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## I. CALL TO ORDER

*Called to order 10:00 am Phoenix time*

## II. ROLL CALL

**Seating of qualified members: 109 (42 present, 61 by proxy, 12 absent)**

**Petitions to waive as per Article VI. E. 4. Disqualification: 6 present, 1 by proxy**

**Final seating: 115 (48 present, 62 by proxy, 12 absent)**

### **Imperial Crown**

Dame Aislynn de Chartier (Empress) present,

Sir Wright Bentwood (Emperor) also present

### **Alhambra, Archduchy (verified January 20, 2004)**

Crown: Dame Amara vai'Datha (Archduchess) proxy Dame Katherine Marshal

County of Iberia: Sir Guillaume Marchand D'Fluer (Count) proxy Dame Katherine Marshal

Barony McKlaine: Dame Cryssida Blackwood (Countess) proxy Dame Katherine Marshal

### **Andorra, Shire (verified February 20, 2004)**

Crown: Lord Auberon de la Reve (Duke) present (seated after waiver)

House de la Reve: Isabeau de la Reve (Lady) present

### **Albion, Archduchy (verified February 20, 2004)**

Crown: Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Archduchess) present (seated after waiver)

Sir William Baine (Archduke) also present

March Morte E'La Foresta: Sir Warren Anthony (Marquis) present

March Foresta E'Morte: Sean Brodaire (Marquis) present

Elaine Grae' (Marquessa) also present

Contea di Convenianza: Angus MacBrus (Count) present

County SeaWulf: Dame Caoimhe O'Raghallaigh (Countess) present (seated after waiver)

Sir Justin Kase (Count Royal) proxy Sir Gwyllum ap duDrane

Sir Gwyllum ap duDrane (Count Royal) present

Dame Caoimhe O'Raghallaigh (K3, Countess Royal) present

Sir William Baine (K3) present

Dame Rose of Aberlone (K3) proxy Sir William Baine

### **Aragon, Kingdom (verified February 27, 2004)**

Crown: Sir Cirus la Marchate des Ombres du Morte (Lord Protector) present

March de Borgia: Dame Serina de Torseillo (Marquessa) present

March Dell' Amicizia: Dame Charicce (Marquessa) proxy Dame Serina de Torseillo

County Black Rose: Sir Jean Marc Fontenay (Count) proxy Dame Serena de Torseillo

County Mio Amici: Dame Bella Nicotra (Countess) proxy Dame Serina de Torseillo (seated after waiver)

Dame Aleigha Fyredrayk (Countess Royal) proxy Sir Johan von Hohenstaufen

Dame Beethag de la Gleen (Countess Royal, Vega), disqualified (lack of participation)

Sir Cirus la Marchate des Ombres du Morte (K3) present

Sir David von Albrecht (Count Royal) proxy Dame Serina de Torseillo

Sir Eduardo di Peruzzi (Count Royal) proxy Dame Serina de Torseillo

Sir Eric of Stavanger (Count Royal, Vega), disqualified (non-member)

Dame Serina de Torseillo (Countess Royal, K3) present

### **Brandenburg, Archduchy (verified)**

Crown: Sir Karl von Oberführer (ArchDuke) proxy Sir Nigel Seymor

Barony Hoffbrau: Dame Juliana Hirsch (Baroness) present

Barony Palentines: Sir Rhys Ap Thomas (Baron) absent

Sir Arion Hirsch (K3) proxy Dame Julianna Hirsch

Sir Erik the Aweful (Prince) proxy Sir Nigel Seymor

Sir James of March le Coir Noir (Prince, K3) absent

Dame Juliana Hirsch (K3) present

Dame Marcella Visconti (Countess Royal) disqualified, lack of attendance

Sir Mathghamhain Kilshannig (Prince) proxy Dame Isabeau Dionne

Sir Nigel Seymor (K3) present

Sir Rhys ap Thomas (Count Royal) absent

**Cambridge, Duchy (verified February 20, 2004)**

Crown: Ravenna Winter (Duchess) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins  
 Greylond Winter (Duke)  
 Barony/Monastery/Sacred Light: Bishop Greco (Lord) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins  
 House Weyland: Lord William Halliwell (Lord) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins

**Carolingia, Archduchy (verified February 26, 2004)**

Crown: Sir Nicholas Worthington (ArchDuke) proxy Sir Karl von Katzburg  
 March of St. Michael: Sir Karl von Katzburg (Marquis) present  
 House Verange: Sir Wilhelm der Grosse (Lord) proxy Sir Karl von Katzburg  
 Sisters of Saint John: Dame Maud de Clayton (Lady) proxy Sir Karl von Katzburg  
 Dame Elisabeth Grey (Princess, K3) proxy Sir Karl von Katzburg  
 Sir Karl von Katzburg (Prince, Count Royal, K3) present

**Castilles, Kingdom (verified January 15, 2004)**

Crown: Dame Etaine Llewlyn (Queen) present  
 Amador de la Hoya (King)  
 March Mercia: Gygantus Dannada (Marquis) proxy Dame Etaine Llewlyn  
 Serelle Llywelyn (Marquessa)  
 March Tartus: Lord Wright Bentwood (Marquis) present  
 County Canterbury: Dame Angelina de Medici (Countess) absent  
 County Mercia: Sir Giacomo di Verona (Count) proxy Dame Etaine Llewlyn  
 March Norfolk: Dissolved  
 County Norfolk: Dissolved

**Chesapeake, Duchy (verified February 9, 2004)**

Crown: Lady Kyra Evaine (Duchess) proxy Sir Auberon de la Reve  
 Sir Aerindane McLorie (K2) proxy Sir Auberon de la Reve  
 Dame Kelda Rudd Katha (K2) proxy Sir Auberon de la Reve

**Dunvegan, Duchy (verified February 13, 2004)**

Crown: Dame Isabel MacAskill (Duchess) proxy Dame Serina de Torseillo  
 House Dragon's Bane: Karl Lagerstein (Lord) proxy Dame Serina de Torseillo  
 House Raven's Guard: Vafydar (Lord) proxy Dame Serina de Torseillo

**Ekaterinegorod, Archduchy (not verified)**

Crown: Sir Sergay Ruslanovich (Archduke) absent  
 Barony Bloodstone: Angus of Bloodstone (Baron) absent  
 Sir Perrin Malcolm absent  
 Dame Isabeau de Ravene (Princess) absent

**Esperance, Kingdom (verified February 19, 2004)**

Crown: Sir Terrin Greyphis (King) present  
 Dame Marion Leal Durius (Queen) also present  
 March of Aggravaine: Sir William Ce'Wolf (Marquis) proxy Sir Jamie the Red  
 County Aguilar: Sir Vino Fanucci (Count) absent  
 Dame Lyrica Angeline (Countess)  
 Barony of Vineland: Sir William de Mild (Baron) Proxy Sir Terrin Greyphis  
 Dame Aleta O'Barry (Countess Royal) proxy Dame Katherine Marshal  
 Dame Eleanor de la Pole (Countess Royal) proxy Dame Marion Durius  
 Dame Katherine Marshal (Princess, K3, Countess Royal) present  
 Sir Jamie the Red (K3) present (seated after waiver)  
 Sir Jehan von Hapsburg (Prince, Count Royal) proxy Dame Katherine Marshal  
 Dame Lenora Greyphis (K3 – November 3, 2003) present  
 Dame Maedb Hawkins (Princess, Countess Royal, K3) present  
 Dame Razi bint Sabra (Countess Royal) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins  
 Sir Sergei Boroslav (Count Royal) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins  
 Sir Terrin Greyphis (K3) present  
 Sir William Ce'Wolf (Count Royal) proxy Sir Jamie the Red  
 Dame Willow de Rara (K3, Countess Royal) proxy Dame Marion Durius  
 March of Anvilania (dissolved December 2003)  
 Sir Coda der Drachesohn (K3, Count Royal), not eligible (lack of attendance)

**Galloway, Shire (not verified)**

Duncan MacLang, Viceroy (default estate) proxy Dame Keara Craig

**Kildare (formerly Dragon's Mist), Duchy (verified January 14, 2004)**

Crown: Xavier Fitzwalter (Duke) absent

Barony Antrim: Catrianna Celeste O'Druane (Baroness) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins

House Lochlann: Cathan ni Sinoid (Lady) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins

**Nassau, Shire (verified February, 2004)**

Eden Timberline (default estate) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins

**Sangrael, Duchy (not verified)**

Crown: Dame Isabeau Dionne (Duchess) present

Sir Roger Lamont (Duke)

House MacDonald: Sir Gwydion (Lord) proxy Dame Isabeau Dionne

House Fealough: Dame Gwenllian Derwen (Lady) proxy Dame Isabeau Dionne

**Somerset, Duchy (verified March 8, 2004)**

Crown: Sir Arthur O'Tine (Duke) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins

Lady Sorche Kirkirby (Duchess)

House Blue Maid: Constance Roswell (Lady) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins

House Hijas del Sol: Cecilia Viscorf (Lady) proxy Dame Maedb Hawkins

**Terre Neuve, Kingdom (verified February 20, 2004)**

Crown: Dame Kendra Finster McFadyen de McDonnon (Queen) present

Sir Maddock McDonnon (King)

March Where Dat Al Row: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Marquis) present

County Terra Amata: Sir Angus McLean de McDonnon (Count) present

County Anwnn: Callon Bryn-Correy (Count) present

Sir Badger Kelly (Count Royal) absent

Sir Johan von Hohenstaufen (Count Royal) present

Dame Kendra Finster McFadyen (Countess Royal) proxy Dame Claire of Eagle's Roost

Sir Nikolai McClean Belski von Hapsburg (Prince, Count Royal) proxy Sir William Baine

**Umbria, Kingdom (verified March 5, 2004, updated March 6, 2004)**

Crown: Dame Ravyn Sophia Belladonna (Queen) present, Sir Pavo Rosalio (King) also present

March Blackstaff: Escoffee (Marquis) present

County Concord: Gunther (Count) proxy Escoffee

County Cambridge: Puck Lyttle Stormdragon Four'now (Count) present

Dame Aislynn de Chartier (Countess Royal) present

Sir Blackarrow (K3) proxy Dame Serene

Sir Duncan Wallace (K3) present (seated after waiver)

Sir James the Red (Count Royal) present

Sir Keegan (Count Royal) proxy Sir James of Red of Umbria

Sir Knighthawke le Treson (Count Royal) present

Dame Margarita duBois (K3) proxy Dame Draconia

Sir Michael Sinestro (K3) present

Al-sayyid Al-Farisa Nisha (Countess Royal) present (seated after waiver)

Sir Pavo Rosalio (K3) present

Sir Philippe Dubois Guilbert (K3, Count Royal) present

Sir Waldham von Thurson (K3) present

Dame Roawyn O'Riley (Countess Royal), not eligible, lack of attendance

**York, Kingdom (verified January 14, 2004)**

Crown: Sir Bleyz MacBruce (King) present

Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri (Queen)

March Tir de Righ: Sir Nickademus Fiend (Marquis) proxy Sir Bleyz MacBruce

Dame Brianna Fraiser Delwyn (Marquessa)

County Contae Duir: Sir Mobius (Count) proxy Sir Bleyz MacBruce

Dame Toreisa McBride (Countess)

County Lyonnese: Dame Sionna Wylde (Countess) proxy Sir Bleyz MacBruce

Sir Gilbert Taylor (Count)

Dame Brejenne Cunningham (Countess Royal) proxy Sir Bleyz MacBruce

Sir Gavin McAlister (K3) proxy Sir Bleyz MacBruce

Sir Killian Oakesblood (Count Royal) proxy Sir Bleyz MacBruce

Dame Josephine Oakesblood (Countess Royal) proxy Sir Bleyz MacBruce

Dame Jericho Gutte D'Or (Countess Royal) proxy Sir Bleyz MacBruce

Sir Raffe Cunningham (Count Royal) proxy Sir Bleyz MacBruce

### III. CONSENT CALENDAR

*None*

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Approved with overwhelming voice vote*

- Roll call did not inc. Aragon, March de Borgia (Dame Serina de Torsiello), proxy Sir Cyrus
- Attach budget as approved
- Front page should read “November”
- OB1 should read “Failed”

### V. REPORTS

*Approved with no objection.*

Contained in 2004march\_reports.pdf

### VI. CROWN BUSINESS

#### CRB1. Charters

##### Place shires on inactive list

*Required no action*

The following shires have zero membership and have been suspended:

- None

##### Name changes

*Approved with no objection (required majority)*

- Dragon’s Mist name change: **Kildare**

##### Reactivate inactive shire

*Required no action*

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

- **Nassau** (Minnesota) (includes name change from Borealis/Nordraffn)

##### New subdivision

*Required no additional action (already approved)*

- Duchy (Archduchy) of Albion (Las Vegas)

##### Elevation of subdivision: Andorra

*Approved with overwhelming voice vote (required majority)*

The Shire of Andorra requests that their status be raised to that of Duchy.

## VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

### CH1. Amend Bylaws to incorporate modifications..... Referred

*Motion to approved non-asterisk items (grammar and typo changes): Failed (64 in favor, 38 opposed, req. 2/3). Motion to refer to committee to provide recommendations no later than July 2004: Approved (overwhelming voice vote, req. majority). Note: Self-nominations were noted by the Imperial Crown and Chancery, with the committee being notified and seated as soon as possible after the meeting.*

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.

*Commentary: Many people felt that the appendix was presented as a whole, and approval/disapproval was for the document as a whole. Not true. The items may be reviewed individually, and voted on separately. Further, the simple word changes and language clean-up (that does not affect the law) are separated so that they may be considered even more separately. The document is organized to follow the bylaws. If the estates wish to address one topic, they may do so, quite simply, by addressing the proposal items attached to that bylaw article.*

### CH2. Consider the reign of Elizabeth and Karl..... Approved

*Approved (75 in favor, 28 opposed, req. majority)*

### CH3. Amend Article XVI.D.1.a.iii. to add Prado Park as exception.. Approved

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

**Add:** Prado Regional Park in Chino, CA.

*Note: change note in Article XVI.B. If approved, change notes in Article XV.B. and XVI.A.1.*

### CH4. Amend Article XVI.B.,C., and D., regarding conduct of wars ..... Failed

*Failed (57 in favor, 47 opposed, req. 2/3) Notice of reconsideration served. Motion to refer to author and Imperial Crown for rewrite, approved (no objections).*

To allow victory by plurality and repeal requirement for two-day wars and elimination of armies

**Current Law (XVI.B. Last Paragraph):** At least four (4) group battles, one (1) champion's battle, and three (3) arts points shall be decided on the first day. Knight Combatants are encouraged, but are not required to be their own champion in the Armed Combatants Champion's battle in wars. At the end of the day the top two (2) armies shall be allowed to continue the following day. The members of the eliminated armies must, prior to closing court, bind to a new army in order to participate the next day.

**Amend to read (XVI.B. Last Paragraph):** Knight Combatants are encouraged, but are not required to be their own champion in the Armed Combatants Champion's battle in wars. If a contender withdraws, the members of that army may bind to another army in order to continue to participate.

**Current Law (XVI.C.):** In the event that a single army wins a majority of the possible war points, that army's contender shall be proclaimed Heir Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The Heir Apparent must proclaim the date and location of the coronation. (Note: This does not mean that the Heir Apparent shall be the sole dictator of the date and location, only that they shall proclaim it. It must meet all other requirements for an officially sanctioned event including any local codicils, and cannot force a shortened reign of the current Crown unless the current Crown consents.)

**Amend to read (XVI.C.):** The contender whose army that wins more war points than any other army shall be proclaimed Heir Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The Heir Apparent must proclaim the date and location of the coronation. (Note: This does not mean that the Heir Apparent shall be the sole dictator of the date and location, only that they shall proclaim it. It must meet all other requirements for an officially sanctioned event including any local codicils, and cannot force a shortened reign of the current Crown unless the current Crown consents.)

**CH5. Amend Article VIII.D.1. to clarify membership and vote ..... Approved**

*Preference for Option 2 was expressed (original: 32, option 2: 54, option 3: 12) so it was addressed first. Option 2 approved (67 in favor, 33 opposed, req. 2/3)*

*Option 2 contained a question for resolution. If the shire is an estate minor, may they have the right to form other estates minor, for a maximum of 2 to sit on the Imperial Estates? Yes (82 in favor, opposed not counted)*

*Crown clarification of law:*

- *Shire of 1 to 4 members: seat, but no vote*
- *Shire of 5 to nine members: seat, one vote (no second minor estate)*
- *Shire of ten or more members: seat, maximum of two votes if two estates are formed*

Current interpretation is: A Shire may consist of one member and should have at least 5 to hold a vote. The viceroy holds a seat but not a vote on the Imperial Estates, but may serve as the proxy for the Shire if it has no Estates. Members have stated that this law was amended but the bylaws not updated; that current policy is too confusing; and that Shires should be listed as part of the Estates. Under the current interpretation, it is not the Shire that is part of the Estates, it is unformed minor Estate of 5 members. What should the law be?

**Option 1 (failed)**

Leave the current interpretation intact. Amend D.1.b.ii. to: “ A Shire ... of at least five (5) members shall have the right to one (1) vote on the Imperial Estates General.” OR Amend D.1.a.ii.: change one (1) member to five (5) members. (Determine if a Viceroy is part of the Estates Minor or an Imperial Minister.)

**Option 2 (approved)**

Consider the Viceroy as the Ruling Noble of the Shire representing at least 5 members, an Estate Minor. Amend D.1.a. from one (1) member to five (5) members; Amend D.1.a.iii. to read: The Viceroy of a Shire shall have the right to attend and speak at meetings of the Imperial Estates General and hold the Shire’s vote on that body. (Determine whether a Shire may have other Estates Minor, i.e., form houses, yes or no.)

**Option 3 (failed)**

To treat a Shire as a lesser Duchy: Amend D.1.b.ii. to read: A Shire shall be entitled to seats on the Imperial Estates as provided in these bylaws. Amend iii. to read: The Viceroy of a Shire shall have the right to attend and advise the Imperial Estates General; one vote on the Imperial Estates General; and, may speak and vote on any committee to which the Viceroy may be appointed by the Imperial Estates. (Determine whether the Viceroy is part of the Estates Royal, Major, or Minor.)

**CH6. Amend Estates Writ VI. Demonstration Initiations to clarify who may receive Dis..... Approved**

*Motion to disapprove as a whole: Failed (44 in favor, 61 opposed, req. majority). Option 1 preferred, and approved (78 in favor, opposed not counted, req. majority) Note: The Imperial Crown wishes to emphasize that this item is NOT retroactive and will become effective 30 days from publication of these minutes.*

## Option 1 (approved with amendment below)

Preserve discretion of Crown.

**Amend a. to read:** A demo initiation may be granted for at least 2 months of service as an Imperial Crown, Minister, or Deputy Minister; for at least 3 months of service as a Local Crown, Minister or Deputy Minister; and, to any member for each service as Autocrat of feasts, tournaments, wars, classes, or collegia, *or equivalentents*.

## Option 2 (failed)

Restrict the list.

**Amend a. to read:** A demo initiation may only be granted for each 2 months of service as an Imperial Crown, Minister, or Deputy Minister and to non-Crowns for each service as Autocrat of feasts, tournaments, wars, classes, collegia.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### OB1. Add Article IX.C.5., create Renaissance Combatant Roll..... Rescinded

*Motion to take from table for discussion: Failed (29 in favor, 30 opposed, req. majority). Motion to take from table for reconsideration of resolution: Approved (62 in favor, opposed not counted, req. majority). Motion to rescind resolution (to keep on agenda until dealt with): Approved (82 in favor, opposed not counted, req. majority). Notice of reconsideration at the July meeting served.*

(Was OB2, item failed in March 2003, notice of reconsideration was given at that time to allow for counter-proposals. Resolution adopted to endorse general concept, agenda item itself tabled in July 2003. A motion to approve and then select the option failed in November 2003. The past proposals appear in the minutes (OB1) and as an addendum to this agenda. **No new proposals have been received.**)  
Requires 2/3rds to approve.

### OB2. Amend Steward's Manual, procedure for receipt of dues ..... Failed

*Motion to take from table: Approved (86 in favor, opposed not counted, req. majority). Motion to approve: Failed (30 in favor, 78 opposed, req. majority).*

(Was OB3, tabled November 2003 for author to re-write).

Add language to Section III.D. Procedures for receipt of dues when checks are returned from the bank.

**Current language:** The amount of dues for each type and length of membership is set by the Imperial Estates General; you MAY NOT change this. You will receive dues from new members and for members who are renewing their dues. You need to have everyone fill out a membership application; this will help you keep your register current. Give each member a receipt for their dues and note on the receipt the type of membership, length of membership, new membership or renewal, amount, cash or check and date paid. Checks must be made out to the "Adrian Empire, Inc.". [Refer to the Bylaws for a current dues table and types of memberships.]

**Add:** 1. If a member's check bounces, the member shall be notified they are not in good standing with the Adrian Empire, notified of the restitution amount necessary to rectify the matter, and given a time limit in which to resolve the matter. The amount of restitution shall include covering the original amount of the check plus bank service fees and a \$25.00 penalty. This shall be paid in cash or by money order. Failure to pay restitution will result in the matter being turned over to the Board of Directors.

2. Any individual who bounces a check to the Adrian Empire, Inc. shall have their check-writing privileges permanently revoked, requiring all financial matters to be handled in either cash or money order format.



### **OB3. Amend Article VII.C. to require that all estates-holders, ministers not be under the guardianship of another ..... Referred**

*Motion to refer to authors for compromise report: Approved (overwhelming voice vote, req. majority).  
Motion to table until corporate authorities in Arizona can be consulted: Approved (no objections, req. majority).*

Amend requirements to hold Office.

**Current Law:** C. Requirements To Hold Ministerial Office

All ministers and their deputies shall hold a participating or family membership and shall maintain such membership for the duration of their appointment. Those holding statutory offices must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

**Amend to read:** C. Requirements To Hold Ministerial Office

All ministers and their deputies shall hold a participating or family membership and shall maintain such membership for the duration of their appointment. No legal ward or other person under the legal guardianship of another individual shall hold a Ministry or a vote on any Estates General.

#### **Option 1**

Add clarifying language to law:

This shall limit the voting rights of young second and third level Knights until they reach majority and are not otherwise under another's legal guardianship. This limit on Ministry shall apply to service such as combat marshals, range-masters, physickers, or deputies entrusted with personal information; but not apply to arts judges, "water bearers," "servers," event site set-up, tear-down, or other service unlikely to expose the Adrian Empire to unreasonable liability risks. This limit may apply to service as event autocrat depending on the activities at the event.

#### **Option 2**

Add clarifying language above as "NOTE: . . ."

**If adopted:** The Chancery will update the Glossary.

*Commentary: Legally, no one who is under the legal guardianship of another may enter into a contract or hold act outside the realm of what that guardian will allow. It is therefore improper for the Adrian Empire to extend rights to individuals that they may not enjoy outside the confines of our organization. Also, there is a question of informed consent if that individual is unable to make binding decisions for themselves. This prospect damages the Integrity of the vote/office that they hold.*

*Author: Dame Ashlenn Tiernan (former Chancellor of Aragon, Marquessa di Foresta e Morte)*

*Co-sponsor: The Chancery*

### **Counterproposal: Amend VII.C. Statutory Officers to include only those required to sign contracts**

Requires 2/3rds to approve

We would like to redefine Statutory Officers to include only those Ministry Positions required by their position and designation to sign Mundane Contracts.

**Current Law:** REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD MINISTERIAL OFFICE

All ministers and their deputies shall hold a participating or family membership and shall maintain such membership for the duration of their appointment. Those holding statutory offices must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

**Glossary:** Statutory Officers – Those officers, which have responsibilities within the mundane side of the organization. These officers include all Crowns, and the Ministers outlined in [Article VII \(Ministries\)](#). These officers must be at least 18 years of age (see [Article VII.c. Requirements to Hold Office](#)).

(NOTE: in many cases such as where contracts are signed it is usually preferred that the signer of such be at least 21, those under such age are often in case of purchases required to have a Co-signer)

These Offices then requiring the Age requirement would be as follows: All Crowns Both Imperial and On a subdivision level including Viceroys, all Estate Holders, and the Following Positions on an Imperial and subdivision level... Steward, Chancellor, Lord and Lady Protectors, Autocrats, Note a person under age of majority could still be a Co-Autocrat)

**Amend To Read:** VII.C. REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD MINISTERIAL OFFICE

All ministers and their deputies shall hold a participating or family membership and shall maintain such membership for the duration of their appointment. Those holding the following offices must be at least eighteen (18) Years of age: Crowns at any level including Viceroys, heads of Estates, Steward and Chancellor and all Imperial ministers

*Chancery Note:* many of the observations that follow may reflect the authors' local interpretation and customs, and should not be assumed to be inaccurate.

*Commentary:* The Problem with limiting ages is that we are a Family oriented group, and it is hoped that the youth that join and Partake of our activities within our Organization as Paying members are our Future leaders. We allow individuals at ten to start on Target Archery for the road to Knighthood, we allow members of 13 years of Age to fight Shinai, we allow those individuals of 16 years of Age to Participate in Full steel if the Parent/Guardian has given permission. While we do have Children's Lists, accordingly to our laws a child may opt to enter an Arts Project on an Adult list if they feel so inclined. In cases where such as Steward or Crown where articles of Mundania need signed this is a matter of Mundane law, however in a position such as Hospitalier, or Physiker why is this important within our group? CPR and First Aid Classes are offered by the Red Cross and many Schools to those under the age of Majority. On the Other side we see younger individuals being able to participate in School Government, Junior Achievement, and leadership positions in Groups like the Girl Scouts, and the Boy Scouts of America have been a strong part of these groups since their conception. If a Person under the age of Majority has the necessary drive, the willingness to do the Job, and requirements needed for such a position why can they not hold such? By allowing those individuals under their Majority to take part in our government we are passing on skills that will one day be needed to run Adria. Adria is a Corporation and as such will unless dissolved will live in perpetuity. If as some are wont to pass the now before us OB#3 and as the Law is now written technically Water bearers must be at least 18 as such is considered a deputy position from one interpretation. Clearly this needs if nothing else clearer wording By requiring members to be at least 18 to hold offices we are effectively closing off an area of Knighthood to our younger members. Should we penalize a member who is willing to put forth the time effort and Energy to fulfill an office because they are under the Majority? Would this not be akin to shooting oneself in the foot? The Youth of today are tomorrow's leaders. Corporate Memory is often brought up in cases of continuity in the Empire, well by allowing our younger members an opportunity to govern ourselves are we not promoting such? We are an educational group and that being said should we not be teaching them how to lead? As our Laws now stand it is not inconceivable that a member say starting at age 10 in archery with time and effort could very well reach a third Level Knighthood before they hit their Majority. Third Level Knights have a vote in the Imperial Estates. In this Hypothetical case we have an individual who has spent time and effort shown the necessary aptitude and still he or she could not even be a Marshall, or for that fact any ministerial position as the law now stands. It is a known fact that We walk a line between Historical accuracy and What is the Norm of the day. A second level knight regardless of his or her age has a vote on his or her sub-divisions Estates, at Third level they have a vote on the Imperial Estates as well. If an individual has earned the right to speak and vote his or her conscious why should we limit them in other area's?

**Authors:** Lord Auberon dela'Reve (Viceroy, Andorra), Isabeau dela'Reve Matriarch of House Dela'Reve

**OB4. Add VI.F.1.d.v., VI.F.2.b.iii. to authorize adoption of rules of procedure ..... No Action**

*Motion to take from table to consider: Failed (overwhelming voice vote, req. majority).*

**Amend VI.F.1.d. Add: v. Adopt rules of procedure.**

**Amend VI.F.2.b. Add: iii. Adopt rules of procedure.**

**Adopt Estates Writ (to be numbered):**

**Chancellor’s Authority to Adopt Procedures**

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.

In a chartered subdivision, these rules must be noticed to the Estates 30 days prior to their adoption, and may be amended by the Estates General by a Majority. In cases where no Rules have been presented by the Chancellor or adopted by the Estates; the Imperial Rules of Procedure or a common version of Robert's Rules of Order will be used.

**Commentary:** Following strict Robert's Rules of Order is very difficult, as it is complicated and hard to understand. Besides, who wants to memorize a 650 page book, just so they will be able to vote on an issue. It just does not fit the needs of the Estates. Unfortunately, in cases where time is very limited for doing business, there is no set limitation to Debate. The Chancellor needs to have the ability to set reasonable times, so that business may be dealt with in a prompt and concise manner.

**Chancellor’s Note:** Previous rulings of law have held that the Estates control their own rules of procedure, but it does not clearly appear in the Bylaws.

*Author: Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (former Chancellor of Aragon, Marquessa di Foresta e Morte)*

*Co-sponsor: The Chancery*

**OB5. Amend Article III.B.4. Associate Members holding office..... Referred**

*Motion to take from table: Approved (overwhelming voice vote, req. majority. Motion to approved counterproposal 2: Approved (60 on favor, 42 opposed, req. majority). Motion to refer original proposal and counterproposal 1 to authors for re-draft: Approved (overwhelming voice vote, req. majority).*

Requires majority to take from the table (was OB15, tabled November 2003 for author to re-write)  
Requires 2/3rds to approve.

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.

**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.

**Add:** The rights of participating membership do not extend to associate members.

*Commentary: Associate membership is an extremely discounted rate (\$10.00/year as opposed to \$30.00). I do not believe it is too much to ask for those members who are holding office, becoming knights, and otherwise having all the advantages of participating membership to actually have to be a participating*

*member. Especially when, with the e-Herald discount, it is a difference of \$10.00 a year. This law is already there by implication and this proposal simply makes it crystal clear.*

*Authors: Dame Maedb Hawkins (Imperial Princess, Knight Premier, Countess Royal), Dame Lenora Greyphis (Imperial Steward, Knight Civil)*

### **Counter Proposal 1**

**Add:** The rights of participating membership do not extend to associate members regarding holding an estate or ministry service.

*Authors/Co-Sponsors: The Chancery*

### **Counter Proposal 2**

**Add:** The rights of participating membership extend to associate members.

*Authors/Co-Sponsors: HIH Sir Nikolai and The Chancery*

## **OB6. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 1 (Arts/Sciences Manual), 4 (Judging Guidelines) definition of MWs, MP .....Approved as amended**

*Author withdrew all mention of bonus points with no objections. The question was divided. Motion to approve deletion of Masterpieces approved (53 in favor, 51 opposed, req. majority). Motion to approve automatic award of Masterwork with a score of 30 approved (70 in favor, opposed not counted, req. majority). Motion to waive 30-day notice and implement this change effective immediately, approved on voice vote.*

Delete Masterpieces, and set a higher standard for Masterworks.

Throughout manual, delete all references to Masterpiece.

#### **Manual, Page 15, Current Description:**

A Masterwork can be awarded at the judges’ discretion for those pieces that score a 30 or higher. A Masterpiece can be awarded at the judges’ discretion for those pieces that score a 33 or higher.

**Amend to read:** A Masterwork is awarded for those pieces that score 30 or higher by three or more judges.

**Manual, Appendix A. Tournament Procedures, 14c: Current Writ:** Masterwork wins may be awarded for scores of thirty (30) with the recommendation of the judges.

**Amend to read:** A Masterwork is awarded for those pieces that score 30 or higher by three or more judges.

**Guidelines, II.C. Masterworks/Masterpieces: Current Writ:** Entries scoring at least 30 points (approx. 100% of 30) shall receive a Masterwork at the judges’ discretion and unanimous agreement. Entries scoring at least 33 points (approx. 110% of 30), shall receive a Masterpiece at the judges’ discretion and unanimous agreement.

**Amend to read:** Entries scoring at least 30 points (approx. 100% of 30), shall receive a Masterwork.

## **OB7. Define min. # of participants for archery, combat list wins .... Approved**

*Motion to approved Proposal 3 approved with no objections.*

Proposals differ on minimum number for approval (was NB3)

### **Proposal 1**

Refer to Crown for consideration as Continuing Crown Writ.

## Proposal 2

Adopt Estates Writ (requires majority).

## Proposal 3

Amend Imperial Bylaws, Article IX.C. Ranks (requires 2/3rds).

**Paragraph 3:** ... 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. ...

**Add:** For archery and combat, a tournament list shall consist of at least 4 participants in order to award a list win; participants in smaller lists may receive a participation point.

**Note to Chancellor:** Add to glossary where applicable (if approved).

### **OB8. Amend Article IV.A. Dues, to delete outdated financial practices .....Approved as amended**

*Approved as amended (72 in favor, 27 opposed, req. 2/3)*

**Current Law:** Membership dues are set by the Imperial Estates General. Dues may be paid in **annual or installments** to the Steward of the Empire. Dues may be paid to the Steward of a chartered subdivision, but must be sent as presented, to the Steward of the Empire. **The current practices of subdivisions of a chartered subdivision in handling dues shall not be altered. Any subdivision or chartered subdivision created after March 1st, 1992 shall comply.**

**Amend to read:** Membership dues are set by the Imperial Estates General. Dues may be paid annually to the Steward of the Empire. Dues may be paid to the Steward of a chartered subdivision, but must be sent as presented, to the Steward of the Empire.

### **OB9. Amend Article VI.E. to add Imp. Estates Meetings in March .. Approved**

*Approved with no objections (req. 2/3)*

Make the Imperial Estates Meeting in March a mandatory meeting. Move the requirement to evaluate the Imperial reign from the November meeting to the March meeting to allow for completion of ministry turnovers and any reviews that may be in process.

**Add: Meeting Date, March**

The Imperial Estates General shall meet in March of every year, at which time they shall conduct appropriate business including but not limited to:

- a. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown’s reign as well as any prior reigns not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such reigns. (The Imperial Estates General shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial reign.)

### **OB10. Create Writ for rotation of Imp. Estates Mtgs/Coronation..... Approved**

*Approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. majority). Note: certain regions reassigned per their request (those listed below are for reference only). Final rotation will be announced by the Imperial Crown.*

The current rotation schedule is an Imperial policy, based off the rotation for composition of the membership suspension panel. What is needed is a schedule that alternates the meetings between the principle regions of the Empire, and within those regions, between the principal chartered subdivisions, while still subject to the bidding process. This rotation schedule can be easily amended to accommodate growth throughout the Empire.

**Regions**

**Region 1 (generally California):** Currently consisting of Terre Neuve, Esperance, Carolingia, Brandenburg, Sangrael

**Region 2 (central Empire):** Currently consisting of Umbria, Aragon, Albion, Ekaterinegorod, Alhambra, Andorra

**Region 3 (Eastern Empire):** Currently consisting of York, Castilles, Chesapeake, Kildare, Cambridge, Dunvegan, Somerset

**Rotation**

Each year shall have its own separate rotation schedule. Year 1 shall be regions 1, 2, then 3. Year 2 shall be regions 2, 3, then 1. Year 3 shall be regions 3, 1, then 2. (This allows each region an opportunity to host meetings and coronations.)

**Participation**

Kingdoms are required to bid during their rotation. Archduchies are requested to bid during their rotation. Any chartered subdivision is welcome to bid during their rotation.

**Selection and Autocrat**

For Imperial Events, the Imperial Crown is the sole determining decision-maker for locations, and autocrats. Sometimes, the Imperial Crown may accept bids from individuals.

Subdivisions may not be an autocrat, although they may share in the planning and execution of the event. The autocrat is the individual responsible for the event. Only the Imperial Crowns may authorize any contracts.

**OB11. Amend Article VIII.D.4. to delete “grandfathered” duchies .... Approved**

*Motion to move straight to the vote approved on overwhelming voice vote. Approved (79 in favor, 22 opposed, req. 2/3).*

Delete the privileged status of duchies that were in existence at the time palantine duchies were eliminated in order to create the current hierarchy of shires and duchies. This occurred in February 1998. (Note: Archduchies were created at a later time and do not apply to this privileged status of duchies.)

**Current Law:** a. Any Duchy chartered prior to 12:01 a.m. on 1 February 1998 may, at its own discretion, continue to be governed under the provisions of the Article which this Article replaces. Any Duchy chartered after 12:01 a.m. on 1 February 1998 shall conform to the provisions of this Article. (Note: The only duchies affected by this clause are Chesapeake, Sangrael, and Carolingia.)

b. This Article authorizes such changes in the Bylaws as are necessary to bring any conflicting Articles into conformity with its provisions.

Delete current law in its entirety.

**OB12. Amend Article IX.C.2. to change arts roll to be “Arts” ..... Approved**

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

**Current Law:** Robe Roll

**Amend to read:** Arts Roll

**OB13. Amend Article VI.F.3.a.vii., b.xii, c.iii., 4.f., 5.e. to limit authority of co-rulers ..... Approved**

*Approved (80 in favor, 27 opposed, req. 2/3).*

**Current state of the law:** In the case of co-rulers, it is practice that either can unilaterally exercise decision-making authority, regardless of whether the other co-ruler is available or agrees. There is no express grant or limit of this authority, except in proxy, or that situations may require the co-ruler available deal with an imminent issue. This can, and has, resulted in contradictory decisions.

**Amend to read:** Co-rulers must either agree on decisions, or delegate to one another the authority to make decisions without agreement. A co-ruler may exercise that authority without delegation only when the other co-ruler is actually unavailable and unreachable by reasonable means. When the unavailable co-ruler returns, or can be reached, both should review those decisions and possibly change them.

**OB14. Amend Article XVI.C. Victory (to determine the conduct of wars in the event of a tie).....Tabled**

*Motion to disapproved Proposal 3 approved (71 in favor, 37 opposed, req. majority). Motion to table rest of proposal approved on voice vote (req. majority).*

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.

**Add:** In the event of a tie, tied contenders shall compete in... (see below) ..., to determine a victor.

**Proposal 1 (choose one)**

- a) ... one additional armored champion’s battle
- b) ... one additional melee (shinai, renaissance, or armored to be randomly determined).

**Note:** This gives preference to combat, which already receives 9 of 21 possible points in a war, and altogether leaves out archery and arts.

**Proposal 2**

... a second set of three champion’s battles, one each in archery, arts, and combat ...

(The Estates should select either renaissance or armored.)

**Note:** This is unlikely to produce a tie, and represents all three areas. Regarding arts, the piece submitted should be prepared in advance for the event of a tie.

**Proposal 3**

... a game of chance...

(The Estates should select one of the following: drawing lots, cutting cards, playing rock-paper-scissors, throwing dice, or coin toss).

**Note:** This is a much less satisfying alternative.

*Commentary:* While none of these proposals are the perfect solution, we trust that needing them will be rare (hopefully never). We welcome other practical ideas.

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## IX. NEW BUSINESS

*Item NB4 was only item discussed (with no action taken).*

### NB1. Amend Article IV.F. Discounts to remove military, student discounts

*Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve*

**Current law:** Military with valid military ID, students with valid student body cards, and senior citizens (55 years +) with valid proof of age are allowed a 10% discount on annual participating memberships. Participating members may receive a discount of \$10 on annual dues with electronic newsletter delivery. These discounts are **not** cumulative.

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

**Authors/Co-Sponsor:** *Dame Lenora Greyphis (Knight Premier), the Chancery*

### NB2. Amend Article III.A.1. to remove 30-day grace period

*Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3 to approve*

**Current law:** 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.

**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.

**Authors/Co-Sponsor:** *Dame Lenora Greyphis (Knight Premier), the Chancery*

### NB3. Amend Article III.D. Participation

*Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve*

**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.

**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; 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.

**Commentary:** *The Chivalry of Adria does not fear competition. The current legislation has taken away one of our most effective recruiting tools. An unintended consequence of the current law is to prevent non-member participation in fun wars.*

**Authors:** *Sir William Baine (Knight Premier, Marquis di Morte e la Foresta) and HIM Dame Aislynn de Chartier*



## NB4. Petition for Readmission as per XI.B.6.e.

*Motion to waive notice and entertain NB4 failed (25 in favor, opposed not counted). Motion to grant permission to Winfred and Anginette to be present at the next meeting and speak on this proposal approved on overwhelming voice vote (req. majority).*

*Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve, requires Crown approval.*

### Proposal 1

Removal of banishment from Sir Winfred Lord Randall Llewellyn ap Alyson (Randy Allison) Anginette Mesalyn Theresa de la Fouche' Alyson (Annette Allison). All other conditions imposed by the Imperial Estates are to be maintained in place.

### Proposal 2

As above, add: **These members may not accrue points, or hold positions, ranks, titles, etc. until** the remaining conditions are fully satisfied.

*Commentary: Winfred and Anginette have served three (3) years of Banishment by Adrian bylaw (i.e. remained paid members the full time). Their reparation payments are up to date. They wish to be allowed at events to enjoy a game and club they have dedicated much time to.*

*Author: Sir Cirus (as K.P. not as Lord Protector of Aragon)*

*Co-Sponsor: Chancery*

## NB5. Amend VIII.D.3 and VI.F.2.b. to allow Kingdoms to choose own method to select Crowns

*Requires 2/3 to discuss, 2/3 to approve.*

Proposed: to allow Kingdoms the sovereignty to choose their own method of selecting their Crowns.

Add to **Article VIII.D.3** (Kingdom Rights and Responsibilities): **c. Vacancies**

- Unless otherwise specified, the method a Kingdom shall use to select its Crowns in the case of a vacancy shall be Crown War, as given in Article XVI.
- i. Within 60 days from the beginning of the regnal year, the Crown shall present to its Estates a proposal for choosing its successor. If the Crown fails to do this, or if the Estates fail to ratify a method of selection other than War within the 60-day time limit, the method of selection shall default to War. Once the method of selection has been approved for that year, it may not be changed without a 2/3 vote of the Estates. The method of selection does not carry over from one regnal year to the next, it must be ratified anew each year.
- ii. Any method of filling a vacancy is acceptable, so long as it is approved by simple majority of the Estates.
- iii. A Kingdom's Estates may create codicils restricting and regulating the methods for selecting its Crowns.
- iv. Nothing in this article shall change the way Civil War or Crown War is declared or fought (see Articles XV and XVI).
- v. Nothing in this article shall change the number of War events a Kingdom shall be required to hold (see Article V.D).

**Add to Article VI.F.2.b.** (Rights of the Estates - The Estates General of a Chartered Subdivision - by a simple majority vote): Approve a method for filling a Crown vacancy. (Kingdom only)

**Add to Article VI.F.2.a** (Rights of the Estates - The Estates General of a Chartered Subdivision - by a 2/3rd's majority vote): Change the method for filling a Crown vacancy, if one has already been approved. (Kingdom only)

**Commentary:** At the moment, Duchies have much more control over who rules them than Kingdoms. The Imperial Crown only ratifies the recommendation of the Duchy, and rare is the time that the Imperial Crown goes against the wishes of the people. Kingdoms, which are supposed to have sovereignty over their own affairs, are oddly permitted only one method. Current practice is that War is the only way that Kingdoms choose their rulers. There are ways to get around this, such as the Estates approving only one set of contenders, but these are merely end-runs around the Law. This proposal makes it clear that Kingdoms have the freedom to select their rulers however they want. The time and vote limits are put in so that a King or Queen may not decide to change the method of succession on a whim a month before they step down. Note that nothing in this proposal pertains to the Empire itself; our current method of choosing the Emperor and Empress remains intact.

**Chancery Note:** *Current interpretation is that War is required unless contenders are unopposed or the Estates find only one set of contenders acceptable. Amendment is the proper method to change the law.*

**Author/Sponsor:** *Sir Nigel Seymour, Knight Premier*

**Co-sponsor:** *Sir William Baine, Knight Premier*

## **NB6. Amend Writs and VI.E.2. to change BOD elections**

*Requires 2/3 to discuss, 2/3rds to amend VI.E.2. (includes amending writ).*

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.

### **Add to Estates Writ 14: e. Eligibility and Candidacy Requirements**

- i. Each Candidate for a position on the Board of Directors shall submit a letter of intent and list of qualifications to the Chancery for inclusion in the November Agenda. Each Candidate must fill out the required mundane legal paperwork at the time they submit the letter.
- ii. There shall be no nominations of Candidates from the floor of the Estates Meeting.
- iii. Candidates must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than one year, and be least eighteen (18) years of age.

**OPTION 1 :** Members of the Board of Directors may not be associate members.

**OPTION 2a:** Candidates must have attained second-level knighthood.

**OPTION 2b:** Candidates must have attained first-level knighthood.

- iv. Candidates may not be the subject of an announced or ongoing judicial court or specific judicial ban, and have not been barred from holding an Estate by such a court. (*Chancery Note: we are working to remove merely charging an Adrian crime to prohibit candidates from seeking office—we prefer a properly imposed judicial ban or court sentence.*)
- v. If Directors become the subject of a judicial proceeding or have sentence passed against them, their membership on the Board of Directors shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors, which shall then report to the Imperial Estates on the outcome.
- vi. Directors may not be removed without a 2/3 vote of the Board. This removal must be ratified by the Imperial Estates at their next scheduled meeting. This includes those Directors who hold their position by dint of Imperial Ministry position. (*Chancery Note: this may conflict with mundane BOD authority and, absent further amendment, clearly conflicts with Imperial Law regarding the authority of the Crown to appoint officers*)

### **Add to Article VI.E.2 (Rights of the Estates):**

- d. Elect members of the Board of Directors.

### **Add to Estates Writ 18 II.B. (Regalia etc):**

26. Member of the Board of Directors.

Except for the Emperor and/or Empress, members of the Board of Directors do not gain any additional titles, styles, or forms of address by virtue of their seat on the Board; they use whatever they already possess.

*(Chancery Note: please explain “Except for the Emperor and/or Empress.”*

**Commentary:** *The Estates have long recognized that everyone with a right to vote on the Estates has a right to make informed decisions. The practice of "legislating from the floor" has become discouraged so that members present by proxy are not left out of the process. The current practice of nominating Board Member candidates from the floor does not permit proxies to make informed choices. Also, the members of the Estates should have the opportunity to peruse the résumés of potential Board Members well in advance so that they can ask questions and address concerns.*

*Requiring the mundane paperwork treats potential Board Members no differently than the Emperor and Empress, who must file such paperwork at the time they announce their candidacy. This gives the Board and the appropriate ministers adequate time to review the documents.*

*The membership requirement is placed in to ensure that someone who would like to sit on our Board of Directors is someone who has been a part of our group for a sufficient amount of time to gain adequate knowledge of our systems. Since eighteen months is the minimum time for attaining Knighthood (not counting the Imperial tourney rule), and one needs to have attained Knighthood before vying for the Crown of a Kingdom, this time period is firmly established in our culture as a bare minimum for gaining the knowledge and experience necessary for a high-level leadership position.*

*The phrase about associate memberships is inserted because of concerns about having someone not a full member of the organization sitting on its Board. This is an option the Estates may add in at their pleasure.*

*The option of requiring Knighthood in Adria is based on the idea that a member of the Board must have a certain level of commitment to the organization. Attaining first-level (or even better, second-level) Knighthood is a significant marker of that commitment.*

*The sections on judicial proceedings are the same for anyone seeking the position of Crown - would anyone trust a Board Member who had been convicted of a crime against the organization? Some have said that these sections would open up Board Members and Board Candidates to frivolous suits by political opponents. These same rules apply to all Crowns and yet this does not happen to them. This also begs the question - should Board Members be granted diplomatic immunity then, and therefore be free to commit crimes against the organization with impunity?*

*The last paragraph of the main part of the proposal addresses the Imperial Steward and the Imperial Chancellor. Both of these people sit on the Board of Directors (the Chancellor as an advisor), yet they may be removed from the Board by Imperial whim. That places too much power in the hands of the President of the Board. Thus, the requiring of dismissal to be approved first by the Board itself, and then by the Estates.*

*Part 2 of this proposal is inserted because it is missing from the Bylaws and should be inserted. It is mentioned in other parts of the Bylaws and in Estates Writ, but is certainly a part of the Rights of the Estates.*

*Part 3 is added to address questions and concerns about What To Call The Board. This sets it down that members of the Board do not get any special Adrian titles beyond that which they already own.*

**Author/Sponsor:** *Sir Nigel Seymour, Knight Premier*

**Co-sponsor:** *The Chancery*

## **NB7. Amend IX.C., D. to limit transfer of points/titles from other organizations**

*Requires 2/3 to discuss, 2/3 to approve.*

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.

**Chancery Note:** *the citations above expressly authorize the Imperial Crowns to develop methods of conversion, the chancery will assist the authors with the language of the specific amendments.*

**Commentary:** *The basic Idea is not to get rid of initial conversion but to limit such. It is the intention of this Proposal to limit any transfer of points only upon initially joining Adria as well as to place a ceiling for such advancement. At this time there is no other group who recognizes our Knighthoods, Peerage, awards, nor our Titles of nobility. While there are several groups that are similar to the Adrian Empire there are also many differences. Therefore why should we recognize those outside our group? Theoretically as it now stands a person could transfer from another group and achieve a status of a Third level Knight in all disciplines of knighthood. The problem with this is that Third level Knights are granted the privilege to influence the way we play the game due to the fact that 3rd level knights have a vote on the Imperial Estates. Also many of our leadership positions require knighthood to rule. It is in my experience that people will when given an opportunity take the easy route. Wow, think of that you could enter our group, transfer points and automatically be a leader in our organization while knowing virtually nothing on who we are or how we do things.*

*While we recognize that individuals from other groups do bring experience and can add to the knowledge of the Group as a whole The Adrian Empire is a unique entity which differs often greatly from other groups especially as to how we choose our leaders as well as to how we govern ourselves. It should be noted that we do not transfer experience from other groups non related to Medieval Re-enactment and yet these individuals bring along experience that helps us just as much as those who do come from Medieval Re-enactment groups. Should we, do we award knighthoods to individuals who are Eagle scouts in the BSA? Or to people who have a PHD in History? What about Masons? Or Shriners? What about those individuals who have served in Companies in the Capacity as Treasurer, president or on the Board of Directors of Major corporations? Surely their experience and knowledge is worthy of acknowledgement is it not? They do have valuable experience and we as a group do benefit from their knowledge and experience yet they do not gain any transfer points or recognition. It is not logical to give credit to experience to an individual just because he or she was a member of another medieval re-enactment group while essentially snubbing those who chose Adria as their first medieval re-enactment group. Maybe they looked at the other groups first and decided we were the best why should they start anywhere else. Adria is unique and our culture and rules are unique to us regardless of similarities. Adria is Adria and everything else is simply that something else.*

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## **NB8. Proposal to allow “long distance arts entry”**

*Requires 2/3 to discuss, 2/3 to approve exception to bylaw (includes exception to manual).*

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).

**PROPOSAL:** An artist wishing to make a “long distance entry” must first contact a Knight in good standing or the A&S Minister, in the sub-division that the tourney is being held, willing to receive the Entry and all accompanying documentation and act as the member’s representative.

The artist submitting the entry shall cover all costs of shipping and handling, and assume all risk of loss.

Such excepted entries may earn points for the artist, but not apply to an Army's Score in a War situation.

Such an entry may only be submitted if there is not an Art's tourney being offered in the artist's subdivision that Month.

As the Judges cannot directly question such artists, they may ask the Knight or A&S Minister representing the artists to speak for them, or the artists can prepare FAQs covering the project.

The judges shall provide contact information on the judging forms should the artist have any questions. The entry would be recorded as any arts entry would, submitted by a member of another sub-division who is present.

*Commentary: We feel that this is a good option especially for those in smaller sub-divisions who due to size limitations do not have the number of people necessary to judge Arts or hold an arts tourney. We also feel that this would help encourage Arts participation as early as possible in Newer subdivisions, getting the individual Artisans feet wet. In a sense the Knight representing the Artisan is a proxy, similar to what we use for Voting on the Estates.*

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## **NB9. Amend IX.C.2. Robe Roll and Arts Manual to allow substitution of non-judged arts activities for advancement**

*Requires 2/3 to discuss, 2/3 to approve (includes manual changes)*

**Current law:** b. Journeyman

i. Participation in three (3) Journeyman.s tourneys at Crown events.

**Add:** Participation in three (3) Journeyman.s tourneys at Crown events; or Participation in one (1) Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events AND participation in two (2) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.

**Current law:** c. Master

i. Participation in five (5) additional Journeyman.s tourneys at Crown events.

**Add:** Participation in five (5) additional Journeyman.s tourneys at Crown events; or Participation in one (2) Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events AND participation in three (3) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.

**Current law:** d. Knight Robe

i. Participation in ten (10) Knight.s tourneys at Crown events.

**Add:** Participation in ten (10) Knight.s tourneys at Crown events or Participation in five (5) Knight's tourneys at Crown events AND participation in five (5) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.

**Current law:** e. Knight Master

i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knight.s tourneys at Crown events.

**Add:** Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knight.s tourneys at Crown event; or Participation in nine (9) additional Knights's tourneys at Crown events AND participation in nine (9) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.

**Current law:** f. Knight Doctor

i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knight.s tourneys at Crown events.

**Add:** Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knight.s tourneys at Crown events; or Participation in eighteen (18) Knight's tourneys at Crown events AND participation in eighteen (18) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.

**Amend Arts Manual Article I.C.3. description of Ministry of Arts and Sciences** (this represents no change to the original proposal)

**Add:** n. Assist the Crown in determining the authenticity and activity level for non-judged event participation.

**Add to Arts Judging Guidelines description of Non-judged Participation to Article II: Do not change the Arts Judging Guidelines** (as suggested in the original proposal).

*Commentary:* Non-judged tournament activities do not belong in the judging guidelines.

**Add to Arts Manual description of Non-tournament Participation: Do not change the Arts Manual** (as suggested in the original proposal).

*Commentary:* Non-judged tournament activities do not belong under the non-tournament participation activity.

**Amend the Arts Manual (Section IV.B.2) description of Tournament Entries: Current manual:** 2. An artisan can submit one item per Crown event or up to four items per war. Tournament wins will be awarded in accordance with the Bylaws.

**Amend to read:** An artisan can submit one item per Crown event or participate in one non-judged art activity with Crown approval per Crown tourney, or up to four items per war. Tournament wins will be awarded in accordance with the Bylaws and tournament participation points will be awarded in accordance with the Bylaws for non-judged activity.

**Add to Arts Manual (Section IV.B.) description of Tournament Entries**

13. Non-judged art activities:

- i. The activity must be performed in a visible area by actively participating in a non-judged activity at a Crown tourney and approved by the Crown.
- ii. The activity must be an activity which was performed in Europe during the period covered in our bylaws.
- iii. Minimum written documentation from the artisan is required to authenticate said activity.
- iv. The activity must be performed with period tools and equipment, using period techniques.
- v. The non-judged activity must be signed up on the Arts Sign-in sheet in the appropriate List area designated for same.
- vi. The activity must meet a minimum time of activity of thirty (30) minutes and verified by the Crown or Arts and Science Minister.
- vii. The complexity of the art activity will determine the number of times the artisan may perform a non-judged art activity at a Crown Tourney. The number of participation points to be determined by the Crown and Arts and Science Minister and Artisan before the activity is put on the List.
- viii. Non-judged art activities not be held at Wars.
- ix. The Imperial Crowns may set additional restrictions for Imperial Events.

*Discussion:* No other area of rank requires a minimum judgement to earn participations. Ministry, Combat, and Archery all allow participants to earn on the spot participations. Arts is the only area which requires pre-planning and homework. Imagine the Marshals and the Crowns getting together and telling a combatant sorry, your fighting wasn't up to snuff today. Arts tournaments do not provide a general educational outlet for more than the entrants and judges. Open participation would benefit all who are at an event.

*Arts judging and tournaments is not an activity done within our period. For those trying to create a medieval atmosphere and environment, the most natural way to do so is to actively participate in arts in its natural format. Requiring the judging of arts to gain participations mandates that at least 3 people*

*are prevented from participating in the other activities of the event during judging. If there are many arts entries, this can take the entire event.*

*This proposal does not .do away. with judging. All war participations will be judged and an artist will still be required to enter arts for judging to meet the Tournament Win and Masterwork requirements. In most cases, more Tournament entries will end up being needed by an artisan than the number of required wins due to the unlikely case of someone getting wins or masterworks for each and every entry. This proposal does not affect the standard of quality for either Tournament Wins or Masterworks.*

*There are constraints set such that still at least two people have input on whether a point is earned, which is more than currently is done for ministry.*

*We give points for what we value in Adria. Lets show artists that we value their participation in arts at events!*

*The proposal was modified from the previous one to require judged participations at each level, so that only a portion can be earned through non-judged participation.*

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## **X. DISCUSSION**

## **XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES**

*3:08 Phoenix time, Saturday, March 13, 2004.*

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**END OF MINUTES**