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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER..... 10:40 PDT

II. ROLL CALL QUORUM MET

Seating of qualified members: 128 (51 present, 77 by proxy, 19 absent, 8 disqualified)

Petitions to waive as per Article VI. E. 6. Disqualification: 2 present

- Sir Angus McDonnon (Count Royal, Terre Neuve)
- Dame Claire Tonnesdtr (Countess Royal, Terre Neuve)

Final seating: 130 (53 present, 77 by proxy, 19 absent, 8 disqualified)

Adrian Empire

Crown: Dame Aislynn de Chartier (Empress) present
Sir Wright Bentwood (Emperor) also present

Albion, Kingdom

Crown: Sir Warren Anthony (Queen) present
Dame Madison de Malo (King) also present
Marzo di Foresta e Morte: Dame Elaine Grae (Marquessa) present
Marzo di Morte e la Foresta: Sir Ian McDonald of Connaught (Marquis) proxy, Sir Angus MacBrus
Dame Kailene O'Shea (Marquis)
Contea di Convenienza: Sir Angus MacBrus (Count) present
Barony SeaWulf: Jarl Kobold (Baron) proxy, HIG Sir Winfred
Sir Justin Kase (Count Royal (Vega)) absent
Sir Gwyllum ap DuDrane (Count Royal, K3) proxy, Dame Ashlinn Tiernan
Dame Caoimhe O'Raghallaigh (Countess Royal, K3) proxy, Dame Elaine Grae
Sir William Baine (K3) present
Dame Rose of Aberlone (K3) proxy, Sir William Baine
Sir Ian McDonald of Connaught (K3) proxy, Sir William Baine
Sir Draco Rivenoak (K3) proxy, HRM Dame Madison
Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (K3) present

Alhambra, Archduchy

Crown: Sir E'Xavier de Normandy (Archduke) proxy, HIIH Dame Katherine Marshal of London
County of Iberia: Sir Guillaume Marchand D'Fluer (Count) proxy, HIIH Dame Katherine Marshal of London
Barony McKlaine: Dame Cryssida Blackwood (Baroness) proxy, HIIH Dame Katherine Marshal of London

Andorra, Archduchy

Crown: Sir Angus Phearquod (Archduke) proxy, Dame Sapphire Jade
Dame Gwendolyn Gryfonne (Archduchess)
Barony dela'Reve: Sir Auberone dela'Reve (Baron) proxy, Dame Sapphire Jade
House dela'Reve: Dame Isabeau dela'Reve (Lady) proxy, Dame Sapphire Jade

Aragon, Kingdom

Crown: Dame Charicce DuBois Guilbert de Morello (King) proxy, HIG Sir Winfred
March de Borgia: Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello (Marquessa) proxy, HG Sir Johan
March Dell' Amicizia: Genivive De Celano-Marquessa (Marquessa) absent
County Black Rose: Sir Jean Marc Fontenay (Count) absent
County Mio Amici: Dame Bella Nicotra (Countess) present
Sir Winfred (Imperial Earl) present
Dame Anginette (Imperial Comtessa) present
Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello (Countess Royal, K3) proxy, HG Sir Johan
Sir David von Albrecht (Count Royal) absent
Sir Eduardo de Peruzzi (Count Royal) proxy, HG Sir Johan
Dame Aleigha Fyredrayk (Countess Royal) proxy, HG Sir Johan
Sir Damon of Antioch (Count Royal) disqualified, Lack of attendance
Sir Robert Black (K3) proxy, HIG Sir Winfred

Bedegraine, Shire

House Corr: Sir Gowen Corr (Lord) proxy, HIM Lord Wright

Brandenburg, Archduchy

Crown: Sir Jordan of Malborough (Archduke) present
 Dame Anne McAlystre (Archduchess)
 Barony Hoffbrau: Dame Juliana Hirsch (Baroness) present
 House Schutzhundheim: Sir Arion Hirsch (Lord) proxy, Dame Juliana Hirsch
 Sir Erik Harbinger (Prince) present
 Sir Terrin Greyphis (Count Royal, K3) present
 Sir Arion Hirsch (K3) proxy, Dame Juliana Hirsch
 Dame Juliana Hirsch (K3) present
 Dame Lenora Greyphis (K3) present

Burgandy, Shire

Shire: Sir Antoine de Burgandy (Viceroy) proxy, HIG Sir Winfred
 Jeanne de Burgandy (Vicerine)
 Sir Antoine de Burgandy (Founder) proxy, HIG Sir Winfred

Cambridge, Duchy

Crown: Dame Ravenna Winter (Duchess) proxy, Dame Lenora Greyphis
 Sir Greylond Winter (Duke)
 Monastery of the Sacred Light: Bishop Greco de Edessa (Lord) proxy, HIG Dame Maedb Hawkins
 House Magisteri: Lord Roberto Sanchez (Lord) absent

Carolingia, Archduchy

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

Castilles, Kingdom

Crown: Sir Boru (King) proxy, HIM Lord Wright
 March Mercia: Sir Thorvald Isblod (Marquis) proxy, HG Dame Etaine
 Dame Ana Llewelyn (Marquessa)
 March Tartarus: Lord Wright Bentwood (Marquis) proxy, HIM Lord Wright
 March Hygrove: Dame Tara Callahan (Marquessa) present
 March of Antioch: Sir Bleyz MacBruce (Marquis) proxy, HE Lady Kathyne MacKay
 County Stonehaven: Lady Kathyne MacKay (Countess) present
 County Phoenix: Sir Giacomo diVerona (Count) proxy, HG Dame Etaine
 Dame Etaine Llewelyn (K3, Countess Royal) present
 Don Amador de la Hoya (Count Royal) proxy, HIM Lord Wright
 Lord Wright Bentwood (K3) present

Chesapeake, Duchy

Crown: Lady Brigit Kempe (Duchess) proxy, Sir Aerindane McLorie
 Barony of Caer Rumsey: Alea Strongbow (Baroness) proxy, Dena Foley
 House Pegasus de Liberatem: Dame Kelda RuddCatha (Lady) proxy, ???
 Sir Aerindane McLorie (K3) present
 Dame Kyra Evaine (K3) proxy, Sir Aerindane McLorie

Dunvegan, Duchy

Crown: Dame Isabel MacAskill (Duchess) absent
 Barony Hebrides: Sir Karl Lagerstain (Baron) absent
 House Dragon's Bane: Dame Patricia Sparr (Lady) absent

Ekaterinegorod, Duchy

Crown: Sir Sergay Ruslanovich (Duke) absent
 Dame Kitara Kell (Duchess)
 Barony Bloodstone: Angus of Bloodstone (Baron) absent
 House Kell: Ella Tavender (Lady) absent

Esperance, Kingdom

Crown: Sir Caspian Holgar (King) present
 Raisa Razi bint Sabra (Queen)
 March of Aggravaine: Sir William Ce'Wolf (Marquis) proxy, HIG Dame Maedb Hawkins
 Dame Rosellyn (Marquessa)

County Aguilar: Dame Lyrica Angelique (Countess) absent
 Barony of Vineland: Sir William de Mild (Baron) proxy, HG Sir Terrin Greyphis
 Dame Katherine Marshal of London (Princess, Countess Royal, K3) present
 Dame Maedb Hawkins (Princess, Countess Royal, K3) present
 Dame Willow de Rara (Countess Royal, K3) proxy, Sir Jamie the Red
 Dame Aleta van Hansard (Countess Royal) absent
 Sir William Ce'Wolf (Count Royal) proxy, HIH Dame Maedb Hawkins
 Raisa Razi bint Sabra (Countess Royal) proxy, Kniaz Sergei Boroslav Beneshek
 Kniaz Sergei Boroslav Beneshek (Count Royal) present
 Dame Marion Leal Durius (Countess Royal) present
 Sir James of Bloodstone (K3) proxy, HG Dame Marion Leal Durius
 Sir Jamie the Red (K3) present
 Sir Coda der Drachesoohn (Count Royal, K3) disqualified, Lack of Attendance
 Dame Eleanor de la Pole (Countess Royal) disqualified, Lack of Attendance
 Sir Jehan von Hapsburg (Prince, Count Royal) disqualified, Lack of Attendance

Galloway, Shire

Shire: Sir Duncan MacLang (default, Viceroy) present
 Dame Sapphire Jade (Vicerine)

Gloucester, Shire

Shire: Sir Frederick von Burg (default, Viceroy) proxy, HIM Lord Wright
 Sir Frederick von Burg (K3) proxy, HIM Lord Wright
 Dame Delia (Countess Royal) absent

Isle de Mort, Shire

Barony Badenoch: Pellas, Esq. (Baron) proxy, HG Sir Philippe duBois Guilbert
 House Sea Raven: Sir Michael Sinestro (Lord) present
 Sir Philippe duBois Guilbert (K3, Earl) present
 Sir Michael Sinestro (K3) present

Kildare, Duchy

Crown: Dame Telitha (Duchess) proxy, Dame Cathan ni Sonoid
 Sir Ian McMillan (Duke)
 Barony Antrim: Sir Malise (Baron) proxy, Dame Cathan ni Sonoid
 House Lochlann: Lady Isabella la Roussa (Lady) proxy, Dame Cathan ni Sonoid

Nassau, Shire

Shire: Sir Odan (default, Viceroy) disqualified, Lack of Populace

Neu Eisenwold, Shire

Shire: Gerolf von Morgenstern (default, Viceroy) absent
 Elayne Morgenstern (default, Vicerine)

Sangrael, Duchy

Crown: Dame Kirin Christopherson (Duchess) present
 House MacDonald: Sir Gwydion Dionne (Lord) proxy, Dame Kirin Christopherson
 House Fa-lue: Dame Gwenllian Derwen (Lady) present

Somerset, Duchy

Crown: Dame Constance Roswell (Duchess) absent
 House Blue Maid: Dame Sorche Kyrkeby (Lady) absent
 House Hijas del Sol: Gwirth verch Albrecht (Lady) absent

Terre Neuve, Kingdom

Crown: Sir Ivan Mannochemore (King)
 Sir Hucheon Blackheart (Dauphin) present
 March of Where Dat Al Row: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Marquis) present
 County of Anwnn: Dame ELana (Count) present
 County of Terre Amata: Dame Akria Krastel (Countess) present
 Sir Nikolai McClean Belski von Hapsburg (Prince, Count Royal) proxy, HG Sir Johan
 Sir Johan Warhammer Von Hohenstaufen Draconis Principalites (Earl) present
 Sir Badger Kelly McDonnon (Count Royal) absent
 Dame Kendra Finster McFayden (Countess Royal) present
 Sir Madoc McDonnon (Count Royal) present
 Dame Claire Tonnesdr (must be seated) (Countess Royal) present
 Sir Angus McDonnon (must be seated) (Count Royal) present

Umbria, Kingdom

Crown: Sir Pavo Rosalia (King) present
 Dame Margarita duBois (Queen) also present
 March Blackstaff: Dame Ravyn Sophia (Marquessa) proxy, Dame Shahara
 County Concorde: Sir Puck Lyttle Stormdragon Four'Now (Count) proxy, HRM Dame Margarita
 County Chimera: Sir Liam Lust (Count) present
 Sir Knighthawke le Treson (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Dame Margarita
 Sir James the Red (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Dame Margarita
 Dame Aislynn de Chartier (Countess Royal) present
 Dame Al-sayyida Al-Farisa Nisha (Countess Royal) present
 Sir Waldham von Thurson (Count Royal, K3) present
 Sir Pavo Rosalia (Count Royal, K3) present
 Dame Ravyn Sophia (Countess Royal) proxy, Dame Shahara
 Sir Ullis Rowden Blackarrow of Boyd (K3) proxy, Sir Liam Lust
 Dame Margarita duBois (K3) present
 Sir Duncan Wallace (K3) present
 Sir Angus Kilshannig Mcallister (K3) present
 Sir Cameron Kilshannig FitzCannon (K3) present
 Dame Serene (K3) proxy, HRM Dame Margarita
 Sir Keegan (Count Royal) disqualified, Lack of Attendance
 Dame Roawyn O'Riley (Countess Royal) disqualified, Lack of Attendance
 Sir Jean Mariq le Treson (Count Royal, K3) disqualified, Lack of attendance

Valencia, Shire

Shire: Dame Abegail del Oscuro (default, Vicerine) proxy, HRM Warren Anthony

York, Kingdom

Crown: Sir John (King)
 Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri (Queen) present
 March of Tir De Righ: Sir Nickademus Fiend (Marquis) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Dame Brianna Delwyn (Marquessa)
 County of Contae Duir: Sir Mobius (Count) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Dame Toireasa McBride (Countess)
 County of Ouroboros: Sir Govannan ap Gwydion (Count) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Sir Raffe Cunningham (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Dame Brejenn Cunningham (Countess Royal) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Sir Killian Oakesblood (Count Royal, K3) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Dame Josephine Oakesblood (Countess Royal, K3) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Dame Jericho Gutte D'Or (Countess Royal, K3) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Sir Elric Meladius (Count Royal, K3) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Dame Skye O'Malley Meladius (Countess Royal) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri (Countess Royal) present
 Sir Alaric Thorne (K3) proxy, Dame Cathan ni Sonoid
 Sir Gavin McAlister (K3) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla
 Sir Nickademus Fiend (K3) proxy, HRM Dame Fionnghualla

III. CONSENT CALENDAR NO ITEMS

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES APPROVED

Approved with no objection.

V. REPORTS ACCEPTED

- President and Board of Directors
Overages on enumerated expenditures from last year's budget approved with no objection.
- Chancery
- Ministry of Justice
- Chief Justice of Civil Courts
- Rolls
- Steward
- Sovereign of Arms
- Joust and War
- Arts and Sciences
- Archery
- Physicks
- Office of Publishing (Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
- Hospitaller
- Minister of Education
- Other Reports

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charters AMENDMENTS APPROVED

a. Place shires on inactive list

The following shires have zero membership and have been suspended:

- None

b. Reactivate inactive shire

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

- None

c. Recognize new shire

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

- None

d. Elevations

The Duchy of Andorra, having petitioned the Imperial Crown to audit their membership records, also requested recognition as an Archduchy. We have reviewed Imperial and Local records and are pleased to announce the recognition was granted in May 2005. Congratulations to the Archduchy of Andorra.

e. Notification of subdivisions under numbers

The following subdivision have been under numbers by more than 10% for approximately 1 year (or more):

- Duchies: Kildare, Ekaterinegorod, and Somerset
- Archduchies: Alhambra

As per Article VIII.D., these subdivisions will be reduced to the appropriate status per their membership numbers upon verification of any enrollments received during the grace period. (Shires, 1-19 members; Duchy, 10-49 members).

f. Amend charter of Cambridge to include the state of Vermont

Approved by voice vote.

Author: Sir Greyloind Winter (Duke of Cambridge)

CRB2. Announcement of Imperial Crown Policy NO ACTION

All Shires are invited to petition the Imperial Crown for status as a Shire Protectorate. Shires may appeal for member of the Imperial Peerage (Retired Imperial or Royal Crown and Knights Third Level) to be assigned as a protector. The requested protector must enjoin this request, and may only sponsor one shire at a time. The obligations of the protector is to serve as an advocate for the shire in their dealings with other subdivisions, a guide in understanding and following the laws and guidelines of the Empire, and a liaison between the shire and the Imperial Crown.

The goals of the Shire Protectorate and the Protector are to promote growth and education and to gain the experience and knowledge base necessary to function independently as a Shire and then larger chartered subdivision.

The assigning of a protector is subject to the determination of the Imperial Crown, and understanding of the laws and traditions of the Empire, as well as leadership experience will be considered in the assignments. Protectorate status is subject to the review of the Imperial Crown.

CRB3. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 24 regarding original paperwork APPROVED AS AMENDED

Taken from the table with no objection. Amendment: Expenses over \$100 may be petitioned to the Imperial Crown for reimbursement. Approved as amended by voice vote.

Current Law: IEW 24. Original Paperwork

All original paperwork is the property of the Adrian Empire, Inc. Arts entries and documentation shall remain the intellectual property of the artist.

Amend to add: All original material shall be sent to the appropriate Imperial Ministry on demand. Chartered subdivisions may retain copies at their own expense.

Commentary: All records belong to the Empire, which is obligated to maintain them. Subdivisions' status may change, some becoming inactive then active again. Members move from one to another, lapse and return. Some subdivisions report inconsistently. Centralized record keeping is the solution.

Authors/Co-Sponsors: The Chancery, TIMs Aislynn de Chartier (Empress), Wright Bentwood (Emperor)

CRB4. Amend Article III.E. Membership Assignment To Chartered Subdivision REFERRED

Taken from the table by voice vote. Amendment: Petitions for the initial request are considered to be in effect for future renewals. Referred to the Chancery and TIMs for redraft approved with no objection.

Current Law: . . . If the member does not physically live within 200 miles of the requested subdivision, they must apply for citizenship directly to that subdivision's Crown for approval...

Amend to read: . . . If ~~the members~~ ~~does~~ not physically ~~live~~ ~~reside~~ within ~~200 miles of~~ the requested subdivision, they must apply for citizenship directly to that subdivision's Crown for approval...

Author: Dame Juliana Hirsch (Knight Premier, Knight Doctor, Imperial Chancellor)

CRB5. Finalize Financial Data NO ACTION

Bylaws Article VI.E.4 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.”

Chancellor’s Note: Attendance is mandatory for the Crown, or the Crown’s representative. If you cannot be at the meeting in person, then you must provide the information through a proxy-holder.

CRB6. Review Systems of Conversion..... PROP. 3 APPROVED

Bylaws Article VI.E.4 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.E)”

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), Empire of Chivalry and Steel (ECS), **and Historical Medieval Recreation (HMR) (Approved March 2003).**

New Systems of Conversion

Amend Article IX.E. Ranks

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law: The Imperial Crown has the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion for participation, ranks or titles for members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire...

Proposal 1: Limit conversion of Knighthood to first-level

Amend to read: The Imperial Crown has the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion for participation, ranks or titles for members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire. **Conversion toward knighthood shall be limited to 1st-level...**

Failed (57 in favor, 66 opposed).

Proposal 2: Limit conversion of Knighthood to second-level

Amend to read: The Imperial Crown has the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion for participation, ranks or titles for members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire. **Conversion toward knighthood shall be limited to 2nd-level...**

Failed (51 in favor, 66 opposed)

Author: Sir Pavo Rosalia (Knight Premier, Count Royal, Imperial Rolls)

Co-Sponsors: Dame Nisha Rosalia (Countess Royal), Sir Waldham Von Torsvan (Knight Premier, Count Royal), Sir Angus Kilshanning (Knight Premier), Sir Cameron Kilshanning (Knight Premier), Sir Duncan Wallace (Knight Champion), Dame Margarita DuBois (Knight Warden), Sir Ullis Rowden Blackarrow of Boyd (Knight Warden).

Proposal 3: Hold voting privileges for converted members for one year

Amend to read: The Imperial Crown has the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion for participation, ranks or titles for members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire. **The voting privilege of Knighthoods and titles gained through conversion shall not vest for one calendar year from the date of membership; all other rights and privileges vest immediately upon conversion...**

Approved (93 in favor).

Author: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

Co-Sponsor: Sir Warren Anthony (Marquis, Marzo di Morte e la Foresta)

CRB7. Amend Article III.E. Membership Assignment to Chartered Subdivision to allow Members-at-Large FAILED

Amendment: Provide Minister to support members-at-large.

Failed (57 in favor, 63 opposed)

Current Law: A member may declare their citizenship to a chartered subdivision annually when they pay their membership, members can only form estates, or be estates holders in the subdivision they choose to be a subject of, this may be changed when the member renews their membership on July 1st. Lifetime memberships could also be changed at the July 1st renewal date. If no choice is made, the member will be considered to be a subject of the chartered subdivision in which they reside (where a member physically lives)...

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A member may also petition to become a member-at-large instead of joining a chartered subdivision. Members-at-large are direct subjects of the Empire, and not of any local chartered subdivisions. These members enjoy the same rights and privileges as any other members of the Empire. ...

Commentary: There have been numerous requests made of the Imperial Crown to allow individuals to be "members at large", subjects of the Empire, and not the subjects of the subdivision to which they would otherwise be assigned. This already exists under law; a member already has the right under law to petition to move from one subdivision to another and to be a member-at-large if they reside in Imperial lands. This clarifies that a member has the right to petition to become a member-at-large and be treated as if residing in Imperial lands.

CRB8. Add Imperial Estates Writ and Amend Glossary to add definition of Kingdom Sovereignty.....APPROVED

Approved by voice vote.

Kingdom Sovereignty – Royal Crowns are not subject to Imperial Crown approval to hold office. Their authority to appoint Kingdom Ministers is not subject to Imperial Crown approval. Kingdoms may enact Codicils and Crown and Estates Writs that are not in conflict with the Bylaws without Imperial approval. Royal Crowns have final local authority to interpret Imperial Law, subject to rulings of Civil Courts and appeals as per Imperial Law.

Note: Kingdom Sovereignty is enumerated in the Bylaws under Article VI.F.2. and 3.

Current Law:

See Article VI.F.2. The Estates General Of A Chartered Subdivision

The Estates General of a given chartered subdivision have the right to:

- a. By a 2/3rd's majority vote:
 - i. Call for a general meeting at any time and void a challenge for the Crown
 - ii. The Estates General may amend, alter, or otherwise amplify the local codicils
 - iii. Remove the Crown from office.
- b. By a simple majority vote (more than half):
 - i. Approve writs and charters issued by the Crown annual budgets and expenditure of treasury funds.
 - ii. Enact, modify, or cancel Estates Writs not in conflict with the Bylaws or local Codicils.

See Article VI.F.3.b. Royal Crown

- i. Render an opinion concerning any disputed interpretation of local codicil or writ. Within thirty (30) days of a written request for interpretation the Crown shall consult with the Chancellor and review the disputed local codicil or writ and the arguments. The decision of the Imperial Crown is final and binding.

- ii. Resolve submitted disputes between subdivisions in the event that the subdivisions are unable to resolve the dispute. The Ruling Noble of either subdivision may ask the Crown to arbitrate. Within thirty (30) days of the written request for arbitration the Crown shall convene a Crown Court and review the dispute and evidence. The decision of an Imperial Crown Court is final and binding.
- iii. Make new law that does not alter the Imperial bylaws or local codicils until the next meeting of the Estates General. *(These laws must be submitted to the Imperial Chancery within 30 days of enactment, as described in [Article VI.D.](#))*
- iv. Hold crown and ceremonial courts.
- v. Give orders, awards and to authorize elevation in rank of any member as advised by their ministers.
- vi. Award the non-voting titles of Baron, Baroness, Lord, and Lady of the Court.
- vii. Advance a member to knighthood where that member has made an extraordinary contribution to the Adrian Empire meriting special attention and reward. Only one (1) member of the non-chivalry per term of office may be elevated to knighthood without meeting the requirements for knighthood. This advancement is in title only and does not give the member the requirements associated with the title. Only a Knight can make a Knight.
- viii. The Royal Crown shall hold a minimum of one (1) court a month.
- ix. Make war on other sovereign chartered subdivisions.
- x. Charter Guilds (not subject to approval of the Estates)
- xi. Draft and submit an annual budget to the estates general no less than 30 days prior to the published meeting date.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. Other and further rights and obligations as may be set forth in [Article VIII.D.3.b.](#)

Emperor's Commentary: *At the last Imperial Estates meeting, I promised to present a combined definition of the sovereignty of kingdoms from all that was presented to me to be decided upon by the Imperial Estates. A summary of the above is that a Kingdom can pick its leaders and ministers, and they are not subject to approval by anyone other than the local Estates. Also, just as the States in the US, they may enact their own additional laws that must be followed as long as they do not violate the Imperial Bylaws. Passing this item will clarify the hazy definition of sovereignty that we have been using in the past. This definition and Writ can be amended at a later date.*

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Chancery Report Review (See Appendix A: Chancery Report, Part 2 (Chancery - Estates)).....**APPROVED**

As per IEW 22, changes to the Bylaws, Writs, and Manuals not normally requiring formal amendment are to be noted in the Chancery Report. The Estates may question any change and vote on it individually. The Chancery Report will be available on-line as [2005July_Chancery2.pdf](#) on the Adrian Empire website.

Taken from the table approved with no objection. Approved by voice vote.

- A. Bylaws/Writs Corrections
- B. Bylaws/Writs Amendments for Clarification
- C. Combat Manual Corrections
- D. Marshals' Manual Corrections

CH2. Consider the reign of Aislyne and Wright.....APPROVED

Taken from the table by voice vote. Approved (73 in favor, 43 opposed, 9 abstentions).

Commentary: Per Article VI.E.5. 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:

- *Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office.*

CH3. Amend Article VIII.F.1 Chartered Subdivisions.....FAILED

Taken from the table with no objection.

Current Law:

From time to time *chartered* subdivisions within the Adrian Empire may desire advancement. This is to be encouraged and permitted as long as the following standards and procedures are met:

- Prerequisite membership is achieved without reducing any other chartered subdivision below minimum standard
- The land the new subdivision to be chartered is claiming does not cross over or diminish the land of any other chartered subdivision not in the new subdivision.
- In the case of an existing *chartered* subdivision, the estates general of the existing chartered subdivision must approve the change to their lands by a 2/3 majority, and presented to the Imperial Estates for approval (by a simple majority). Upon such approval, there shall be new charters created for all subdivisions involved. (*Note: The alternative method is approval at the subdivision level with a simple majority, and by the Imperial Estates with a 2/3 majority.*)

Proposal 1: Secession

Failed (60 in favor, 64 opposed).

Add: At least 5 members in good standing, residing at least 60 miles from the other active membership of a chartered subdivision (a regular event location), may petition the Imperial Crown for secession from their chartered subdivision. If the Imperial Crown determines that the petition has merit, an amendment to the subdivision's charter may be approved by the Imperial Estates by a two-thirds vote. A new chartered subdivision may then be established according to law. The lands ceded to the new subdivision must be adequate for that purpose without unduly reducing the original subdivision.

Counterproposal to Proposal 1

Failed (46 in favor, 75 opposed).

Add: At least 5 members in good standing residing at least 75 miles (or in the Imperial Crowns discretion to the distance Involved, Population Density and Travel Time also being considered) from other active membership of a chartered sub-division may petition the Imperial Crown and notifying the Sub-divisions Crown to form a Protectorate upon approval of the Imperial Crown.

A Lord and or Lady Protector would then be appointed by the Imperial Crowns with recommendations from the Sub-division Crown if the Petition has merit. These newly made Protectors will be charged with appointing ministers in consultation with the Crowns and ministers of the Sub-division, and work to develop the various disciplines with open cooperation from the Original Sub-division.

These Protectors would also receive as does an Imperial Viceroy one vote upon the Imperial Estates until such a time that Estate's have been developed within the Protectorate.

The Lord/Lady Protector will report to the Sub-division Crowns and the Imperial Crowns on a Monthly basis. Newly appointed Ministers of the protectorate will report and seek guidance both to and from the Sub-divisions Ministers and Imperial Ministers.

The Protectorate will be reviewed every 3 Months until such a time where the Imperial Crown; in consultation with the Sub-division Crown and The Lord/Lady Protector of the Protectorate; will make a judgment to elevate the Protectorate to the appropriate Sub-division level once they have proven able to develop strong ministries, shown documented growth and the ability to administer the area according to the strictures and rules as outlined in the Adrian Empires By-Laws.

At such a time the matter will be brought to the attention of the Imperial Estates for a change to the existing boundaries of the original sub-division and creating a charter and fixed boundaries for the new sub-division. Lands ceded in this manner must be adequate to allow the new sub-division to grow without unduly reducing the growth potential of the original sub-division.

***Commentary:** While the initial proposal addresses many of the issues it overlooks a key one “getting everyone on the same page”. It has been our experience both in starting a sub-division from scratch and Sir Auberon’s experience as Imperial Hospitaler that a mentoring is extremely helpful in creating a successful sub-division.*

This proposal also addresses the fact that travel time varies due to population densities and urban areas. 20 miles through Major Cities such as Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, etc. is vastly different than 20 miles in a rural setting.

Furthermore if the protectorate fails members in the chosen area will still have a sub-division to belong to rather than being reduced to Members at Large. In the Initial proposal there is no address for such. The original proposal also opens some room for possible abuse.

As Members of a Chivalric Society we should find ways to cultivate growth and understanding. Many times disagreements, while personality conflicts do occur, arise from a misunderstanding or misinterpretations of the actual rules of our organization.

The Counterproposal minimizes the possibility of bad blood that could occur in an out-and-out split. It also has a built-in mentoring system giving the Protectorate the advantage of having individuals closer with experience to rely and call upon.

***Authors:** Sir Auberon dela’Reve (Duke of Andorra, Imperial Hospitaler), Dame Isabeau dela’Reve (Duchess of Andorra)*

Proposal 2: Charter Reduction

Failed (59 in favor, 62 opposed).

Add: A review of all current chartered subdivisions of the Adrian Empire shall be conducted by a panel appointed by the Imperial Crown. Any subdivision containing mundane counties without a single subject in residence may be recommended for charter reduction. The panel should consider the feasibility of future growth and the proven ability of the subdivision to expand its membership. If the Imperial Crown concurs with the recommendation of the panel, an amendment to the subdivision's charter may be approved by the Imperial Estates by a two-thirds vote. New chartered subdivisions may then be established according to law.

***Commentary:** In several of the geographically larger subdivisions, especially those with smaller populations, there are serious obstacles to active participation. Groups in remote areas cannot get the assistance they need to function. Sometimes, their attempts to become Adrians are interpreted as attacks upon the chartered subdivision. Our goal should be expanding Adria, not preserving sovereignty over unoccupied lands. When the subdivision cannot develop its own lands, an alternative must be made available. Proposal 1 would create a smaller independent chartered subdivision where members wish to play. Proposal 2 would facilitate reducing the territory of chartered subdivisions to where they actually have subjects with the remainder reverting to Imperial lands to allow new Shires to be formed.*

***Author:** Dame Juliana Hirsch (Imperial Chancellor, Knight Premier, Knight Doctor), Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)*

CH4. Approve candidates for Imperial Crown.....APPROVED

- TRMs Sir Pavo Rosalia and Dame Ashlinn Tiernan – approved by voice vote
- HG Sir Philippe DuBois Guilbert – approved (81 in favor)
- TGs Sir Madoc McDonnon and Dame Kendra Finster McFayden – approved by voice vote

Article VI.E.4.a, at this Meeting of the Estates, the Imperial Estates shall: qualify and determine acceptability of Imperial candidates.

Article XVI.B.1.b. Candidacy: 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

Article XVI.B.2.a. Eligibility: The Imperial Chancellor shall consult with the Imperial Minister of Rolls and the Imperial Steward* to determine eligibility. Records of these two Imperial Ministers shall be considered for this determination. A member who fails to meet the qualifications for Crown shall be notified in writing as to the reasons. (**In the case of any discrepancy or disagreement, the Imperial Steward's records are considered to be binding. The Imperial Steward will entertain evidence from all sources available before making a binding determination.*)

Article XVI.B.2.b. Acceptability: The Imperial Chancellor shall convene the Imperial Estates General at the regularly scheduled meeting in July, who shall determine the acceptability of each contender to hold the Imperial Crown. If the consort is to be a co-ruler, then their acceptability shall be also examined. If a member is judged as unacceptable by the Imperial Estates General, they shall be notified in writing as to the reason.

Vote to Approve

- TRMs Sir Pavo Rosalia and Dame Ashlinn Tiernan
- HG Sir Philippe DuBois Guilbert
- TGs Sir Madoc McDonnon and Dame Kendra Finster McFayden

CH5. Amend Article XI.B.6. Judicial BanAPPROVED

(7/30/05) Tabled by voice vote.

Friendly Amendments:

- 1) Petition must state reason;*
- 2) Clarify that the Imperial Minister of Justice appoints the Magistrate;*
- 3) Complaints for each Crown must be considered independently.*

(7/31/05) Taken from the table. Original motion approved (90 in favor).

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. The Presiding Justice shall at his sole discretion determine if the facts presented warrant this drastic measure. Only the Imperial Estates General may place the Imperial Crown under a Judicial Ban. One third of all Imperial Estates combined as signified by petition, or one third of all Imperial Estates in attendance at a meeting of the Imperial Estates General, shall be sufficient to place the Imperial Crown under Judicial Ban. If the Imperial Estates General are in session, and they place the Imperial Crown under Judicial Ban, they must immediately appoint an interim Lord/Lady Protector. If the Judicial Ban is placed by petition, the signatories shall appoint an interim Lord/ Lady Protector. Lord/Lady Protectors serve until replaced by the Imperial Estates General, or until the Imperial Crown is no longer vacant. 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.
- b. Vote in any Estate Meeting.

c. Sit on any Civil Court or Court of Justice.

A member under Judicial Ban retains all other rights and privileges described in the Bylaws; the member shall not be prevented from the same access to the Courts as accorded any other member.

Amend to read:

The purpose of Judicial Ban is to insure that a member accused of an infraction cannot 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 **complaints or determination that Charges are warranted.**

a) Process

1. Imperial Crown

The **Imperial Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) must, at his sole discretion, determine if the facts presented warrant this action. The determination must be made during the evaluation of the complaint to determine if Charges are warranted. The Imperial Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) must determine that a Judicial Ban is warranted before action is taken. An appeal of the decision must be presented in writing, upon which a Civil Court must be convened.**

Only the Imperial Estates General may place the Imperial Crown under a Judicial Ban. Such a Judicial Ban may only be imposed by:

- One-third of the Imperial Estates General, either by petition or physically present at an Imperial Estates Meeting, if the Imperial Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) recommends such a ban, or
- A majority of the Imperial Estates General, either by petition or physically present at an Imperial Estates Meeting, if the Imperial Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) does not recommend such a ban.

If the Imperial Crown is placed under Judicial Ban, the Imperial Chancellor shall become the Lord/Lady Protector, and serve until replaced by the Imperial Estates General, or until the ban is removed.

2. Other Crowns

The Imperial Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) must, at his sole discretion, determine if the facts presented warrant this action. The determination must be made during the evaluation of the complaint to determine if Charges are warranted. If the Imperial Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) determines that a Judicial Ban is warranted, the ban is immediately imposed.

Alternatively, the Imperial Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) may place the Crown under Judicial Ban to compel production of any evidence during investigation or judicial proceeding. A ban placed in such a manner shall be removed once said evidence has been produced.

If the Crown is placed under Judicial Ban, the Chancellor shall become the Lord/Lady Protector and serve until replaced by the Estates General, or until the ban is removed.

3. Other Members

- a. If the member is facing judicial action, the Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) shall determine if the facts presented warrant this action. If the Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) determines that a Judicial Ban is warranted, the ban is immediately imposed.
- b. The Crown may place a member (usually a Minister) under Judicial Ban to compel production of property or documents belonging to the Adrian Empire. A ban placed in such a manner shall be removed upon production.

b) Restriction of Rights

Whether it is imposed as above or as part of a judicial sentence, a Judicial Ban may include any of the following restrictions:

1. **Inability to hold any** Estate or office, but such shall be restored at the conclusion of judicial process, outcome permitting.
2. **Inability to vote** in any Estates Meeting.
3. **Inability to sit** on any Civil Court or Court of Justice.

A member under Judicial Ban retains all other rights and privileges described in the Bylaws; the member shall not be prevented from the same access to the Courts as accorded any other member.

c) Removal

A Judicial Ban placed upon any member is automatically removed if the outcome of a judicial proceeding does not call for the Judicial Ban to remain in place. A Judicial Ban may also be removed by the following:

1. Imperial Crown
 - Two-thirds of the Imperial Estates General, either by petition or physically present at an Imperial Estates Meeting, if the Imperial Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) determined that such a ban was warranted
 - A majority of the Imperial Estates General, either by petition or physically present at an Imperial Estates Meeting, if the Imperial Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) determined that such a ban was not warranted.

2. Other Crowns

A Judicial Ban imposed during investigation or judicial proceeding can be removed by the Imperial Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) upon the production of all evidence requested.

3. Other Members

A Judicial Ban imposed during investigation or judicial proceeding can be removed by the Crown or Minister of Justice (or appointed Magistrate) upon the production of all evidence requested.

Add Glossary Term: Petition

Add: **Petition** – A document in which a specific judicial action is requested, signed by persons endorsing such an action. Can be electronic.

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Co-Sponsor: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

CH6. Create second chartered subdivision within South Florida (Castilles)

APPROVED

Approved (93 in favor, 28 opposed).

Because Castilles (S. Florida) is unique in the Empire, an exception to law is requested that will allow a second subdivision to be chartered within the same geographic boundaries.

Commentary: In Adria it has proven difficult to manage populations exceeding 150 members. Castilles numbers have consistently exceeded 189, and reaching currently reaching over 250, with a continued huge potential for growth. Unfortunately, governing such a large population is starting to become problematic. Historically, when facing these numbers subdivisions of the Empire generally split to alleviate the pressure. Resistance to these splits has always resulted in conflict and anger and never prevented the splits from taking place in the long run. Therefore the people of our region wish to form this second subdivision. 100% of our populace is in concurrence that this best for Castilles.

However, Castilles is totally surrounded with no open borders to expand into and Broward County (the main population center) is a large metropolitan area that is virtually impossible to divide into meaningful geographic subdivisions. Also, because of the geographic isolation of the region, there are limited opportunities for members to participate in other regions.

With the limited opportunities to play elsewhere, some Adrians are choosing not to play at all, and potential members are starting to turn away.

This exception to law will provide an opportunity for Adria to exploit the region's growth potential.

Mundane history is rich with examples of independent city-states (the Vatican, Florence, Genoa, Venice), chartered towns (Holy Roman Empire), principalities (Republic of San Marino, Andorra, Monte Carlo), all existing within larger nations.

Note: The charter for Castilles will not change in any way, therefore the procedure required for changing a charter does not apply to this proposal. This is a request to allow an exception to law in order to charter a new subdivision within the same boundaries.

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VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Amend Article XVI.B.6. Victory (to determine the conduct of wars in the event of a tie) **PROP. 5 APPROVED**

Taken from the table approved by voice vote.

Preference Vote –

Prop 1 - 43

Prop 2 - 62

Prop 3 (CP) - 17

Prop 4 – 6

Prop 5 - 74

Prop 6 – 52

Ratification of Prop 5: (87 in favor, 35 opposed)

Motion to table the tiebreaking tiebreaker approved.

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: One additional battle

Choose either (a) or (b)

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: Second set of Champion's battles

... 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.

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.

Authors/Co-Sponsors: Dame Maedb Hawkins (Princess, Countess Royal, Knight Premier), Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

Counterproposal: Written ballot

In the event of a tie a vote consisting of a written ballot shall be taken. Only members of that warring subdivision, and who sign in at the war, will be allowed to vote in said ballot. The vote will be counted by the Chancellor, with the help of the Steward to verify the membership of the voters. Participation in this vote will not earn the member a war point. The contender with a simple majority will win the tiebreaker and will be announced at closing court of the war.

Commentary: In the event of a close war the will of the whole populace of the subdivision should make the final decision.

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Proposal 4: Size of contender's armies

In the event of a tie, the size of each contender's army shall be evaluated. Since outlanders are added to each army in proportion to the number of members of the warring subdivision supporting each contender, only members of the warring subdivision shall be counted. The contender with the largest number of supporters shall be declared the victor.

Commentary: This tie-breaking method is implied in the formation of armies. The will of the populace clearly stands behind the contenders supported; it is only fitting that the contender with the most support from the populace over which the contender will rule should be the one to ascend to the Throne.

Author: Sir Warren Anthony (Marquis, Marzo di Morte e la Foresta)

Co-Sponsors: HIM Aislynn du Chartier (Imperial Crown), Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Marquis, March of Where Dat Al Row)

Proposal 5: Size of contender's armies (AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION BY AUTHOR)

In the event of a tie, **the number of supporters** of each contender's army shall be evaluated. **Only those members** of the warring subdivision **who signed in and registered their support for a contender** shall be counted. The contender with the largest number of supporters shall be declared the victor.

Commentary: This tie-breaking method is implied in the formation of armies. *Unlike the first version of this proposal, this version allows those who sign-in to support a contender but not take the field, shoot archery, or submit arts to still be counted.* The will of the populace clearly stands behind the contenders supported; it is only fitting that the contender with the most support from the populace over which the contender will rule should be the one to ascend to the Throne.

I strongly believe this method would be the easiest to implement, especially since this should not take any time away from waging the war. The count can take place simultaneously with the division of outlander forces before the war begins.

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Co-Sponsors: HIM Aislynn du Chartier (Imperial Crown), Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Marquis, March of Where Dat Al Row)

Proposal 6: Warball

Add: In the event of a tie, tied contenders shall compete in a game of Warball to determine a victor.

Author: HRM Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Knight Premier)

Co-Sponsor: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

OB2. Amend Article XVI.A.5. War to create War Points for Ministry Voting **NO ACTION**

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:

- Three (3) light weapons battles
- Two (2) renaissance weapons battles
- One (1) renaissance champions battle
- Two (2) armored battles
- One (1) armored champions battle
- Eight (8) arts points consisting of:
 - Four (4) Masters' Tournament
 - Four (4) Knights' Tournament
- Four (4) archery points consisting of:
 - One (1) Masters' Tournament War Point (combined score of all Master's list (Bowman))
 - One (1) Knights' Tournament War Point (combined score of all Knight's list (Huntsman))
 - One (1) Open Tournament War Point (combined score of all master's list and knight's list.) This is a separate act from above.
- One (1) Champion's War Point (highest score of any individual). This will be determined by the highest score by any individual from the list of supporters of any given candidate; the candidate need not select a champion.

Note: These are separate matches, and must be competed in separately.

Amend to read: 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-five (25) war points consisting of:

- Three (3) light weapons battles
- Two (2) renaissance weapons battles
- One (1) renaissance champions battle
- Two (2) armored battles
- One (1) armored champions battle
- Eight (8) arts points consisting of:
 - Four (4) Masters' Tournament
 - Four (4) Knights' Tournament
- Four (4) archery points consisting of:
 - One (1) Masters' Tournament War Point (combined score of all Master's list (Bowman))
 - One (1) Knights' Tournament War Point (combined score of all Knight's list (Huntsman))
 - One (1) Open Tournament War Point (combined score of all master's list and knight's list.) This is a separate act from above.
- One (1) Champion's War Point (highest score of any individual). This will be determined by the highest score by any individual from the list of supporters of any given candidate; the candidate need not select a champion.
- Four (4) ministry points consisting of: There will be a vote consisting of a written ballot taken among the populace. Only members of that warring subdivision/Empire, and who sign in at the war will be allowed to vote. No outlanders will be allowed to participate in said ballot and participation in said ballot will not earn members a war point. The ballot will made up of two separate ballots as follows:
 - 2 Points All Knight Ministers.
 - 2 Points All members except Knight Ministers who have earned a Ministry EP within the last 6

months (prior to the freezing of the voting membership) in that subdivision/Empire in which the war is taking place.

The votes will be counted by the Chancellor with the help of the Steward and Rolls Minister to verify Knighthood, participation, and membership. The voting membership will be frozen 30 days before the war at the Kingdom level, and 60 days at the Imperial Level. The contender with the highest number of votes will win the points. In the event of a tie the points will be split evenly among the two highest totals (In the event of a three way or more tie no one will receive the points. After the vote has been counted the Chancellor will give the results to the Minister of Joust and War to be announced with the rest of the scenarios.

Commentary: While those who perform the acts in Ministry are what help keep the Empire running, they are denied a direct say in the choosing of a Crown in war. This proposal will correct that imbalance without changing our whole system of government.

Authors/Co-Sponsors: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Marquis, March of Where Dat Al Row), Dame Akria Krastel (Countess, County of Terre Amata)

OB3. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 17, Combat Manual and Imp. Crown Writ 2, Missile Weapons Manual..... SEE NOTES

Taken from the table by voice vote.

The Imperial Crown has stated the goal of having a single Adrian War that would include the entire Empire to be held in a central location. We expect this to happen in the next year. The Imperial Crown wishes to strictly follow the combat manual. This would alleviate the normal cultural differences that exist between subdivisions. While these cultural differences are fine and add tremendous flavor to the Empire, in a combined war, major differences must be addressed. We have identified two major differences that would hinder this event. We wish the Imperial Estates to share the burden of deciding how to proceed.

Item 1: Amend IEW 17, Combat Manual, Article III.G.1 to remove the term "Schläger" from the descriptionAPPROVED

Approved (72 in favor, 43 opposed)

Commentary: The combat manual states schläger blades are to be used in rapier combat. It also lists actual blade specifications. Several subdivisions use non-schläger blades commonly referred to as "schläger type" or Paul Chen blades that meet the specifications. These blades satisfy the requirements for both Renaissance and Cut & Thrust combat. The Imperial Ministry of Combat has determined that these blades have enough flex to use with a three weapons mask. These blades are available in longer sizes than standard schläger blades (over 40" in length).

The Imperial Crown does not care which blades are to be allowed. The Imperial Crown wants the manual to be clear. We leave it to the Estates to decide whether Renaissance combat should be restricted to using schläger blades only, or allow all blades meeting the specifications.

Note: If adopted, the corrected language shall be made throughout the manual.

Authors: Lord Wright Bentwood (Emperor), Sir Gwyllum Ap DuDrane (Knight Premier, Knight Champion)

Item 2: Amend IEW 2, Missile Weapons Manual Article IV.A. ArmorFAILED

Caveat: It must go before the insurance company before implementation. Failed on voice vote.

Current Law: Combat archers and siege weapon crewmen must be armored appropriate to the type of combat they will be participating in. Archers/crewmen may re-arm themselves with close-combat weapons once they are out of ammunition or otherwise desire to join the battle as a combatant (within the restrictions of the scenario). Armor standards are found in Section III of the Adrian Combat Manual.

Add: For Renaissance and Armored combat scenarios, archers wishing not to participate in close combat may armor themselves according to the Shinai requirements.

Commentary: The 1999 Archery Manual lists archer armor requirements, suggesting that this is the armor requirement for archers in all forms of combat. The Missile Weapons Manual states that archers must wear the armor of the type of combat in which they participate (with the exception that they may wear gloves). In practice: in the west, archers in steel must wear steel armor; in the east, archers not wishing to engage in "hand-to-hand" combat in steel wear "archer armor" (basically shinai gear) and are called dead within weapon reach. No injuries have ever been reported in either case. The Imperial Crown does not care which method is followed. The Imperial Crown wants the manuals to be clear and practice to be consistent.

Authors: Lord Wright Bentwood (Emperor), Sir Gwyllum Ap DuDrane (Knight Premier, Knight Champion)

OB4. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 19 Marshal's Manual Article VII.A.1.a. Written Test REFERRED

Taken from the table with no objection. Referred to Ministry of Joust and War for redraft and pending insurance review by voice vote.

Option 1: Remove in its entirety

Note: This would only remove the written test for combatants. The written test for marshals would still be required.

Option 2: Replace with an itemized performance checklist to be determined by the Ministry of Joust and War

Note: This would only remove the written test for combatants. The written test for marshals would still be required.

Commentary: His Imperial Majesty believes that the written test does not determine a fighter's effective knowledge of the rules. He also believes that it discourages new fighters from participating in combat. Either option would allow new fighters to qualify for combat more readily, thus encouraging participation.

Authors: Lord Wright Bentwood (Emperor), Sir Gwyllum Ap DuDrane (Knight Premier, Knight Champion)

OB5. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 17, Combat Manual and Imp. Estates Writ 19, Marshals' Manual (see Appendix B: Combat, Marshals' Manual Amendments)..... TABLED

Tabled by voice vote.

Will be available as [2005July_combat.pdf](#) on the Imperial web site.

Authors: Lord Wright Bentwood (Emperor), Sir Gwyllum Ap DuDrane (Knight Champion, Knight Premier)

OB6. Amend Article IV.G. Discounts to remove military, student discounts FAILED

Failed by voice vote.

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), HRM Sir Terrin Greyphis (Count Royal, Knight Premier)

OB7. Amend Article III.A.1. to remove 30-day grace period.....FAILED

Failed (50 in favor, 75 opposed).

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.

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OB8. Add Imperial Estates Writ - Renaissance Faires and Mundane ContractsREFERRED

Question divided with no objection.

1st paragraph: Failed (38 in favor, 74 against).

Entire item referred to author for rewrite.

Add: "All Renaissance Faires involving more than one chartered subdivision of the Empire, regardless of where they are located, will be considered to be Imperial events and shall require Imperial sanction. Negotiations regarding them will be handled by the Imperial Crown or Their appointed autocrats."

"All original copies of legal contracts shall be submitted to the Imperial Steward no later than five (5) business days after formation; additional copies may be retained by the subdivision. All contracts obligating the Adrian Empire require Imperial **Crown** permission, which, at Their discretion, may be delegated in advance or may require specific prior approval."

Author's Commentary: Since so many subdivisions do faires together, they should be Adrian and not belong to one subdivision alone. This will reduce tension when multiple subdivisions are involved.

Chancery Commentary: Mundanely, all contracts are the responsibility of the corporation. Our corporate officers (TIMs) are free to delegate authority to whomever they wish (appoint autocrat), but the authority remains Theirs. Some newer and smaller subdivisions may not understand this relationship. Retaining Imperial jurisdiction will reduce confusion and permit members to earn Imperial participations.

Author: HRM Dame Etaine Llywelyn (Queen of Castilles)

Co-sponsors: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier), HRM Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Queen of Albion, Knight Premier)

OB9. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 1 Arts and Sciences Manual Article V.B.2. War list.....APPROVED

Amendment to limit second-day sign-ins to those who could not sign in on the first day rejected by voice vote.

Approved (71 in favor). This will affect both Contested and Uncontested Wars.

Current law: A list shall close no sooner than fifteen (15) minutes after the list mistress has contacted both contenders of the pending closure of the lists and no later than the initial entry in a particular list being judged. All artisans shall have their entries available to be judged at the closing of the list.

Amend to read: A list shall close no sooner than fifteen (15) minutes after the list mistress has contacted both contenders of the pending closure of the lists **each day of the war** and no later than the initial entry in a particular list being judged. All artisans shall have their entries available to be judged at the closing of the list.

Commentary: This gives people who could not make it to the first day of the war a chance to still participate. We allow people to sign in on the list in combat and archery when they show up. We should give the same courtesy to artisans.

Authors/Co-Sponsors: Dame Etaine Llywelyn (*Queen of Castilles*), Dame Tara Callahan (*Marquessa of Hygrove*)

OB10. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 1 Arts and Sciences Manual Article V.F.4. Most Total Masterworks/Masterpieces SEE NOTES

Approved (74 in favor, 47 opposed). Amendment to limit to the journeyman’s list only tabled by voice vote.

Current Writ: V.F.4. MOST TOTAL MASTERWORKS/MASTERPIECES

The army with the most total masterworks or masterpieces awarded on each of the lists.

Amend to read: V.F.4. Highest Score for an Individual Entry

The highest arts score awarded on each of the lists. Ties would divide the point by percentage.

Commentary: This effectively becomes the Arts Champion Point, equivalent to Archery and Combat Champion’s points. The reason for this change is because it is unlikely that the Journeyman’s list will produce a Masterwork, such that the impact of the Arts is lessened by one point. Also we have removed the concept of Masterpieces. This still encourages and awards excellence in a simple fashion more equivalent to the other fields of endeavor.

Author: Dame Juliana Hirsch (*Knight Premier, Knight Doctor, Imperial Chancellor*)

Co-Sponsor: HIM Aislynne du Chartier (*Imperial Crown*)

OB11. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 1 Arts and Sciences Manual Article V. WarsAPPROVED

Approved (116 in favor).

Current Section Heading: V. Wars

Amend to read: V. Contested Wars

Commentary: The Arts and Sciences Manual does not need to regulate the scenarios at a fun war.

Author: Dame Juliana Hirsch (*Knight Premier, Knight Doctor, Imperial Chancellor*)

Co-Sponsor: HIM Aislynne du Chartier (*Imperial Crown*)

OB12. Add Imperial Estates Writ/Playtest: Champion’s ListFAILED

Motion to refer back to author rejected by voice vote. Failed on voice vote. Notice of reconsideration served by HG Sir Gwyllum ap DuDrane.

Chartered subdivisions shall be authorized to conduct a Champion's List, in addition to the Sergeant's and Knight's Lists.

Knight Bannerets and Champions shall be required to compete in the Champion's List; they would no longer be allowed to fight in the Knight's List except as provided below. Knight Bachelors may join the Champion's List in addition to fighting in the Knight's List. A Champion's List win is recorded as a Knight's List win. If there are less than four (4) qualified Knights, and a Champion's List cannot be held, Bannerets and Champions may compete in the Knight's List.

Commentary: Combatants achieve levels of performance. Beginners compete on the Sergeant's List; Sergeants and above compete on the Knight's List. My experience indicates that Sergeants and Bachelors represent intermediate competition and that Bannerets and Champions represent advanced competition.

Too often, Sergeants and Bachelors are unable to develop the skills necessary to compete with the most advanced combatants. Understandably, they become frustrated and do not learn, just as beginning combatants would fail if thrown into the Knight's List. This concept was attempted by Sir Frederick von Burg (nearly 7 years ago) when Adria had too few advanced combatants to hold practical Champion's Lists. I believe that the larger subdivisions can finally test the concept. The three list tiers have great potential to increase participation and improve combatants' skill.

Author: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

Co-Sponsor: HIM Aislyne du Chartier (Imperial Crown)

OB13. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 17 Combat Manual Article I.G. Melee and War Combat Rules to include Non-Combatant Infantry, Non-Combatant Supporters.....FAILED****

Friendly Amendment: Add option for playtest approval.

Friendly Amendment to Prop 1: Add Shinai qualification to minimum-age.

Friendly Amendment to Prop 1: Minimum distance between combatants and non-combatant infantry shall be 20 feet.

Friendly Amendment to Prop 2: Remove 13-year minimum age.

Proposal 2 failed (55 in favor, 67 opposed).

Proposal 1 failed (45 in favor, 79 opposed)

Current Law:

3. People allowed on the Field

- Only the combatants, marshals, water bearers, physickers, and unarmored squires are allowed on the field of combat during a Hold.
- Only the combatants and marshals are allowed on the field of combat after a Lay-on is called.

Proposal 1

Amend to Read:

3. People allowed on the Field

- During combat (after "Lay-on" is called), only ~~the~~ combatants ~~and~~, marshals, and non-combatant infantry are allowed on the field ~~of combat after a Lay-on is called.~~
- During a "Hold", ~~only the combatants, marshals,~~ water bearers, physickers, non-combatant infantry, and unarmored squires are ~~also~~ allowed on the field ~~of combat during a Hold.~~
- Prior to and at the conclusion of combat, non-combatant supporters are also allowed on the field.

Add:

6. Non-Combatant Infantry

- Non-combatant infantry are members of an army who shall be allowed on the field during wars but may not participate in combat; they may neither engage nor be engaged.
- There are two types of non-combatant infantry:
 - Standard Bearers, who carry banners during combat
 - Musicians, who play musical instruments during combat
- The minimum age of non-combatant infantry shall be 13 years of age.
- Non-combatant infantry shall wear the armor required for the type of war scenario in which they participate.
- Non-combatant infantry must leave the field when:
 - Instructed by a marshal; or
 - Killed or captured by a live combatant within 10 feet calling "dead my lord".

7. Non-Combatant Supporters

- Non-combatant supporters are members of an army who shall be allowed to escort their army onto the field.

- Non-combatant supporters are encouraged to don appropriate heraldic tabards, carry flags, play instruments, etc. in support of their army.
- There shall be no minimum age of non-combatant supporters.
- Non combatant supporters must leave the field when:
 - Instructed by a marshal; or
 - Before “Lay On” is called.
- Once combat begins and until the scenario ends, non-combatant supporters may not be allowed back on the field, including during a Hold.

Commentary: We are encouraged by the interest of our youngest members to be more involved and fully encourage safe participation. They should be involved with the excitement of the beginning of the battles, leading their army to the field, escorting the Generals to the Marshal's meeting, waving banners and playing instruments to encourage their army.

Authors: TIM Lord Wright Bentwood and Aislynn du Chartier (Imperial Crown)

Proposal 2: Amend Proposal 1

3. People allowed on the Field
 - ~~During combat (after “Lay-on” is called), only the combatants and marshals, and non-combatant infantry are allowed on the field of combat after a Lay-on is called.~~
 - During combat (after “Lay-on” is called), non-combatant infantry are allowed in designated areas adjoining the field with a dedicated marshal present.
 - During a “Hold”, ~~only the combatants, marshals,~~ water bearers, physickers, ~~non-combatant infantry,~~ and unarmored squires are also allowed on the field ~~of combat during a Hold.~~
 - Prior to and at the conclusion of combat, non-combatant infantry and supporters are also allowed on the field.

6. Non-Combatant Infantry
 - Non-combatant infantry are members of an army who shall be allowed on **designated areas adjoining the field with a dedicated marshal present** during wars but may not participate in combat; they may neither engage nor be engaged.
 - There are two types of non-combatant infantry:
 - Standard Bearers, who carry banners during combat
 - Musicians, who play musical instruments during combat
 - The minimum age of non-combatant infantry shall be 13 years of age.
 - ~~Non-combatant infantry shall wear the armor required for the type of war scenario in which they participate.~~
 - ~~Non-combatant infantry must leave the field when:~~
 - ~~Instructed by a marshal; or~~
 - ~~Killed or captured by a live combatant within 10 feet calling "dead my lord".~~
 - Combatants using missile or siege weapons shall exercise caution when non-combatant infantry is present.

Authors: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier), Sir Warren Anthony (Marquis, Marzo di Morte e la Foresta)

OB14. Review Arts playtest, approved in November 2004, to allow substitution of non-judged arts activities for advancement.....

SEE NOTES

Amendment to allow substitutions that do not affect the appearance of period arts made by HIM Aislynn. Extension of playtest as amended until March approved (72 in favor).

*Legislative History (November 2004):
Disapproved (66 in favor; req. majority).*

Resolution proposed: To support a Crown Writ authorizing playtest; 40% (or closest percentage) of participations may be non-judged; play test until July 2005; this is an alternate method of accruing points; participation is voluntary.

Resolution approved by voice vote (req. majority).

Add to read: b. Journeyman

- i. 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.

Add to read: c. Master

- i. 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.

Add to read: d. Knight Robe

- i. 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.

Add to read: e. Knight Master

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

Add to read: f. Knight Doctor

- i. 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 judgment 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.

Authors: Lady Cimindri of Umbria/Dame Juliana Hirsch

Sponsors: Viscountess Juliana Hirsch (K3), Dame Kendra (Countess Royal), Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Marquis, March of Where Dat Al Row)

Counterproposal

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

Add to read: b. Journeyman

- i. Participation in three (3) Journeyman’s tourneys at Crown events. **This must include participation in at least two (2) Journeyman’s tourneys’ the remaining participation may be a non-judged art activity approved by the Crown.**

Add to read: c. Master

- i. Participation In five (5) additional Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events. **This must include participation in at least three (3) Journeyman's tourneys; the remaining participations may be non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.**

Add to read: d. Knight Robe

- i. Participation in ten (10) Knight's tourneys at Crown events. **This must include participation in at least eight (8) Knight's tourneys; the remaining participations may be non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.**

Add to read: e. Knight Master

- i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events. **This must include participation in at least thirteen (13) Knight's tourneys; the remaining participations may be non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.**

Add to read: f. Knight Doctor:

- i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events. **This must include participation in at least twenty-six (26) Knight's tourneys; the remaining participations may be non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.**

Amend Arts Manual IV.B. Description of Tournament Entries

Add:

13. Non-Judged art activities:

The artisan may enter a specific non-judged art activity only once. (i.e. Sample: A specific sampler may be worked on and entered as a non-judged art activity once, and then once for a judged art- same with chain mail, embroidery on a specific item, etc.)

Amend Arts Manual IV.A. The Tournament Lists

Current Law:

A. The Tournament Lists

There shall be two (2) tournament lists which shall count toward knighthood:

Amend to read:

A. The Tournament Lists

There shall be **three (3)** tournament lists which shall count toward knighthood:

Add to read:

A.3. NON-JUDGED ART ACTIVITY LIST

For those artisans of any rank who bring their art to a Tourney and participate in a non-judged art activity approved by the Crown and authenticated by the Minister of Arts and Sciences.

Amend Arts Manual IV.B.1. Tournament Entries

Current Law: Participants of any age are allowed to enter a Journeymans' List or Knights List.

Add to read: Participants of any age are allowed to enter a Journeymans' List, Knights List or a **Non-Judged Art Activity List.**

Amend Arts Manual IV.E.2. Participation Points

Add to read:

d) Every participant who signs up on the Non-Judged Art Activity List and participates as required by law, shall receive an event participation point.

Commentary:

We have added corrections to the Arts Manual that were not in the original proposal because we feel these language changes will need to be made if this proposal passes. These are the addition of language changes in the Section of the A&S Manual that refers to the Tournament Lists A, B, and E.

A total of 5 for first level, 5 for second level and 10 for third level arts knighthood will only be allowed for a non-judged art activity. This counterproposal does lower the number of non-judged art activities (e.p. art points) that would have been allowed in the original proposal. In order to keep the level of art entries

to its highest level we don't think any more non-judged art activities for e.p. points should be allowed under the law. Hopefully participation in actual art entries will be increased with the addition of artists actually doing arts at the event and increase interest. This I believe the purpose of the original proposal.

Appendix B: Frequently Asked Questions (Page 22 A&S Manual) "Can entries be partial or incomplete? – All entries must be complete. These must be able to be judged as a single entity." Before this counter-proposal should be voted on some legal opinion should be given as to whether a non-judged art activity should be completed the day of the entry to fulfill the "complete" portion of the A&S Manual. Although not judged, it will be earning an event participation point. Is it an entry or not? We are allowed to make significant improvements to an art and re-enter it once; will we be able to do so with a non-judged art activity as suggested in vii of the counterproposal; and as it is changed in the counter-proposal?

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IX. NEW BUSINESS.....NOT CONSIDERED

NB1. Clarify Article VI.F.1.d.iv. Rights of the Imperial Estates as to approving expenditures

Current law: Approve writs and charters issued by the Imperial Crown and approve annual budgets and expenditure of treasury funds. (*November 2003*)

Amend to read: Approve writs and charters issued by the Imperial Crown, **approve annual expenditures when the budget is presented in November and all additional expenditures of treasury funds.**

Authors: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier), Dame Cathan ni Sonoid (Duchess of Kildare)

NB2. Add XI.C. Alternative Dispute Resolution

Members with problems requiring redress which do not yet call for a Court of Justice may use a process that does not lead to court proceedings.

Procedures are outlined in Imperial Estates Writ 2, Codex Adjudicata. *Note: Imperial Estates Writ 12 incorporated in IEW 2.*

Amend Imperial Estates Writ 2 CODEX ADJUDICATA to include Alternative Dispute Resolution.

V. Alternative Dispute Resolution

A. Chartered Subdivision

1. Mediators

a. Pool of Mediators

Each subdivision Chancery will maintain a list of volunteer mediators that will consist of one volunteer mediator per Estate in the subdivision. The list will consist of two classifications: Mediator or Mediator-in-Training. If the Estate is newly formed or does not have an experienced mediator then the volunteer is considered a Mediator-in-Training.

In the case of Shires, the list will be provided by the Imperial Chancery.

b. Training Mediators

Mediators chosen for ADR will have previous mediation experience. In order to train new mediators, three Mediators-in-Training, if available, will observe but not participate.

c. Choosing Case Mediators

Each side of the dispute will pick one mediator from the list excluding mediators from their own Estates. Unless involved in the dispute, the Crown will choose the third mediator. If the Crown is involved, the third mediator will be chosen at random.

- d. Mediators will swear an oath to remain impartial. Once the process has been initiated the presiding Herald at the next available Crown Event or Estates General meeting shall administer an oath of fidelity and good faith to the process.
 2. ADR Process
Some cases will need informality while others will need a more formal atmosphere. The mediators will decide how cases will be conducted.
 3. Time Constraints
Once a request for ADR has been given to the local Chancery, they have 30 days to initiate the process. Once the mediators have been chosen and sworn in, they have 30 days to complete the process. Extensions may be granted by the Crown for cause.
 4. Restrictions
ADR may not assess a penalty that deprives a member of any award, order, rank, title, or membership rights. However, any member may voluntarily relinquish any of the above.
 5. Agreement to Resolution
ADR is a voluntary process, but binding. Parties may not be forced to participate. Failure to participate may result in the complainant filing a formal complaint. All parties who enter ADR must be willing to come to an agreement to solve the original issue and agree to abide by the final judgment of the mediators.
 6. Failure to Comply
If members who enter ADR fail to comply with the final resolution they can be brought to a Court of Justice as outlined in Article XI. B. of the Bylaws by the mediators in the case.
- B. Imperial
1. Imperial Requests for ADR
Imperial ADR may be requested for the following:
 - a. Any dispute with the Imperial Crown, Imperial Ministers or Deputies, Royal Crowns, or Imperial Peers.
 - b. Any dispute between chartered subdivisions or members of different chartered subdivisions.
 2. Council
The Imperial Crowns will appoint a council to evaluate all Imperial ADR. Members of this Council will be second level Knights or higher who have Adrian law experience. The Council will consist of five people from different subdivisions, at least one in each Region (as per IEW 21). It will be the responsibility of this Council to recommend:
 - a. A proposal to change current law
 - b. ADR
 - c. Request for a Civil Court
 - d. A formal complaint
 - e. A ruling of lawThe Council has 30 days to make a decision after receiving the request.
If complainants disagree, they may initiate a., c., d, or e.
 3. Mediators
 - a. Pool of Mediators
Each subdivision Chancery will be required to provide the Imperial Chancery with a list of volunteer mediators. The Imperial list will consist of all experienced second level Knights and above from the subdivisions.

In the case of conflict, or lack of names, the Imperial Chancery's office can call upon Knights who have previously sat on mediation, Civil Court or Court of Justice cases.

b. Choosing Case Mediators

Mediators will be chosen from the existing Imperial list. Each side of the dispute will pick one mediator excluding those from their subdivision. The third mediator will be chosen at random.

c. Mediators will swear an oath to remain impartial. Once ADR has been initiated the presiding Herald at the next available Crown Event and/or Estates General meeting shall administer an oath of fidelity and good faith to the process. The Herald will then communicate to all parties involved that the Oath was made in good faith.

4. ADR Process

Some cases will need informality while others will need a more formal atmosphere. The mediators will decide how cases will be conducted.

5. Time Constraints

Once the Council has recommended ADR the Imperial Chancellor has 15 days to initiate the process. Once the mediators have been chosen and sworn in they have 30 days to complete the process. The results of ADR must be reported at the next scheduled Imperial Estates meeting.

The process from request to the conclusion of ADR should take no longer than 75 days to complete.

6. Failure to Comply

If members who enter ADR fail to comply with the final resolution they can be brought to a Court of Justice as outlined in the By-Laws XI. B. by the mediators in the case.

Commentary: This proposal is designed to alleviate the backlog on our current justice system. It is our intention to form a system that can deal with issues in a friendly manner versus the hardships we have experienced over the last year.

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NB3. Amend Combat Manual Appendix B. Blade Flexibility and Blunting to allow modification of steel swords for thrusting

Add:

For swords used only in Armored Combat, an acceptable method for blunting a non-commercially blunted blade is:

- a. Grind tip of blade so the tip is no less than ½-inch wide at the tip, also the tip must not protrude more than 1/2 inch into a ¾ inch hole. The tip is to be ground flat not rounded.
- b. Use a professional weightlifting bar (metal) 1-inch stock, and cut a disc that is ¼-inch thick. Chrome and steel alloy solid bars are usable, standard aluminum, mild steel, or soft metal, or hollow bar stock is not allowable.
- c. Take the 1-inch wide and ¼-inch disk and slightly round the edges so there is no 90-degree striking edge on the disk (all edges should be smooth and rounded).
- d. Cut a groove in the back side of the disk to allow the sword tip to fit in the groove in the back of the tip.
- e. Have a Professional weld the Disk to the sword tip (to avoid damaging the temper of the tip of the blade). The weld must be a continuous weld surrounding the entire circumference of the sword tip touching the disk.
- f. Smooth the weld so it is without flash and is smooth to the touch.

g. The tip must be at a 90-degree angle from the blade.

Each new thrusting tip is to be checked by the user of the blade and the marshal of the field. Field test the new tip by striking the sword tip into a hard surface with force using both thrusting and chopping strikes to ensure the weld is true and the tip will not angle or break on impact.

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NB4. Add Imperial Estates Writ - Brevetting

Brevetting Policy: The Bylaws and manuals specify requirements for advancement in the Knightly ranks of Combat, Arts, and Archery. Each provides for 8 participations at the lower level and at least one tournament win for promotion to a rank permitting participation on the Knightly list. The Empire allows exceptional participants to do so prior to satisfying all requirements. The determination shall be made jointly by the participant, appropriate Ministry, and Crown. The following criteria shall be met:

- Does the individual wish to participate in the Knightly list?
- Does the appropriate Minister concur?
- Does the Crown approve?

If the criteria are met, the determination shall be reported to Rolls & Lists by the Crown. The participant will no longer be able to participate on the lower list. All participations and wins not yet earned must be completed on the Knight's List. This policy shall not restrict the authority of the Ministry of Joust and War or the Ministry of Archery to suspend the privilege or order remedial training.

Commentary: The rules for advancement should be the same for Combat, Archery, and Arts. This will reduce confusion and discrepancy between different subdivisions. A consistent brevetting policy for all disciplines can allow early advancement for extraordinary skill or experience (as determined by the Crown and the pertinent Ministers), but once a member advances to the higher list, they cannot return to the lower list. We should allow everyone the opportunity to earn 8 participations on the lower list.

This is a club where members should enjoy the activities in which they participate. For Combat, the individual should demonstrate the ability to follow commands from the Marshal, acknowledge blows received, and exercise appropriate force and power when attacking the opponent. For Archery, the individual should demonstrate the ability to follow the commands of the Range Master, and demonstrate proper range safety. For Arts, the individual should be both artistically proficient and able to demonstrate scholarship; in order to enter the Knight's list, the artisan must be ready for a higher level of scrutiny.

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Co-Sponsor: HIM Aislynne du Chartier (Empress)

NB5. Add to Article XI.B.10. Judicial Courts, Right of Appeal

Add to the law to include procedures for appealing judicial findings that are not findings of guilt, and includes all parties directly involved in a complaint.

Add (in boldface) to read:

A member who has been found guilty in a judicial court may appeal that finding to an 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 member with standing may request a review of the finding of a judicial decision by the next higher body of law, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the original finding. The Imperial Crown shall review a local decision within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written request. The Imperial Estates shall review an Imperial Crown decision at the next scheduled Imperial Estates Meeting at which the request can be included on the official agenda.

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 for Appeals** shall be the Imperial Estates General. **Final reviews of findings shall be the next higher body of law, as outlined above.**

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.

Commentary: In the law, a member who has been found guilty has the right to appeal that finding, and very specific procedures and timelines are provided. There is nothing in law that allows for reviews of findings other than that of guilt (and then only for the guilty party).

All members with standing should have the right to request a review by a higher body of law. A member found innocent may have cause to request a review, to assure the finding of innocence was valid. A complaint that was found to be without merit may have cause to be reviewed to assure any party with standing that the complaint was given adequate consideration.

However, there should be a limit of one review for a particular judicial finding. No one should be able to continually ask for review after review after review. Nor should purely local matters be escalated to the level of the Imperial Estates. There should also be the same timeline as that of an appeal. It is simply inconceivable that there is no statute of limitations on these types of reviews. By specifying that any member with standing has the right to request a review, it allows everyone directly involved with the complaint to have an equal voice in the right for this kind of request.

This is not an appeal, though, and needs to be called something other than "appeal." It is not a "new trial," nor is it a chance to re-file a baseless complaint (thereby ignoring the statute of limitations). It is rightly called a "review of findings," as that is specifically what is being requested.

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Co-sponsors: Dame Razi bint Sabra (Queen of Esperance, Countess Royal), Sir Jamie the Red (Knight Champion)

NB6. Amend Imperial Crown Writ - Rolls and Lists Manual Article V.E.3. Combat to add criteria to award War Points for Knight Combatants

Current Writ:

- War – Combatants who participate in a war scenario receive a WP.

Amend to read:

- War – Combatants who hold the rank of Sergeant or lower who participate in any war scenario receive a WP. Combatants who hold the rank of Knight Bachelor or higher must participate in either a Renaissance or Armored war scenario in order to receive a WP.

Commentary: Knight Combatants may only receive a War Point for Combat for taking the field in Renaissance or Armored war scenarios.

Author: HG Sir Philippe DuBois Guilbert (Earl, Knight Champion)

Co-Sponsors: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier), Sir Warren Anthony (Marquis, Marzo di Morte e la Foresta)

NB7. Amend Steward's Manual

Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve.

To be effective for the July 2006 memberships:

Option 1:

30% of the membership fees collected by each chartered subdivision will be returned to them.

Option 2:

25% of the membership fees collected by each chartered subdivision will be returned to them.

Author: Dame Akria Krastel (Countess, County of Terre Amata)

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Chancery Commentary: In order to rebate such a percentage to the subdivisions and meet our insurance and operating costs, a comparable increase in membership fees would be required.

Counterproposal

Amend Article IV. Dues F. Schedule and Steward's Manual:

Current Law:

Membership dues are set at the following:

1. Single
 - Annual: \$30.00
 - Life: Ten (10) times annual rate
2. Family

X = per each additional member over the initial member. Cap on family memberships set at \$90.00 annually

 - Annual: +(\$15.00 * X)
 - Life: N/A

See Also:

G. Discounts

There are currently four (4) discounts offered by the Adrian Empire. Only one may be applied toward membership.

A 10% discount off an annual participating membership is offered for:

- * Military (with valid military ID)
- * Students (with valid student ID)
- * Senior citizens (55 years or older, with valid proof of age)

A \$10.00 discount off an annual participating membership is offered for:

- * Electronic newsletter delivery

Amend to read:

Membership dues are set at the following:

Option 1: 30% increase

1. Single
 - Annual: \$30.00 (Imperial Dues) + \$9.00 (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
 - Life: Ten (10) times annual rate
2. Family

X = per each additional member over the initial member. Cap on family memberships set at \$117.00 annually

 - Annual: +(\$15.00 * X) (Imperial Dues) + (+\$4.50 * X) (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
 - Life: N/A

Amend Steward's Manual to distribute Chartered Subdivision Dues.

Option 2: 25% increase

1. Single
 - Annual: \$30.00 (Imperial Dues) + \$7.50 (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
 - Life: Ten (10) times annual rate
2. Family

X = per each additional member over the initial member. Cap on family memberships set at \$112.50 annually

- Annual: +(\$15.00 * X) (Imperial Dues) + (+\$3.75 * X) (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
- Life: N/A

Amend Steward’s Manual to distribute Chartered Subdivision Dues.

Option 3: \$5 increase

1. Single
 - Annual: \$30.00 (Imperial Dues) + \$5.00 (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
 - Life: Ten (10) times annual rate
2. Family

X = per each additional member over the initial member. Cap on family memberships set at \$115.00 annually

- Annual: +(\$15.00 * X) (Imperial Dues) + (+\$5.00 * X) (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
- Life: N/A

Amend Steward’s Manual to distribute Chartered Subdivision Dues.

Author: The Chancery

X. DISCUSSION SEE NOTES

D1. 20th Anniversary Event

Sponsor: Dame Sapphire Jade (Senior Minor Estate, Galloway)

Co-Sponsor: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

D2. Appendix C: Boffer Manual..... ADOPTED FOR PLAYTEST

Recommend for adoption as Crown Writ for playtesting until November 2005 approved with no objection. TIMs have so adopted.

See [2005March boffer.pdf](#).

If discussion is favorable and our insurance does not prohibit it, TIMs may adopt the manual as Crown Writ for playtesting.

Author: HRM Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Queen of Albion, Knight Premier)

Co-Sponsor: Sir Warren Anthony (Marquis, Marzo di Morte e la Foresta)

D3. Move Imperial War Dates away from major holiday weekends

Each year, our Imperial Banner/Civil and Crown Wars are held on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, respectively. These weekends are in conflict with major events held by the SCA, ECS, and others. They are also a hardship for members with family obligations. Access to major park facilities is at a premium and must be booked as much as a year in advance. Our disappointing turnouts reflect this. The simplest solution to these problems and to reinvigorate cross-play with our sister organizations is to reschedule these events. The dates selected would still be in the Bylaws, known a year in advance, and members should be able to arrange to attend.

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XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

November 5-6, 2005. Location: TBD (region 2: Albion, Aragon, Umbria, etc.). The chartered subdivisions of Region 2 are encouraged to submit bids at their earliest convenience.

XII. ADJOURNMENT4:31 P.M. PDT

END OF MINUTES