

# IMPERIAL ESTATES MEETING MINUTES

## JULY 2004 – ABBREVIATED

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**I. CALL TO ORDER..... 10:15 ADT**

*Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m. Atlantic Daylight Time*

**II. ROLL CALL ..... QUORUM MET**

*Seating of qualified members: 107 (39 present, 68 by proxy, 15 absent, 10 disqualified)*

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR ..... APPROVED**

*Charter of the Duchy of Dunvegan amended with no objection.*

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ..... APPROVED**

*March 2004 Imperial Estates Minutes approved with no objection. HIH Karl has correction.*

**V. REPORTS ..... ACCEPTED**

*Approved with no objection.*

**VI. CROWN BUSINESS**

**CRB1. Charters ..... AMENDMENTS APPROVED**

*Motion to waive notice and consider ceding Umbrian land to the Empire, approved by voice vote (req. 2/3rds). Umbria approved ceding land to establish a new, chartered subdivision by over 2/3rds. Motion to amend the charter of the Kingdom of Umbria to cede land to the Empire approved (66 in favor, 25 opposed, req. majority). Charter to be presented at the November 2004 Imperial Estates Meeting.*

**Place shires on inactive list**

The following shires have zero membership and have been suspended:

- None

**Reactivate inactive shire**

The following shires have membership and their charters have been reactivated:

- New Eisenwold (Missouri)
- Gloucester (Oregon)

**Recognize new shire**

The following shires have membership and their charter will be issued:

- Valencia (Pittsburgh, PA)

**Border Change: Dunvegan**

On March 5, this e-mail was received by the Chancery: “In response to the Other Business Issue listed on page 2 of the Imperial Estates March 2004 Agenda, I would like to attempt to clarify the situation. In July of 2003 the then Shire of Dunvegan was granted an increase in land to include seven counties in Northeast North Carolina. At the time, no one claimed rights because of an inactive group otherwise know as Mirkwood. At the same meeting, the Shire was granted the remainder of the State of Virginia, unbeknownst to the Viceroy, that the Duchy of Chesapeake had previously been granted areas around Washington DC and Alexandria. This is our position, at the July Imperial Estates 2004 we intend on relinquishing the seven counties in North Carolina. We do not intend to dispute the Duchy of Chesapeake’s claim to Washington DC and Alexandria. We are all in this for fun and want to keep it as such. If we can help out our fellow subdivisions by making the aforementioned arrangements, then so be it. If you have any questions regarding this statement, contact me immediately.

Respectfully, Dame Isabel MacAskil, Duchess of Dunvegan”

## Amend Charter: Albion

*Approved (84 in favor, 18 opposed, req. majority)*

As per Article VIII.D.3., on August 5, Albion will have met all requirements for elevation to Kingdom:

- It will have been a Duchy for 6 months (a.i.);
- Albion has well over 100 members (a.ii.);
- Albion has well-developed ministries capable of handling all aspects of Kingdom activities (a.iv.); and,
- Albion has a well-defined territory of geographic jurisdiction (a.v.).

Therefore, amend the Charter of the Archduchy of Albion to reflect elevation to Kingdom, effective August 5, 2004.

### **CRB2. Finalize Financial Data ..... NO ACTION**

Bylaws Article VI.E.3 provides that at the July Meeting of the Imperial Estates, the Estates shall “finalize enough data to prepare the corporation’s tax returns (if necessary).” To that end, **“each chartered subdivision’s Crown shall present a copy of his or her chartered subdivision’s financial records at this meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory for at least one ruling Crown or representative from each chartered subdivision.”**

### **CRB3. Review Systems of Conversion..... NO ACTION**

*Required no action. HOLD PENDING CONFIRMATION - CORRECTION: Add HMR to Existing Systems of Conversion (see March 2004 Imperial Estates Minutes).*

Bylaws Article VI.E.3 provides that at the July Meeting of the Imperial Estates, the Estates shall “review (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown. (Article IX.C)”

#### **Existing Systems of Conversion**

Refer to the Rolls Manual, 2003, section VI, for detailed outline of existing systems of conversion for the Renaissance Military Society (RMS), Society for Creative Anachronisms (SCA), and Empire of Chivalry and Steel (ECS).

#### **New Systems of Conversion**

##### **Historical Medieval Recreation (HMR)**

*Note: This was not included in the agenda, but was brought up at the meeting. The policy was approved in March 2003 by TIMs Elizabeth and Karl. A copy of the conversion is included in the Minister’s Reports (Rolls and Lists)*

### **CRB4. Approve Sir Nigel Seymour as a posthumous member of the Order of the Fleur-di-Lis ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. majority).*

### **CRB5. Amend Article VI.E.4. Disqualification, or adopt Writ to clarify meaning ..... APPROVED AS BYLAW**

*Motion to ratify Imperial Civil Court decision (Estate holds vote) approved by overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

The Crowns call upon the Imperial Estates to clarify whether the member’s vote is held by the estate or the person. Current interpretation, which was upheld by a Civil Court in March recognizes the estate, and the right of the estate to determine who represents it. But the Court’s decision was intended to last only until the Imperial Estates could make this decision.

**CRB6. Amend Article XVI.A.3. , or adopt Writ to define “viable” army .....APPROVED AS WRIT**

*Option 2 approved as writ (59 in favor, 48 opposed, req. majority).*

The law refers to “viable armies” and permits the Minister of War and the Chancellor to limit the field or make distributions “to insure that at least (2) contenders have working armies.”

**Amend to add:** A viable army is defined as not outnumbered by any other single army by more than **5 to 1**.

**CRB7. Amend or repeal Article VI.C. to require Imperial Estates approval on all changes .....AMENDED, MOVED TO WRIT**

*Motion to amend Bylaw to Option 1 and move to writ approved by overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds). Re-write to be presented in November.*

**Current Law:** All modifications to the Bylaws, Codex etc. (Grammar, word changes, cleaning up the language, etc) must be posted for review and ratified at the next Imperial Estates meeting.

**Option 1: Amend (Approved)**

**Amend to read:** All changes made to Bylaw or Writ, shall be published in the Chancery Report. The Estates may question any change. Changes, questioned by the Estates, shall be considered under CH1; changes not questioned shall stand.

**CRB8. Writ regarding orig. paperwork .....APPROVED, TABLED (SEE NOTES)**

*Part 1 approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds). Part 2 tabled until November on voice vote (req. majority).*

**Part 1:** All original paperwork is the property of the Adrian Empire, Inc. ~~and shall be sent to the appropriate Imperial Ministry. Chartered subdivisions may retain copies at their own expense.~~

**Part 2:** ~~All original paperwork is the property of the Adrian Empire, Inc.~~ and shall be sent to the appropriate Imperial Ministry. Chartered subdivisions may retain copies at their own expense.

**VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS**

**CH1. Amend Bylaws to incorporate modifications ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

As per the proposal adopted in July 2003, all modifications to the Bylaws, Codex etc. (word changes, cleaning up the language, etc., except minor spelling and grammar errors, and updates and omissions from previous updates) must be posted for review and ratified at the next Imperial Estates meeting.

Appendix A ([2003Nov\\_appendixA.pdf](#)) contains a number of such changes.

**CH2. Deleted items in the bylaws. .... APPROVED AS AMENDED**

*Proposal 1 preferred by voice vote (req. majority) Proposal 1 approved as amended (72 in favor).*

**Proposal 1: Note “deleted” (Approved)**

When an item is ~~deleted~~ **removed or repealed** from the bylaws, maintain the current numbering system, with a notation of ~~deleted~~ **“removed or repealed”** in the bylaws.

**CH3. Area of Endeavor, Advancement, Roll, or Discipline? ..... APPROVED**

*Proposal 4 approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

Is it an area of endeavor, advancement, roll or discipline? It is referred to in all four ways throughout the bylaws, manuals, guidelines, and handbooks. If the Estates will state a preference, the publications can be made consistent.

**Proposal 4: Refer to it as a “discipline.” (Approved)**

**CH4. Term of Office. .... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

We recognize that a Crown may serve consecutive terms, but the language is confusing. A reign is the length of time a Crown sits on the Throne. A term of office is specified in law (for example, a Royal Crown’s “term of office” is one year.)

Recommend a global change from “reign” to “term of office” wherever it applies to retirement titles, and consecutive terms.

**CH5. Fitness, or Acceptability. .... TABLED**

*Motion to table until November 2004 Imperial Estates Meeting approved by acclamation (req. majority).*

In several sections of law we discuss the acceptability and the fitness of Crown Candidates. These words are used interchangeably, but mean different things. Which word does the Estates wish to use?

**Proposal 1: Fitness**

Change the word “acceptability” to “fitness” wherever it is used in this context.

**Proposal 2: Acceptability**

Change the word “fitness” to “acceptability” wherever it is used in this context.

**CH6. Standardize the titles of publications. .... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

Standardize the publication titles for consistency and easy recognition of the level of law of a given publication. To that end, we recommend the Estates adopt the following naming scheme (and grant permission to the Imperial government to update the current publications):

**Manual:** Rising to the level of Estates Writ. Contains rules and standards. *Examples: Combat Manual, Arts and Sciences Manual.*

**Guideline:** Rising to the level of a Continuing Crown Writ. Contains policies and procedures (especially for ministry offices). *Examples: Rolls Guidelines (policies procedures for the office of Rolls and Lists), Missile Construction Guidelines (accepted procedures for how to make missile weapons to be used in Adria).*

**Handbook:** Contains helpful information, but does not rise to any level of law. *Examples: New Members Handbook.*



**CH7. Interim Civil, Crown, and Imperial Crown Wars..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds)*

There are 3 sections of law governing crown wars: **Interim Civil War**, **Crown War**, and a subsection **Imperial Crown War**. We now have most of the procedures in Civil War, and refer to the information in Crown War, then repeat it in Imperial Crown War.

**Proposal: Consolidate procedures in one section.**

Consolidate the procedures for a Crown War under that section, and refer to the information in the Civil War, and Imperial Crown War sections. *(Note: The chancery is already asking that all procedures that are simply repeats of other sections of law be deleted as redundant, and a reference to the information placed in the bylaws.)* All differences in law would, of course, remain in the appropriate sections.

**CH8. Approve candidates for Imperial Crown..... APPROVED**

**Vote to Approve**

- TIMs Sir Wright Bentwood and Dame Aislynn de Chartier
- TIHs Sir Nikolai Belski and Dame Jericho Gutte d'Or

*HIM Wright Bentwood approved (96 in favor, 13 opposed, 1 abstention)*

*HIM Aislynn de Chartier approved (96 in favor, 13 opposed, 1 abstention)*

*HIH Nikolai Belski approved (88 in favor, 19 opposed, 3 abstentions)*

*HIH Jericho Gutte d'Or approved (80 in favor, 27 opposed, 3 abstentions)*

*TIHs Nikolai and Jericho have sworn that they will not contest TIMs Wright and Aislynn in War unless there is "a disaster."*

**CH9. Amend Article V. Meetings of the Membership B. Definition to allow "non-garb" events ..... REFERRED**

*Motion to refer back to author for re-write approved by voice vote (req. majority)*

**Current Law:** An official event is any meeting of the membership which is held in a medieval context, setting and style for the purpose of education, recreation and/or competition, ...

**Amend to read:** An official event is any meeting of the membership which is held in an appropriate context, setting and style for the purpose of education, recreation, competition, or service, ...

**CH10. Adopt Imp. Estates Writ re Ownership of Estates Devices.. APPROVED**

*Option 3 approved (82 in favor)*

Adopt an Imperial Estates Writ which outlines what entity "owns" the registered heraldry of an estate, should that estate cease to exist in the subdivision in which it registered the heraldic device. This question becomes important in July 2004, when members may choose their chartered subdivision, and estates may well change their chartered subdivision.

**Option 3: Belongs to the estate, regardless of Chartered Subdivision (Approved)**

**Adopt:** The armorial device of an estate shall be considered the property of the estate, not the Chartered Subdivision and shall follow the majority of its members should they change their Chartered Subdivision membership, or as otherwise provided for in the Charter of the Estate, If a clear majority do not select the same Chartered Subdivision, it shall be decided by a majority vote of the members.

If a vote is taken:

1. Only members of the Estate at the time of change in membership are eligible to vote
2. Effort must be made to notify all eligible members
3. The Ruling Noble of the Estate at the time of change of membership shall conduct the vote and notify the respective subdivisions
4. A majority of votes cast shall decide the question

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- OB1. Amend Article VII.C. to require that all estates-holders, ministers not be under the guardianship of another. .... **TABLED****

*Board of Directors recommended to the Estates to table this item until an attorney could be consulted to draft new language. Motion to table approved by voice vote (req. majority).*

Amend requirements to hold Office.

- OB2. Add VI.F.1.d.v., VI.F.2.b.iii. to authorize adoption of rules of procedure ..... **POSTPONED****

The Estates General throughout the Empire tend to use some form of Robert's Rules of Order. The Chancellors may adopt Rules of Conduct, and to Limit Debate if necessary to complete business within the limitations of time and place, provided these rules do not conflict with Bylaw, Codicil, or Writ.

- OB3. Amend Article III.B.4. Associate Members may/may not hold office ..... **POSTPONED****

The bylaws state that a participating membership (either single, family, or life) is “the basic membership, conveying the right to earn knightly rank, receive precedence bearing awards, have arms registered, convey the right to hold office in the Adrian Empire and a subscription to the appropriate chartered subdivision newsletter.” This implies that Associate Membership does not convey those rights. Amend the bylaws to make that clear.

- OB4. Amend Article XVI.C. Victory (to determine the conduct of wars in the event of a tie)..... **POSTPONED****

There is a problem with the conduct of wars as currently written because some points may not be awarded, and because the number of points may produce ties. In a two-day war, it may not be possible to eliminate armies so that only two will advance to the second day. In either a one- or a two-day war, it is possible to end up with a tie.

- OB5. Amend Article IV.F. Discounts to remove military, student discounts ..... **POSTPONED****

*Amend to read:* Senior citizens (55 years +) with valid proof of age are allowed a 10% discount on annual participating memberships...

- OB6. Amend Article III.A.1. to remove 30-day grace period ..... **POSTPONED****

*Amend to read:* Membership in the Adrian Empire is open to any interested individual, without restriction of gender, age, race, religion, or national origin. Membership can be terminated by a ~~thirty~~ (30) day lapse following nonpayment of dues or revocation of membership by the Board of Directors.

- OB7. Amend Article III.D. Participation ..... **POSTPONED****

*Amend by substitution:* While all attendees of Adrian Empire-sanctioned activities are encouraged to become members, neither attendance nor participation requires membership. Dues-paid membership is required to receive knightly rank and precedence bearing awards, to register heraldic devices, to hold office, and participate in contested Crown Wars. Non-members are welcome to receive instruction; and, if all safety requirements are met, participate in Adrian Empire activities on a case-by-case basis. Experience will be taken into consideration; if the appropriate Minister and the Crown are in agreement they may compete at the appropriate level.



- OB8. Petition for Readmission as per XI.B.6.e. .... TABLED**

**Note:** The makers of this proposal request postponement until November 2004.

*Motion to table proposal until the November 2004 Estates Meeting approved by voice vote (req. majority).*

Removal of banishment from Winfred Lord Randall Llewellyn ap Alyson (Randy Allison) and Anginette Mesalyn Theresa de la Fouche' Alyson (Annette Allison).
- OB9. Amend VIII.D.3 and VI.F.2.b. to allow Kingdoms to choose own method to select Crowns ..... POSTPONED**

Proposed: to allow Kingdoms the sovereignty to choose their own method of selecting their Crowns.
- OB10. Amend Writs and VI.E.2. to change BOD elections ..... POSTPONED**

To change the way that Directors are chosen to ensure that they meet all reporting requirements, as well as give members time to decide on their qualifications.
- OB11. Amend IX.C., D. to limit transfer of points/titles from other organizations ..... POSTPONED**

Points and service in other groups should only be allowed to transfer up to a first-level knighthood and no further and that said transfer can only occur after a person has been active in the Adrian Empire for at least one year. Points earned in other groups while actively an Adrian Member should no longer transfer. Titles earned in other groups should not transfer, as they were not earned within Adria.
- OB12. Proposal to allow "long distance arts entry" ..... POSTPONED**

This proposal will allow members, from smaller subdivisions that are unable to conduct an Arts tournament, to enter a project in another subdivision without being present. This would be listed as an exception to the law as it now stands concerning Point bearing Events (specifically, Shires).
- OB13. Amend IX.C.2. Robe Roll and Arts Manual to allow substitution of non-judged arts activities for advancement ..... POSTPONED**
- OB14. Delete second paragraph of Article I. General ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds)*

**Delete second paragraph as unnecessary:** Shared commitment to a common purpose, values, and operating principles strengthens the Organization and the relations we share within and through it and makes even our loftiest goals achievable. Therefore, we enthusiastically adopt, and will live by, the following:
- OB15. Amend Article III.A.2. Membership Revocation to allow BoD action ..... APPROVED**

*Motion to table failed on voice vote (req. majority). Motion approved (74 in favor, 28 opposed, req. 2/3rds)*

Add provision for Board of Directors for membership revocation.

**Current Law:** 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 and within sentencing guidelines (*Note: enforcement suspended until publication of guidelines.*)

- c. Behavior identified as threatening the safety and welfare of other members or creating a hostile environment after a duly convened Adrian Court.

**Add: d. By the Board of Directors if expressly authorized by the Imperial Estates, or on the recommendation of a panel convened under the procedure outlined in Article III.A.4.a-f.**

**OB16. Amend Article III.B.4. Associate Membership to reflect current practice..... APPROVED**

*Motion to table failed on voice vote (req. majority). Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds)*

Clarify and simplify language, and make the law reflect the practice.

**Current Law:** An entity which is an organization, or a Chartered Subdivision thereof (or equivalent), may purchase associate membership for its members. The dues for said membership per member are set by the Imperial Crown in consideration of the number of memberships requested, and the cost of providing them with Imperial Services. To induce discount, the entity could assume the burden of certain Imperial Services, for example, the entity could duplicate and deliver its own newsletters. A member of any Imperially-approved organization (or a Chartered Subdivision or equivalent thereof) with activities and goals parallel to the Adrian Empire, may qualify for associate membership.

The dues per member for associate membership shall be reviewed by the Imperial Estates General at their regular meeting on the first weekend of November, at which time the level of dues may be approved or modified. *(Note: The current pre-approved organizations are the ECS, RMS, and SCA. Other organizations may apply to the Imperial Crown for consideration.)*

**Amend to read:** A member of any Imperially-approved organization (or a Chartered Subdivision or equivalent thereof) with activities and goals parallel to the Adrian Empire, may qualify for associate membership.

The dues for said membership per member are set by the Imperial Crown in consideration of the number of memberships requested and shall be reviewed by the Imperial Estates General at their regular meeting in November, at which time the level of dues may be approved or modified. *(Note: The current pre-approved organizations are the ECS, RMS, and SCA. Other organizations may be considered by the Imperial Crown.)*

**OB17. Article III.D. Participation ..... POSTPONED**

*Motion to move OB17 to be considered with OB7 approved on voice vote (req. majority).*

Rewrite for clarification.

**Current Law:** While all attendees of Adrian Empire-sanctioned activities are encouraged to become members, attendance does not require membership. Dues-paying membership is a requirement for receiving knightly rank, receiving precedence bearing awards, having heraldic devices registered, holding office and competing in tournament or war. Non-members are welcome to receive instruction and if all safety requirements are met, participate in any Adrian Empire activity, so long as they do not interfere in any way with the opportunity to advance of a paid member. Individuals who can prove membership in a historical recreationist organization recognized by The Adrian Empire Inc. will be considered for tournament entry on a case-by-case basis. Experience will be taken into consideration and if the local Minister of Jousts and War, the local Crown Marshal and the Local Ruling Noble are in agreement they may compete in tournament at the appropriate level.

**OB18. Amend Article IV.A. Dues to reflect policy for cash ..... POSTPONED**

**Amend to read:** Membership dues are set by the Imperial Estates General. **Lifetime or annual** dues may be paid to the Imperial Steward; **or** to the Steward of a chartered subdivision, but must be sent as presented to the Imperial Steward. **Cash shall be the exception to this: Cash must be converted to money order and may not be deposited in any bank account.**

**OB19. Amend Article V.B. Definition for clarity.....POSTPONED**

Proposal 1 does not substantively change the law, however Proposal 2 does with the addition of the current policy regarding instructors not counting as part of the ten people required for a DI.

**Current law:** An official event is any meeting of the membership which is held in a medieval context, setting and style for the purpose of education, recreation and/or competition, as long as the event is; sanctioned by the Crown (crown sanction may be revoked in writing for a just and stated cause), sponsored by a subdivision, announced thirty (30) days in advance to the membership through official channels, presided over by the Crown or a Ruling Noble, and attended by the ministry officials or their designated deputies responsible for the type of activity undertaken. Demonstrations and classes require Crown approval, and must be attended by ten (10) or more people. Crowns may waive the thirty (30) day notice.

**OB20. Amend Article V.D. Sponsorship Requirements to reflect current practice.....APPROVED**

*Option 2 of Proposal 2 approved (73 in favor, 30 opposed, req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** All Royal Crowns shall be required to sponsor one (1) Crown event per month, of which during the course of a year one must be a war event. The Imperial Crown shall be required to sponsor the Imperial Crown War. Not more than two (2) crown events may be war events, with the exception of a Crown or Civil War event. At all Crown events, members shall be afforded the opportunity to earn their requirements for advancement in their area of endeavor.

**Proposal 2: Not all activities must be at all events**

**Option 2: Amended phrasing to address committee’s concerns (Approved)**

**Amend to read:** All Royal and Ducal Crowns are required to sponsor at least one (1) Crown tournament per month, **in each discipline (arts, archery, and combat)**, and at least one (a) war event per year. The Imperial Crown is required to sponsor the Imperial Crown War. **Crown tournaments may be held together, or at separate events within the same month.**

**OB21. Amend Article VI.A. Summoning Meetings to simplify and eliminate redundancies.....APPROVED**

*Proposal 1 approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Proposal 1: Amend the first section for clarity**

**Amend to read:** The governing body of the Adrian Empire is the Imperial Estates General (composed of the Imperial Estate, the Estates Royal, the Estates Major, and the two senior members of the Estates Minor from each chartered subdivision).

Imperial Estates Meetings shall be held:

- The first Saturday (and the day after) of November
- The third Saturday (and the day after) of July
- During the month of March

**Additional** Imperial Estates Meetings may be called:

- At the pleasure of the Imperial Crown
- By any three (3) members of the body who must reside in different chartered subdivisions (the meeting must be for a location in a chartered subdivision in which none of the summoning members resides.)

**OB22. Amend Article VI.D. Summoning Meetings to delete writs portion as dead law.....POSTPONED**

Proposal 1 does not change the law. It simply moves a paragraph from “Disqualification” to “Summoning Meetings.” Proposal 2, however, provides an alternate phrasing which does change the law. Current law provides for an estates meeting every 6 months, if there have been writs. Proposal 2 deletes that, and simply says that there needs to be an estates meeting within 6 months, period.

**OB23. Renumber Article VI.E.1.b. Quorum to place Weapons in its own section..... APPROVED AS AMENDED**

*Approved as amended on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** b. The presiding member shall appoint a sergeant-at-arms. The sergeant-at-arms shall ensure that all members are disarmed. Any weapons removed by the sergeant-at-arms shall be kept until the meeting is concluded. With the exception of the sergeant-at-arms, no one may bear weapons at any meeting of Estates.

**Amend to read: 2. Weapons**

The presiding member shall appoint a sergeant-at-arms, who shall ensure that all members are disarmed. Members shall remove their weapons and may return to the meeting when they are unarmed, **or they may leave their weapons with the sergeant-at-arms.** With the exception of the sergeant-at-arms, no one may bring weapons to any meeting of Estates.

**OB24. Clarify Article VI.E.3. Meeting Date, July. .... APPROVED**

*Option 2 approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** The Imperial Estates General shall be required to hold a regularly scheduled meeting in the third weekend of July (that being the third Saturday and the day following) for the purpose of attending to the mundane business of the corporation. The meeting would be at a fixed date (or weekend) and would not change from year to year. It shall be the responsibility of the Imperial Crown to coordinate the meeting which shall be held at a time and place designated by the Imperial Crown. The principal agenda items of this meeting shall be:

**Option 2: With Committee Comments (Approved)**

**Amend to read:** The Imperial Estates General meet on the third Saturday of July (and the day following) at which time they shall conduct appropriate business including but not limited to:

**OB25. Article VI.E.4. Disqualification ..... REFERRED**

*Motion to refer back to author for re-write approved by voice vote (req. majority). See CRB5 for details.*

**Current law:** Members entitled to a seat by virtue of rank or office whose dues are not current, are under judicial ban, or have not attended at least (2) official events in any subdivision within the previous six (6) months will be denied a seat. The membership entitled to vote at a meeting of a given body is fixed as of the SUMMONING of the meeting and may not be subsequently altered by any means, including expiration of dues, non-participation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estate held by a given member, until the meeting is concluded. The only exceptions are resignation of a given member, judicial ban, or creation of a greater estate that does not reduce another greater estate below minimum membership. A meeting is deemed summoned at the point of minimum notice. The point of minimum notice is defined as thirty days for the Estates General of chartered subdivisions or sixty days for any body of Imperial Estates, unless waiver of such notice is granted by the summoned body, in which case the point of minimum notice shall be the date of actual notice. The Crown, if available, will convene the summoned Estates at the appointed time and place, and the meeting will be presided over by the Chancellor, if available.

**OB26. Amend Article VI.F.3.a.v. Imperial Crown to move judicial procedure ..... POSTPONED**

Last half of section deals with judicial procedures and should be moved to the section of law (Article XI.B.5, Right of Appeal) which pertains to that. Rewrite the section to be moved.

**OB27. Amend Article VIII.B.1.General Requirements for Crowns, Ruling Nobles for clarity. .... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

Retitle and renumber section. Rewrite for clarity and simplify language. Note: Because this section has been retitled and re-arranged slightly, the changes to the text are clearly highlighted with strikethroughs.

**Amend to read: B. Qualifications for Crowns and Ruling Nobles**

1. Imperial Crown must have:
  - a. Attained the second level of Knightly Rank
  - b. Held a Royal Crown with a successful completion of reign (or completed the pax regium if a first-time Crown and the Estates vote that the reign has been successful) or served as a Duke for six (6) months or longer with a successful completion of reign.
2. A Royal Crown must have:
  - a. Attained knightly rank
3. Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:
  - a. Imperial and Royal Crowns (including Ducal Crowns and Viceroy) must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
  - b. Imperial and Royal Crowns must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for ~~not less than~~ **at least** one year, ~~and be least eighteen (18) years of age.~~
  - c. Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for ~~not less than~~ **at least** six (6) months.
  - d. Household Lords and Ladies, **and Imperial Viceroy**s must hold a current membership.
4. Is personally capable and willing to assume the responsibilities of the Crown or estate (**and is willing to sign financial disclosure statement for Imperial Crown only.**)
5. Is acceptable to the Estates of the subdivision (or the Imperial Estates General for the Imperial Crown) ~~Is not the subject of an announced or ongoing judicial court (Note: or specific judicial ban);~~
6. Has not been barred from the Crown or estate by **specific judicial ban.** ~~such a court (Note: or specific judicial ban)~~
7. Their reign is limited to two (2) **consecutive** years ~~consecutive~~, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year. (*Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law.*)

**OB28. Delete Article VIII.D.2.b.iii. Archduchies and Duchies, Rights and Responsibilities ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

Delete paragraph iii (it is repeated within the same section).

**Amend to read:**

- iii. The Ducal Crown shall have all rights of the Estates Royal to sit on the Imperial Estates General.
- iv. The Ducal Crown from a Duchy consisting of 20-49 members shall be styled Duke or Duchess.
- v. The Ducal Crown from a Duchy consisting of 50 or more members shall be styled Archduke or Archduchess.

**Move this section of 2.b.iv.2. to section VIII.B.1. Qualifications for Crowns, Ruling Nobles:**

An Archduke or Archduchess must have achieved the rank of Knight unless no qualified person who wishes to hold the position can be found within the Duchy.

**OB29. Clarify Article VIII.3.b.i. Kingdom Rights and Responsibilities as to meaning of sovereignty ..... POSTPONED**

Amend law to accurately reflect kingdom status regarding sovereignty. Proposals are written to amend 3.b.i. Any changes will also be reflected in [Article VIII.3.a.iii. Definition.](#)



**OB30. Clarify Article VIII.3.b.vi. Kingdom Rights and Responsibilities as to local writs and codicils..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

Amend to accurately reflect that writs and codicils are to be submitted to the Imperial Chancery.

**Current law:** A Kingdom shall have the right to enact Royal Writs and Codicils insofar as they do not conflict with the Bylaws or Imperial Law.

**Amend to read:** A Kingdom shall have the right to enact Royal Writs and Codicils **that** do not conflict with the Bylaws or Imperial Law, **which must be submitted within thirty (30) days enactment to the Imperial Chancery.**

**OB31. Article VIII.5. Charters ..... POSTPONED**

Rewrite for clarity.

**Current law:** A Kingdom Charter is equivalent to an Imperial Estates Writ. (Revocation of a Kingdom Charter requires a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Estates.) Under Article VI. F. 1. c. vi, the Imperial Estates may alter, change, amend or revoke a Kingdom's Charter by a 2/3 vote. ...

**OB32. Amend Article IX.C. Ranks to simplify and reflect current law..... POSTPONED**

Amend to simplify language and reflect newer law which has fundamentally changed this section (especially the second sentence, in bold).

**Second paragraph, current law:** The records of the Imperial ministry shall be the final consideration for advancement. **Elevation to any rank of knighthood must take place within thirty (30) days of completion of requirements for that level unless the candidate requests postponement.** Any member may become a knight, regardless of age (particularly minors in the Robe and Ministry disciplines), if that member has met the requirements. ...

**OB33. Rewrite Article IX.C.Ranks, Article IX.D. Titles for clarity. .POSTPONED**

Rewrite for clarity, and move to a separate section after Orders, before Ranks. Also move corresponding paragraph in Article IX.D. Titles to same section.

**Current law:** The Imperial Crown shall have the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion such that members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire, ...

**OB34. Article IX.D.3. Prince/Princess..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** a. Title granted to a retired ruler of the Adrian Empire after a successful reign. An Estate Royal. (*Voting*)

**Amend to read:** a. Title granted to a retired ruler of the Adrian Empire for a successful term of office, regardless of length of term. An Estate Royal. (*Voting*)

**OB35. Simplify Article IX.D.11.b. Viceroy..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** b. Title given by the King/Queen or Duke/Duchess to the holder of a Royal or Ducal warrant of appointment to a Canton within the Chartered Subdivision. The Viceroy is the appointed ministerial governor of a Canton. (*Non-voting*)

**Amend to read:** b. The holder of a Royal or Ducal warrant of appointment to a Canton within the Chartered Subdivision and is its appointed ministerial governor. (*Non-voting*)



**OB36. Simplify Article IX.D.13. Viscount/Viscountess ..... APPROVED**

*Part 1 (“title granted”) approved on voice vote (req. 2/3rds). Part 2 (“six months”) approved (87 in favor, 25 opposed, req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** Title granted to a retired ruler of an Archduchy (having over 49 members) at the end of a successful reign of at least six months. (*Non-voting*)

**Amend to read:** Title granted to a retired ruler of an Archduchy for a successful term of office of at least six months. (*Non-voting*)

**OB37. Amend Article IX.D.19, 20, 21, 22 to add Ladies-in-Waiting, Men-at-arms, and Pages..... POSTPONED**

It is the opinion of the Chancery that Ladies-in-waiting and Gentlemen-of-the-chamber (because they attend nobles) should appear at 19, that squires appear at 20, Men-at-arms appear at 21, and Pages appear at 22 as per our understanding of precedence.

**OB38. Simplify Article XI. Judicial Courts, Introduction ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current Law:** There are two types of judicial courts in the Adrian Empire: Civil Courts and Courts of Justice. All such courts shall be conducted by the Magistrates Guild under the procedures detailed in the 1992 Edition of the Codex Adjudicata and in accordance with these Imperial bylaws. Conduct of courts are outlined in the Codex Adjudicata.

**Amend to read:** There are two types of judicial courts in the Adrian Empire: Civil Courts and Courts of Justice. Conduct of courts is outlined in the Codex Adjudicata.

**OB39. Amend and expand Article XI.A. Civil Courts ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** Civil courts are convened to resolve a member's qualification for knighthood, or at the request of any member desiring that a rule of law be clarified, expanded or extrapolated, unless the Ministry of Justice determines that no significant question of law has been raised. Civil Courts are extremely powerful having the right to rule on the intent of the estates as well as extrapolate new law by examining the intent of one or more Imperial bylaws as they apply to a set of facts.

**Amend to read:** Civil Courts are extremely powerful, having the right to rule on the intent of the estates as well as extrapolate new law by examining the intent of one or more Imperial bylaws as they apply to a set of facts.

1. Calling a Civil Court

- a. A member may call for a civil court to resolve his own qualifications for knighthood.
- b. Any member may call for a civil court to clarify, extrapolate, or expand a ruling of law, unless the Chancellor determines that no significant question of law has been raised.

**Add:** 2. Right of Appeal

A determination made by a Civil Court may be appealed by:

- Any member who would be directly affected by the ruling
- The Crown

The chain of appeal shall be as follows:

1. Local Civil Court
2. Imperial Civil Court
3. Imperial Estates General

An appeal is filed by in writing to the Imperial Chancellor, who shall determine if a significant question of law exists. (The Imperial Chancellor's determination may be appealed in writing to the Imperial Crown.) If there is a significant question of law, the Imperial Crown shall convene an Imperial Civil court.

An appeal of an Imperial Civil Court ruling is made in writing to the Imperial Crown, who shall direct the Imperial Chancellor to place the item on the agenda for the next-scheduled meeting of the Imperial Estates.

**OB40. Reorder and renumber Article XI.B. Courts of Justice..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:**

1. Courts of Justice v. Mundane Law
2. Calling a Court of Justice
3. Statute of Limitations
4. Judicial Ban
5. Right of Appeal
6. Punishment
7. Royal Court
8. Courts of Chivalry
9. No Double Jeopardy

**Amend to read:**

1. Courts of Justice v. Mundane Law
2. Calling a Court of Justice
3. Statute of Limitations
4. Timeline (*new section*)
5. No Double Jeopardy (*was #9*)
6. Judicial Ban (*was #4*)
7. Royal Court
8. Courts of Chivalry
9. Punishment (*was #6*)
10. Right of Appeal (*was #5*)

**OB41. Article XI.B.1. Courts of Justice v. Mundane Law..... POSTPONED**

Simplify the section of law. Correct the right of the Crown to suspend a member's participation rights. That procedure has been outlined elsewhere, and this rewording would bring this section of law into compliance with the other sections.

**OB42. Amend Article XI.B.2. Calling Court of Justice for clarity.. POSTPONED**

**Proposal 1: Amend paragraph a.**

**Current law:** A member has committed an act or caused an action that so disturbed the harmony, order and enjoyment of the activities of the Adrian Empire as to warrant Crown intervention.

**Proposal 2: Amend paragraph b.**

**Current law:** A member is accused of treason against the Crown or the member's Liege Lord. Treason is defined as the taking of any action or aiding any others in acting in a manner which damages or thwarts the legitimate interests of the individual's Liege Lord. Participating in a crown civil war by an individual who is not in personal fealty to the Crown shall not be construed as treason.

**Proposal 3: Amend paragraph c.**

**Amend to read:** A member accuses another member of violating their rights and the ~~individuals~~ **members** themselves cannot resolve the matter.

**Proposal 4: Amend paragraph d.**

**Current law:** Evidence is presented to the Crown that a member has willfully violated the Imperial bylaws, local codicils, or crown writ.

**Proposal 5: Amend paragraph e.**

**Current law:** Conduct Unbecoming a Knight, which for this purpose and consistent with Judicial precedent, is defined as willful violation of [Article I.B. Standards of Conduct](#).

**Proposal 6: Amend paragraph f.**

Add new section of law (already in use, but not outlined in law) for nonfeasance, misfeasance, and malfeasance of office.

**OB43. Article XI.B.3. Statute of Limitations ..... APPROVED AS AMENDED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** A complaint must be filed with the Ministry of Justice within forty-five (45) days of discovery of the offense. Mediation must be attempted within twenty (20) days of the complaint being filed. If mediation fails, or is refused by either party, and if the Minister of Justice finds sufficient cause for charges to be filed, the complaint shall become a set of charges no later than fifteen (15) days of the mediation (or attempt at same).

**Amend to read:** A complaint must be filed with the Ministry of Justice within forty-five (45) days of discovery of the offense. **Complaints will be processed according to the timeline provided in Article XI.B.4..**

**Add XI.B.4. Timeline:** Mediation must be attempted within twenty (20) days of the complaint being filed. If mediation fails, or is refused by either party, and if the Minister of Justice finds sufficient cause for charges to be filed, the complaint shall become a set of charges no later than fifteen (15) days of the mediation (or attempt at same).

**OB44. Clarify and simplify Article XI.B.4. Judicial Ban ..... POSTPONED**

This section is long, complicated and confusing. Amend first section to clarify and simplify.

**Current law:** The purpose of Judicial Ban is to insure that a member accused of an infraction can not act to destroy evidence, interfere with the judicial process or attempt to alter the law to their benefit. Because of the severity of a Judicial Ban it is not automatic **upon the filing of charges.** ...

**OB45. Amend and expand Article XI.B.4. Judicial Ban ..... POSTPONED**

Amend section to clarify and simplify. Add new section outlined in the reasons for a judicial ban, but not listed as something the member is prevented from doing.

**Current law:** ... A member under Judicial Ban **may not:**

- a. Hold landed estate or office, but such shall be restored to him at the conclusion of judicial process, outcome permitting. ...

**OB46. Clarify and expand Article XI.B. Right of Appeal ..... APPROVED**

*Approved as written on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** A member shall have the right to appeal a finding of guilt to a **higher court** so long as they shall do so in **writing within 30 days. All penalties shall be in effect**, except that a banished member shall be allowed to attend those events necessary to prepare for his appeal, but shall not be permitted to participate in the activities of the event. A member whose rights have been effected by any court may appeal to the local crown or the Imperial Crown. The final Court of Appeal shall be the Imperial Estates General.

**Amend to read:** A member who has been found guilty if a judicial court may appeal that finding to **the Imperial Crown, in writing, within thirty (30) days. Within thirty (30) days of the written request for appeal, the Imperial Crown shall review the charges and evidence. Either 30-day deadline may be extended for cause.**

A banished member shall be allowed to attend those events necessary to prepare for his appeal, but shall not be permitted to participate in the activities of the event.

The final Court of Appeal shall be the Imperial Estates General, whose decision shall be binding.

**The judgment of the local court shall remain in effect until the Imperial Crown has rendered a decision. The decision of the Imperial Crown may only be appealed to the Imperial Estates General.**

**OB47. Amend Article XI.B.6. Punishment to conform to current practice..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** The right to decide a member's punishment who is found guilty by a Court of Justice is solely the Crown's. All such writs of punishments must be reviewed by the Imperial Crown.

**Add to read:** **The judicial court may provide a recommendation of punishment to the Crown.** The right to decide a member's punishment who is found guilty by a Court of Justice is solely the Crown's. All such writs of punishments must be reviewed by the Imperial Crown.

**OB48. Amend Article XI.B.7. Royal Court to reflect current law... POSTPONED**

Amend to reflect current law. Rename section from "Royal Court" to "Complaints and Charges."

**Current law: 7. Royal Court**

A member who wishes to complain of the conduct of another member, may request the Crown to convene a Royal Court. The Crown may elect to reject the charges if it is self-evident that the charges are without merit.

**OB49. Amend and expand Article XI.B.8. Court of Chivalry ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** Knights are afforded the right to be judged by their peers. A Court of Chivalry is conducted by a Magistrate and three (3) Knights. **It has been established that** commoners may **also** be judged by a Court of Chivalry. **This may be** at the commoners' request or at the order of the Crown. *(Note that the Imperial bylaws do not require the Crown to agree to a commoner's request to a Court of Chivalry.)*

**Amend to read:** Knights are afforded the right to be judged by their peers. A Court of Chivalry is conducted by a Magistrate and three (3) Knights. Commoners may be judged by a Court of Chivalry, at the commoners' request **(if granted by the Crown)** or the order of the Crown. *(Note: the Imperial bylaws do not require the Crown to agree to a commoner's request to a Court of Chivalry.)* **The Court of Chivalry is an alternate court of justice, and those procedures apply, except as provided here, or in the Codex Adjudicata.**

**OB50. Amend Article XIII. Policy on Religion, Introduction ..... POSTPONED**

Expand this section of law to widen its definition of what religion was. Expressly state that this is the policy of religious activity within a non-religious entity.

**Current law:** Religion and spiritual life were very important to the people of the middle ages. While this usually implied the Catholic Church, in the 14th Century there is evidence that Pagan faiths survived in many forms. Further, the current resurgence in devotion to those requires a policy on religious and magical usage, these shall be as follows.

**OB51. Simplify Article XIII.A. Ceremonial Performance ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** Any ceremony performed in a court or in any setting that creates a captive audience shall be sufficiently ecumenical in nature that the majority of those present shall not be offended or have their own religious views belittled or disclaimed

The exception of this rule is a ceremony of Knighthood in any Roll. **It shall be** the right of the Knight candidate **to be dubbed to the service of any deities and have the ceremony run by any (or no) religious leader, save** that the accolade shall be bestowed by a Knight. The Knight holding a ceremony involving a particular religious belief must **have that fact announced by an attending herald to advise the populace of the religious leanings, if any, of the ceremony.**

**Amend to read:** Any ceremony performed in a court (or any setting that creates a captive audience) shall be sufficiently **secular** in nature that the majority of those present shall not be offended or have their own religious views belittled or disclaimed.

The exception to this rule is a ceremony of knighthood. It is the right of the knight candidate to **determine his own ceremony and dedicate himself accordingly, except** that the accolade shall be bestowed by a knight. The knight holding a ceremony involving a particular religious belief must **announce** that fact, **allowing the populace to attend or not.**

## **OB52. Simplify Article XI.C. Term of Office, Introduction ..... **POSTPONED****

Delete first sentence as redundant.

**Current law:** Any Landed Estate Royal holder may be removed from office by a 2/3rd's majority vote of 90% of the Estates General entitled to a seat at the determination of the Steward and the Minister of Rolls. The Imperial Crown may be removed from office pursuant to [Article VI.F.1.c.i](#). Any other Crown may be removed from office pursuant to [Article VI.F.2.a.iii](#).

## **OB53. Article XIV.B. King/Queen ..... **APPROVED****

*Option 2 approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** Each reign of the King/Queen shall not be more than one (1) year. The year shall be measured from the date of coronation or from the latest date coronation should have occurred pursuant to [Article XIV.E: Coronations](#), whichever is earlier. The King/Queen may succeed themselves pursuant to [Article VIII.B.1.h](#).

### **Option 2: With Committee's Suggestions (Approved)**

**Amend to read:** Each term of office of the King/Queen shall be not more than one (1) year (measured from the date of coronation, or from the latest date coronation should have occurred pursuant to [Article XIV.E: Coronations](#), whichever is earlier). The King/Queen may succeed themselves pursuant to [Article VIII.B.1.h](#). (*Note:* The term of office may only be altered by mutual agreement of the Crown and the Estates General.)

## **OB54. Amend Article XIV.2. Failure to follow Timetable ..... **POSTPONED****

Proposal 1 does not substantively change the law. Proposal 2 does, and so must be presented here.

**Current law:** In the event that the Heirs Apparent fail to follow the timetable established by the Estates General, any qualified individuals may challenge the Heirs Apparent for the throne on the first day following the established date. The right to challenge shall continue in effect until the coronation takes place.

## **OB55. Move and simplify Article XIV.3. Default Timetable ..... **APPROVED****

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

Move to between paragraphs 1. and 3. (We have failure to follow timetables coming before the default timetable). Delete last half of paragraph as redundant (it is contained in paragraph 2, failure to follow timetable).

**Move and amend to read:** In the event that the Estates General do not establish and publish their own timetable for coronation following a Crown War, said coronation shall take place within thirty days from the date of determination of the Heirs Apparent. ~~If the coronation has not taken place by within thirty days of the said date, beginning on the thirty first day, any qualified individuals may challenge for the throne. The right to challenge shall continue in effect until the coronation takes place. With regard to Imperial Coronations, the establishment and publication of a timetable for coronation shall be set forth in this section in the paragraphs that follow.~~ (*Note: the date of determination can be for be the scheduled war date, date of resignation of the seated Crown when there is only one set of contenders, or date of Imperial appointment*).

**OB56. Expand Article XIV.D.4. Memorial Day Weekend ..... REFERRED**

*Motion to refer back to author for re-write approved on voice vote (req. majority).*

The current law does not take into account that there may be multiple war sites, and that the Heirs Apparent may be present at different sites.

**Current law:** With regard to Imperial Heirs Apparent determined at an Interim Civil War on Memorial Day Weekend, coronation shall occur at a War site on that same weekend.

**OB57. Article XV.B. Interim Civil War ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

This section of law is complex, and combines several topics that should be separate. Rewrite for clarity and separate and number paragraphs.

**Current law:** An Interim Civil War may be called by any member who meets the qualifications for Crown or Ruling Noble of the chartered subdivision or subdivision for which that member wishes to challenge. In the event that a challenge is presented by a qualified person, the Chancellor shall direct the Minister of War and Joust to plan, execute and autocrat a Civil War of either one or two day duration. 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 Crowns. No Interim Civil War may be called against a Lord/Lady Protector or Viceroy. Only the membership of the Estate in Civil War (Empire, chartered subdivision, or subdivision as the case may be) may choose for whom they will fight; the distribution of all visiting members and participants shall be in proportion to the size of the army as set by the choice of the membership of the Estate. In the case of an Imperial Civil War, the war must take place in chartered subdivisions other than that in which the Imperial Throne resides. (Note: Featherly Park in Esperance is an approved exception.) If there are co-rulers who live in different chartered subdivisions, the war shall be in chartered subdivisions where neither ruler lives.

**Amend to read:**

## 1. Declaration of Interim Civil War

An Interim Civil War may be called by any member who meets the qualifications for Crown (or Ruling Noble) of the chartered subdivision (or subdivision, **respectively**). In the event that a challenge is presented by a qualified **member**, the Chancellor shall direct the Minister of War and Joust to plan, execute, and autocrat a Civil War (of either one or two day duration). If the Royal Crown **wins, they shall enjoy** a new Pax Regium for the duration of **their term of office**. If the Royal Crown loses, the winning Contender shall rule the Kingdom for a full year, **and enjoy** a six-month Pax Regium as the new Crown. No Interim Civil War may be called against a Lord/Lady Protector or Viceroy.

## 2. Distribution of Visiting Members

Only the membership of the Estate in Civil War (Empire, chartered subdivision, or subdivision) may choose for whom they will fight. The distribution of all visiting members shall be in proportion to the size of the army as set by the choice of the membership of the Estate.

## 3. Location of the War

In the case of an Imperial Civil War, the war must take place in chartered subdivisions other than **those** in which the Imperial **Crown** resides. (Note: Featherly and Prado Parks in Esperance are approved exceptions.)



**OB58. Article XV.B.3. Fealty ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

Delete boldfaced sentence as dead law. Reformat remainder of paragraph for simplicity

**Current law:** Usually, in a Civil War or Crown War, only personal fealty will be binding. Those in fealty by dint of Estate shall be free to choose whichever side they wish in a Civil War or Crown War. This applies only to Crown wars, Crown Civil Wars, and Subdivision Civil Wars in subdivisions which have no more than one subordinate subdivision (e.g. Households, or Baronies which only have one Household or no Households at all). **In a Subdivision Civil War where the subdivision is comprised of two or more smaller subdivisions, all members of the subordinate subdivisions shall fight on the same side as directed by their respective Ruling Nobles.** Combatants who are not bound to a principal in the war shall be free to choose their own side unless having accepted payment for fealty.

**Amend to read:** Usually only personal fealty will be binding in a Civil or Crown War. Those in fealty by dint of Estate shall be free to choose whichever side they wish in:

- Crown Wars
- Crown Civil Wars

Members who are not bound to a principal in the war shall be free to choose their own side unless having accepted payment for fealty.

**OB59. Article XV.B.5. War ..... TABLED**

*Motion to table until the November 2004 Estates Meeting for re-write approved on voice vote (req. majority).*

Add section corresponding to XVI.A.5.

**OB60. Article XV.B.3. Victory ..... TABLED**

*Motion to table until the November 2004 Estates Meeting for re-write approved on voice vote (req. majority).*

Add section corresponding to XVI.A.6 or ...B.6.

**OB61. Article XVI. Crown War ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

These sections of law are out of logical order, and do not correspond to other sections of law. Reorder, and renumber accordingly.

**Current law:**

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| <p>A. Conduct of the War</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notice</li> <li>2. Eligibility</li> <li>3. Recruiting</li> <li>4. Fealty</li> </ol> <p>B. War</p> <p>C. Victory</p> | <p>D. Imperial War</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notice             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Notice of Date and Site</b></li> <li>b. <b>Notice of Candidacy</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Eligibility             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Determination of Eligibility</b></li> <li>b. <b>Determination of Fitness</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Recruiting</li> <li>4. Fealty</li> <li>5. Armed and Arts Combat</li> <li>6. Victory</li> </ol> |
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**Amend to read:**

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| <p>A. Conduct of the War</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notice</li> <li>2. Eligibility</li> <li>3. Recruiting</li> <li>4. Fealty</li> <li>5. <b>War</b> (<i>was B</i>)</li> <li>6. <b>Victory</b> (<i>was C</i>)</li> </ol> | <p>B. <b>Conduct of Imperial Crown War</b> (<i>was D</i>)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notice             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date and Site</li> <li>b. Candidacy</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Eligibility             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Eligibility</li> <li>b. Fitness (<i>or Acceptability</i>)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Recruiting</li> <li>4. Fealty</li> <li>5. War (<i>was Armed and Arts Combat</i>)</li> <li>6. Victory</li> </ol> |
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**OB62. Reword Article XVI.A.1. Crown War, Notice .....POSTPONED**

Delete portions related to Imperial War (it has its own section of law and is redundant). Reword to reflect current law. Move eligibility requirements to next section, Eligibility.

**Current law:** At least sixty (60) days prior to the actual date of the war:

- The Minister of War shall devise the scenarios for the war.
- The Crown shall advise the Chancellor of the date, time and place set for the war.

In the case of an Imperial Crown War, ...

**OB63. Article XVI.A.2. Eligibility .....POSTPONED**

Separate into two paragraphs: Eligibility, and Fitness (*or Acceptability, depending on the Estates choice*). What makes this proposal a substantive change to law is:

- The deletion of Imperial War procedure, which is already contained in law and is redundant
- Addition of the text from the previous section, [XVI.A.1.Notice](#)).

Other than that, this is a simple rephrasing for clarity.

**Current law:** The Chancellor shall consult with the Minister of Rolls and the Steward\* to determine eligibility. A member who fails to meet the qualifications for Crown shall be notified in writing as to the reasons. The Chancellor shall then ...

**OB64. Amend Article XVI.A.3. Recruiting .....APPROVED**

This section of law contains a lot of information that should be separated. Each paragraph of current law will be addressed separately.

**Proposal 1: First paragraph, announcement on-site**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

Reword this paragraph for clarity. Allow for representatives, and delete as redundant section on distributing visiting members - "outlanders".

**Current law, first paragraph:** Once the slate of contenders is set, the war parties shall meet at the appointed sight. At the conclusion of Opening Court, or the last Court of a retiring Crown, the Chancellor shall read the list of contenders for the Crown. They shall, in ascending precedence, address the general populace. At the end of the addresses, the membership of the chartered subdivision may choose for whom they will fight. The Minister of War shall then count the armies. The four (4) largest armies shall be permitted to vie for the Crown. The remaining membership of the chartered subdivision shall re-divide themselves among the four (4) successful armies. At this time, the visiting members and participates shall be chosen by the contenders for their force. The distribution of all visiting members and participates shall be in proportion to the size of the armies as set by the choice of the membership of the chartered subdivision.

**Amend to read:**

- a. Once the slate of contenders is set, the **participants** shall meet at the appointed **date and site**. **During** Opening Court, the Chancellor (**or his representative**) shall read the list of contenders. **In order of** ascending precedence, **the contenders (or their representatives)** may address the populace. At the end of the addresses, the membership of the chartered subdivision may choose for whom they will fight. The Minister of War shall then count the armies.
- b. **If there are more than four (4) armies, only** the four (4) largest shall be permitted to **contend** for the Crown **and** the remaining members of the chartered subdivision shall re-divide themselves among the four (4) **contending** armies.  
At this time, visiting members **are distributed according as provided in** [Article XV.B.2](#).

**Proposal 2: Second paragraph, viable armies (Approved)**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** In the event that there are less than four (4) viable armies, the Minister of War and the Chancellor shall confer on limiting the field to two (2) armies or making further distributions if they believe that it is desirable to alter the rules to insure that at least two (2) contenders have working armies. This authority does not extend to coercing members to support a different contender or to dividing visiting members and participates in such a way as to negate the selection of the populace. In the case where there is clear advantage to a single contender, and the other final contenders agree, that person shall be declared Heir Apparent and the war will be fought by even sides for the entertainment of the populace.

**Option 2: Reword for clarity (Approved)**

Delete the section allowing the Chancellor and Minister of War to redistribute armies (it is the right of the populace to choose their army).

**Amend remaining paragraph to read:**

- c. **If** there are less than four (4) viable armies, the Minister of War and the Chancellor shall confer on limiting the field to two (2) armies to insure that at least two (2) contenders have working armies. This authority does not extend to coercing members to support a different contender or to dividing visiting members **in violation of** [Article XV.B.2](#).
- d. Where there is clear advantage to a single contender, and the others agree, that contender shall be declared Heir Apparent. **The members may redivide** and the war will be fought for the entertainment of the populace.

**OB65. Amend Article XVI.B. to change when scenarios are delivered. TABLED**

*Table proposal until the November 2004 Estates Meeting approved by voice vote (req. majority).*

Clarify when scenarios are delivered, and allow for multiple contenders/sites.

**Current law, first paragraph:** The Minister of War will **then** provide a copy of the first day's battles to each contender. On the following morning, after Opening Court, the battles will begin.

**OB66. Clarify Article XVI.B. War ..... POSTPONED**

These two proposals attempt to clean up the language of this paragraph. Proposal 1 only simplifies what is already in law, without changing the law. Proposal 2 deletes the encouragement to be your own champion.

**OB67. Amend Article XVI.D.1.a. Notice of Candidacy ..... APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

**Current law:** Members of the populace who wish to vie for the Imperial Throne shall submit letters of intent to the Imperial Chancellor between the close of Memorial Day weekend and the following July 1. The letter must indicate the prospective Crown, the Crown's Consort (if any) and whether or not the proposed Consort is to be a Co-ruler or titled Consort only. If the Consort is to be a co-ruler, then both

parties must meet all eligibility requirements. If the consort is to have no sovereign power the consort need only be a member in good standing with at least six (6) months membership.

**Amend to read:** The chancellor shall notify the populace to submit letters of intent to contend for the Imperial Crown, which shall:

- Be submitted to the Chancellor in writing
- Be received at or before closing court of Memorial Weekend War (Interim Imperial Civil War)
- Indicate the prospective Crown, and co-ruler or consort

**OB68. Article XVI.D.2. Eligibility .....POSTPONED**

Amend to refer to procedures already outlined in law (new Article XVI.A.2.a refer to OB63).

**Current law:**

- a. Determination Of Eligibility ...

**OB69. Amend Article XVI.D.3. to delete counting of armies .....POSTPONED**

There is no longer a need to count the armies for Imperial War. Since non-members may not participate, there is no need for a count (to establish the ratio by which to divide the “outlanders”).

**OB70. Simplify and rename Article XVI.D.5. Armed and Arts Combat .....APPROVED**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. 2/3rds).*

Rename this section to “War” (to standardize terminology and better describe the section). Delete most of the section as redundant, and reword the first part for clarity.

**Amend to read:** At Opening Court, the Imperial Minister of War (or his representative) shall announce the schedule of the War. The war shall be scheduled and conducted as provided in [Article XVI.A.5](#). ~~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 one (1) armored champions battle and a number of arts points as set forth in the current Manual of Arts and Sciences. In the absence of an Imperial Estates Writ, the armed combat battles shall be as set forth in [Article XVI.B. War](#) above.~~ The Imperial Minister of War or his representative shall provide the contender and general of each army with the scenario to be fought and then give them sufficient time to order their followers before commencing combat. Arts combat shall be in accordance with the then current Manual of Arts and Sciences.

**OB71. Amend Article XVI.B. War to create War Points for Ministry Voting .....POSTPONED**

**Current law:** The Minister of War will then provide a copy of the first day's 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: ...

**IX. NEW BUSINESS..... NO ACTION**

*New Business was neither discussed nor acted upon.*

- NB1. Amend Article VI.A. Imperial Governing Bodies; Summoning Meetings to include Primary Participating Members (fully paid)
- NB2. Amend Article IX.C.1.d. Knight Bachelor to include additional criteria
- NB3. Amend Combat Manual Article II.B.2 Levels of Tournament Combat - Knight
- NB4. Proposal to Change the requirements for Advancement as an Archer
- NB5. Amend Article IX.D. to include retired rulers of Duchies

**X. DISCUSSION..... NONE**

**XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES .... NOV 6, 7**

First weekend of November 6-7, 2004.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT ..... 5:15 PM ADT**

*Meeting adjourned Sunday, July 18, 2004, 5:15 p.m. Atlantic Daylight Time.*

**END OF MINUTES**