importance in the Empire as an activity open to virtually all our membership but mastered by few.

CHB # 4 This requires a 2/3 majority (moved to divide the question)

Dame Rowan has requested a one time exemption from the requirements in VIII b 1 c: due to an administrative error that may make her ineligible to run for Imperial Crown .

Dame Rowan: **(26 ayes/26 nays/8 abstain)**

-added for consideration-

Sir Angus: **(17 ayes/25 nays/17 abstain)**

For reference:

VIII b 1 c

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

i. Imperial and Royal Crowns must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than one year

CHB #5 (passed without objection)

Conduct of IMP Crown War

6. VICTORY

Victory shall be determined by computation of points won at all war sites. Relative weight of the points from each war site shall be in proportion to attendance of paid members at the given War sites. The exact proportions shall be submitted by the Imperial Chancellor to the Imperial Estates General at their meeting in July for approval.

Commentary: it is the opinion of the Chancery that this provision was meant to apply only to the first Bi-Coastal War and since then there has been established methods to enact these provisions . If not then it is proposed to include the method of proportioning the points in this section to avoid any confusion in the future.

Proposed: requires 2/3 majority (passed without objection)

Strike the following sentence: The exact proportions shall be submitted by the Imperial Chancellor to the Imperial Estates General at their meeting in July for approval.

Insert the following sentence .

The war points shall be proportioned by attendance at the war sites as follows:
determine total attendance for both sites add together , divide attendance at each sight by the total number in attendance at both sights and determine the relative percentage to be assigned to each site .

**Proposed : requires a simple majority (becomes moot)
for IMP Crown War 2001 .**

Commentary : this is a technicality but should be done if underlying law is not changed .

The war points shall be proportioned by attendance at the war sights as follows:
determine total attendance for both sights add together, divide attendance at each site by the total number
in attendance at both sites and determine the relative percentage to be assigned to each site.

CHB# 6 (separate – see notation)

Verify candidates eligibility for Imperial Crown:

Dame Roawyn: **(No)**

Sir Angus: **(No)**

Sir Karl: **(Yes)**

Dame Maebd: **(Yes)**

CB #7 (passed without objection)

Estates vote on suitability of Candidates for Imperial Crown (this applies to those candidates verified as eligible):

Sir Karl/Dame Maebd

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB#1 This requires a 2/3 majority (separated – see notation OB1A & OB1B)

OB#1A: (failed to consider)

from the table report from the committee for rewrite Dm Delia Sir Fredric , Sir Karl (advisory)

Proposal:

Article VI: Meetings of the Governing Body, Section I. 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, Duchy, March, 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.

OB#1B Counter Proposal: (passed - 42ayes/18 nayes)

Proposed Language: *A member shall be limited to a maximum of one (1) vote granted by any and all non-landed titles and/or ranks. In addition, a member shall be limited to one (1) vote granted by landed representation. There shall be no limit to the number of votes that are granted by proxy.*

OB# 2 This requires a 2/3 majority (disapproved by acclamation)

from the table report from the committee for rewrite Dm Delia Sir Fredric , Sir Karl (advisory)

Proposed:

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

Counter Proposal:

Proposed Language:

- a. *Is of knightly rank (representatives of Counties and above).*

Note: This proposal addresses the concern of our senior Estate Holders not being of the Chivalry while still encouraging members of the non-chivalry to hold positions of importance within the Estates (specifically Barons).

OB#3 This requires a 2/3 majority (failed: 35 ayes/25 naves/1 abstain)

from the table report from the committee for rewrite Dm Delia Sir Fredric , Sir Karl (advisory)

Proposed:

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

Proposed: Add current language.

Current Language:

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

Proposed language:

- 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.

Additional commentary:

In several organizations there are established discounts for people who would like to be classified as members without full benefits. One of the greatest benefits of being a member of Adria is the ability to help shape our rules through our estates. Any of our membership who would like to take part of this great benefit should be willing and eager to become a participating member.

OB#4 This requires a 2/3 majority (disapproved by acclamation)

from the table report from the committee for rewrite Dm Delia Sir Fredric , Sir Karl (advisory)

Proposed:

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.

Counter Proposal:

- a. Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:
 - ii. *Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles (Barons and above) must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than 6 months.*
 - iii. *Household sires must have been a member for not less than 6 months, does not need to be continuous.*

Note: This counter proposal allows members who have a lapse in membership to still serve as an Estate holder. This would encourage our senior estate holders to keep their membership current, and not punish our senior sires due to temporary financial hardship. Once they repaid their dues, they would be able to resume their duties as Sire without having to wait 6 months. This wording still requires that our Estate holder are experienced in Adria.

Counter proposal:

Note: The original proposal limits the voice of the new members on the Estates. Our new members are an integral part of our organization and should be heard. Their voice at this time is too powerful and often times overpowers the voice of their elected Barons, Counts, even the Crown, the people that we now require 6 months minimum in the game. This does not make sense! Why should the votes of three sires have the power to cancel out the votes of three barons. Either we should we do away with any time restrictions, or we should find another solution. This proposal is possible solution. It encourages the voice of new members on the Estates. If any of you have heard the addresses made at Estates meetings in the past by some of our great orators such as Sir Nikolai and Sir William, you will agree that a voice can be more powerful than a single vote. This will allow all estate holders to have the same rights to make proposals, address the assembly and call a meeting with two major exceptions. House sires will not be counted towards the quorum and they will not be allowed to vote. This will encourage the formation of larger estates, allow for a great way for new members to be involved in the Estates and garner advancement in rank through participation and involvement with their house, without all of the concerns of not being well versed in Adria Law and procedure.

Existing language:

Article VIII: Subdivisions of the Empire, Section E. Subdivision

... A subdivision is an entity within a chartered subdivision which has the right to choose a ruling noble and have a seat upon the Estates General. A subdivision is based upon the free association of their members within a chartered subdivision. A Ruling Noble is responsible for the administration of the Estate.

Proposed Language:

... A subdivision is an entity within a chartered subdivision which has the right to choose a ruling Noble. A subdivision is based upon the free association of their members within a chartered subdivision. A ruling Noble is responsible for the administration of the Estate and is entitled to a voice within the Estates General. Baronies, Counties and Marches shall be entitled to a voting seat upon the Estates General; Houses shall not be granted a vote nor be included in determining a quorum. . . .

**OB#5 This requires a 2/3 majority (referred back to committee for redraft)
[Board of Directors should review & provide commentary prior to reconsideration]**

Proposed:

from the table report from the committee for rewrite Dm Delia Sir Fredric

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

Proposed: Additional language.

Current Language:

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

Proposed Language:

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

OB#6 This requires a 2/3 majority (failed to consider)

Counter proposal : to OB#1

Author: Dame Serene, Knight Doctor
Sponsors: King, Sir James the Red, Umbria
Baroness, Dame Draconia de Vona

OB#8 Article VI: Meetings of the Governing Body
THIS was authored by Dame Delia and Sir Frederick for
the last Imp. Est Mtg. of March, 01.

COUNTERPROPOSAL: Article VI, Section I.

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, except that a member may carry the proxies of other members entitled to vote."

PROPOSED 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 three votes,

except that a member may carry the proxies of other members entitled to vote."

COMMENTARY: When you limit a member to one vote, you are literally stopping the incentive to be more active in the Empire. If you are entitled to vote by right of sireship and attain 2nd or 3rd level knighthood the vote you receive as an Estate Minor/Major is rescinded by the current law (and vice-versa). What reason would

I have to become Emperor/Empress,, King/Queen, or hold and office, etc. if the vote (retirement title) is nullified by the current law. The facts are these: Some people 'do not' want to be politically active, they just enjoy the comradship and historical activities and teaching in the game. Others wish to shape the future of the Empire and do so by voting for or against the changing of the by-laws and taking the time and effort to 'obtain the right' to do so. Any amendments or counter-proposals which increases the current law from one are acceptable.

The above counter-proposal changes the vote from one to three.

OB7 This requires a 2/3 majority (separated consideration)

Author Dame Allora McDonnon

Chancery Comments : *mundane considerations may prevent the Stewards office from being in the hands of a non-member . It should be noted though that nothing in current law prevents a sub-division from obtaining professional services to assist the Steward, as the Imperial Gov't does, providing any expenditure is borne by the subdivision and approved by their Estates.*

OB7A: (ruled out of order due to conflict with mundane law requirements)

[corporate filing requires all corporate officers, including Treasurer, to be members]

Proposed Amendment to Article VIII, C. Requirements for holding ministerial office

Add

V With the exception of the Imperial or Royal Ste ward.

Change to Article VII, F, 3

Requirements

Where applicable (and or) available, the Imperial Steward or Royal Steward should be a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Tax Accountant (CPA or CTA). All other Imperial and Royal Stewards will be considered deputies.

In lieu of a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Tax Accountant (CPA or CTA) the Imperial Steward or Royal Steward should have a basic understanding of accounting principles, must be qualified in accounting or bookkeeping and must be able and willing to be bonded.

Note: Where available these services should be on a donation basis. We need to allow for subdivisions wishing professional accounting services the ability and authority to place the stewards office in the hands of a professional.

Additional Requirements: **(failed by acclamation)**

No Imperial or Royal Steward shall be a direct or indirect family member to the Imperial or Royal Crown of the same subdivision.

OB8 This requires a 2/3 majority (separated – see notation)

Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon; and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Original Language Proposed:

Article I: General

The period of history that is encompassed by the game shall be defined as the years from 1000 [1150] to and including 1650 [1603].

Separated w/friendly amendment accepted:

OB8A: “The period of history that is encompassed by the game shall be defined as the years from **1066** [1150]”
(passed by acclamation)

OB8B: “to and including **1623** [1603].” **(failed by acclamation)**

[please note that new the proposed new date is in boldface underlined type]

Note: the makers of the motion wish to acknowledge that significant numbers of our active dues paying members continue to portray personas outside current timeline but well within the proposed amendment. We would prefer to recognize what is and encourage compliance rather than exclude members or ignore practice. We will entertain reasonable amendments as friendly to promote consensus. We ask that members bear in mind that the timeline has been amended before without dire consequences. We observe that associate members from groups observing a broader timeline have difficulty significantly altering long-term personas. This is an important issue in Aragon as it bears on our participation in the Age of Chivalry Renaissance Faire where a large segment of our population does a popular Viking encampment.

Counter proposal from Sir Wm : Approve above for play test only. **(not considered)**

OB9 This requires a 2/3 majority (sent to the Arts Ministry/stays as OB)

Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon; and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Article IX. C. Ranks 2.Robe d.iii. e.iii. f.iii. master works

Delete and renumber.

Note: no similar requirement exists for the other peerages, there is little Empire wide agreement as to their meaning, it is suggested that Master Works constitute the requirements for a different track to Robe Knighthood.

OB10 This requires a 2/3 majority (referred to Chancellory – deemed as clarifying language within the discretion of the Chancellor)

Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon; and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Article IX. C. Ranks 3. Minister d.iii. e.iii. f.iii. demonstration initiations

Replace [demonstrations] with service events approved by the Crown (which may include demonstrations, fundraisers, community service, classes, collegia, feasts, tournaments, and wars and service in the ministries).

Note: we have been wrestling with our own increasing significance. Once it was sufficient to devote a whole peerage to promoting the club. Now we must look inward as well as out to improve the quality and educational value of all our activities. We have more needs and must broaden the depth and professionalism of our offerings. We must offer incentives to organize more substantial events and demand Crown supervision to prevent abuse merely for advancement.

OB#11 : This requires a 2/3 majority (withdrawn by author)

Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon;
and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Article IX. D. Titles 8. And 13. Viscount/Viscountess
Amend by restoring the retired ruler of an Archduchy to the definition and precedence in 8. b as before delete 13. and renumber.

Note: This title was created as sort of an "Earl without a vote," second in precedence to a Founder. The reduction was something of a shock, and contrary to the discussion that attended its creation. It may also have conflicted with VI.J. protection from legislative change.

OB#12 This requires a 2/3 majority (motion failed)

Sir James of March le Coirnoir Prince of Adria

- 1) To dissolve and disband the Imperial Order "Protectors of the Dream" .

Commentary: The idea that there is a subset of members that are the "Protectors of the Dream" is not only offensive but is an insult to the rest of the members of this game. To accord them the status and effective rank of Prince and Princess is a slight to those that have worked very hard to achieve that station. The Protector of the Dream has become nothing but a popularity contest, they appear to do nothing and they don't have anything to do. It is in everyone's interest to protect the game and to only "reward" a few for doing something that they should already be doing is counter productive. This is intended to not only dissolve the order but to remove any privileges that have been previously granted under it.

OB#13 : This requires a 2/3 majority (ruled out of order)

Viceroy Sir Dea Nadel
Vicereine Lady Knight Keara Craig de la Rouge

I do propose that the Site of the Banner War be alternated by region (like with Imperial War), not by who won.

Note from the Chancery: there is no provision in Law for the location of the Imperial Banner War, currently it is at the Crown's discretion.

[additional commentary: potential for civil war requirements override other considerations – see bylaws]

OB#14 This requires a 2/3 majority (passed by acclamation)

Chancery Comments: this is in line with current rullings of the Chancery and with precedence and past practice .

Dame Serene, Knight Robe, Knight Minister
Sir James the Red, King of Umbria, Knight Bachelor, Knight Civil
Dame Draconia, Baroness of Dragon's Lair, Knight Robe, Knight Civil

PROPOSAL TO AMEND BY-LAW:

ARTICLE XV Pax Regium and Interim Civil War

B. INTERIM CIVIL WAR Line #5 "...In a Kingdom Civil War, if the Royal Crown is successful, a new Pax Regium shall be instituted for the duration of the time allotted to the Royal Crown to rule. ..."

CHANGE TO: Line #5 "... In a Kingdom Civil War, if the Royal Crown is successful, a new Pax Regium shall be instituted for the duration of the time allotted to the Royal Crown to rule. In the event the Royal Crown loses the war, the winning Contender shall rule the Kingdom for a full year, with a six month Pax Regium as the new Crown(s)."...

COMMENTARY: By-law rules covering the Interim Civil War contains information about the Notice, Void Challenge, Multiple Challengers and Fealty. Nothing is contained in the By-laws that tells the populace how long the new Crown(s) reigns, or if the Crown(s) have a new Pax Regium, etc. This law needs the clarified, as it is ambiguous.

NEW BUSINESS

NB#1 **This requires a 2/3 majority**

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Proposal :

Add additional part to Article III.F

--- Current Language:

Article **III**: Members, Section **F**. **MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENT TO CHARTERED SUBDIVISION**

A participant shall be considered to be a member of the chartered subdivision in which they reside (where a participant physically lives). In the case where a participant may have multiple residences or special circumstances, the Imperial Crown shall decide as to which chartered subdivision the participant is a member.

--- Proposed Language (additions highlighted in ***bold, italics and underlined***):

Article **III**: Members, Section **F**. **MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENT TO CHARTERED SUBDIVISION**

I. A participant shall be considered to be a member of the chartered subdivision in which they reside (where a participant physically lives). In the case where a participant may have multiple residences or special circumstances, the Imperial Crown shall decide as to which chartered subdivision the participant is a member.

- 2. For the purposes of determining membership for a Crown or Civil War, a participant must have also attended two events in the last six months within the subdivision, exclusive of the war.**

Explanation: This is to prevent flooding the lists with new members that are unfamiliar with the subdivision and the contenders and therefore swaying the outcome of the war.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
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END of AGENDA
