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IMPERIAL ESTATES AGENDA

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Time

Estates Meeting

July 21-22, 2007 – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location

The July 2007 meeting of the Imperial Estates will be held in the Kingdom of Albion and the Duchy of Vingulf.

The meeting will take place on the UNLV Campus, in Lecture Hall A112. All classes will be held in the C-wing located next to the A-lecture halls. A schedule will be posted on-site.

Recommended Airport: Las Vegas International Airport (LAS).

Accommodations

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Disqualification (Article VI.E.6)

Members entitled to a seat by virtue of rank or office whose dues are not current, are under judicial ban, or have not attended at least (2) official events in any subdivision within the previous six (6) months will be denied a seat.

The membership entitled to vote at a meeting of a given body is fixed as of the summoning of the meeting. It may not be subsequently altered by any means (including expiration of dues, non-participation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estate held by a given member) until the meeting is concluded, with these exceptions:

- Resignation of a given member
- Judicial ban
- Creation of a greater estate that does not reduce another greater estate below minimum membership (subject to 2/3 approval of the Estates to waive notice and seat the estate)

The Crown, if available, will convene the summoned Estates at the appointed time and place, and the meeting will be presided over by the Chancellor, if available.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- Seating of qualified members; Petitions to waive as per Article VI. E. 6. Disqualification

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the March 2007 Imperial Estates Meeting.

V. REPORTS

Minister reports will all be posted, except for the Crown Report/Pres/V.P. Report and the Financial Report, since this is the meeting for that. All other Ministers must submit written reports. Any Minister who does not submit written reports will not be awarded Ministry Points. If the same Minister did not submit reports for the previous meeting, they will be replaced.

- President and Board of Directors

Item 1

Requires majority to approve.

Approve expenditures not to exceed \$600 for the 20th Anniversary Tournament, which was held in March 2007.

Commentary: *The 20th Anniversary Tournament was accidentally omitted from the budget for the 2006-2007 regnal year.*

Item 2

Requires majority to approve.

Release the generated revenue from the 20th Anniversary Feast to the Kingdom of Albion.

Commentary: *Because there was no feast scheduled for the 20th Anniversary Tournament, the Estates of the Kingdom of Albion offered to host a feast, assuming all financial risk. The Imperial Steward collected the pre-registration fees on behalf of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of Albion donated many of the groceries and items used at the feast, spending approximately \$200. The feast generated revenues above the expenditures. (The Imperial Steward can provide a detailed report).*

- 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.)
- Hospitaler
- Minister of Education
- Other Reports

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charters

All Subdivisions who have not reported in a timely manner, and are not in communication to correct their deficits, and all Subdivisions who do not maintain the numbers for their status will be placed on the November Imperial Agenda for voluntary reduction in status. Reporting is required and not doing so makes it difficult to determine the status of the Empire. Additionally, all Subdivisions are required to maintain a specific number of members to establish and retain their status within Adria. This is in accordance with Imperial Bylaws. We also request that all Subdivisions submit, to Us directly, a copy of their Writs and Codicils for review. Once approved, the Crown of the subdivision will be notified and the documentation placed under their region on the Imperial Website. Additionally, if your current Charter does not appear on the Website, you are responsible for contacting us, in writing, to ensure that is corrected.

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:

- Shire of Istanbul (Southern California, occupying the region not claimed by Brandenburg, Terre Neuve, and Sangrael)

d. Charter Amendments

Requires majority to approve.

Pending upon meeting the membership requirements, the following shires are recommended for elevation to Duchy status:

- Shire of Carolingia
- Shire of Isle de Mort

CRB2. Approve Delay of Business

Was CRB8 (March 2007). Approved as Resolution; notice of reconsideration served by Sir Tailan Bran McNeil. Requires 2/3rds to approve.

In an effort to establish consistent adherence to the Adrian Empire Bylaws, Writs, and Manuals, We ask the Imperial Estates to consider not making any changes to the current Bylaws, Writs, and Manuals until November 2007. If enacted, the changes approved at this meeting will be enacted.

CRB3. Amend Article VI.D. Chartered Subdivision Governing Body; Summoning Meetings

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Amend to read:

Meetings of the Estates General may be called at the pleasure of the Crown, ~~but not less than twice per calendar year. If, within six (6) months of the last meeting there has not been a meeting of the Estates General,~~ Meetings of the Estates General for Kingdoms and Archduchies must be held once every two (2) months; and once every three (3) months for Duchies and Shires. If, there has not been a meeting of the Estates General within the time period allotted for the chartered subdivision, the Chancellor shall cause to be published the date, time and place of a meeting that shall occur not later than thirty (30) days at a place accessible to all members entitled to a seat.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Judicial Decisions

In accordance with Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12, Codex Adjudicata Article IV.8., judicial decisions made between March 2007 and June 2007 are available on the Adrian Empire website titled “Judicial Decisions”.

CH2. Amend November 2006 Imperial Estates Minutes

Requires majority to approve.

Amend the November 2006 Imperial Estates Minutes to reflect the approval of purchasing a pavilion from Duchy of Vingulf for \$1,000.

CH3. Grant Exception to Article VII.G. and Imperial Estates Writ 14

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

The Imperial Estates hereby grant an exception to law to add a Co-ruler Empress to serve with Sir Terrin as Emperor and Sir William as President for the term starting November, 2007. The Empress would be nominated by Sir Terrin, need to be acceptable to the Imperial Estates General, and not serve as President or Vice President.

Authors: *Sir William Baine (Count Royal, Knight Premier, Marquis de Morte), Sir Terrin Greyphis (Archduke of Brandenburg, Count Royal, Knight Premier)*

CH4. Approve candidates for Imperial Crown

Requires majority to approve.

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

- TGs Sir William Baine and Sir Terrin Greyphis

CH5. Add requirement to Article IX.C.

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

As a prerequisite to be considered for the highest level of Knighthood in each discipline, the candidate must teach one class in the discipline in which they are a Knight Candidate, at an Imperial event (Banner War, Imperial War, Imperial Estates, or any other sanctioned Imperial Level Event). Upon attaining this level, said Knight is required to teach one class a year at their discretion. A syllabus must be sent to the Imperial Minister of Education for verification and posting.

Commentary: *The Adrian Empire has the burden of meeting educational goals. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that occurs. Currently, we have difficulty filling class schedules and are unable to post viable Syllabi for use throughout the Empire. This proposal would create a specific requirement for members to do their part in ensuring Adria's educational responsibility.*

Chancery Note: *If approved, the Chancery shall add the appropriate language to each section under Article IX.C.*

Author: *Sir Kerrigan D'Wenseslaus (Imperial Minister of Education)*

Sponsor: *Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Knight Premier)*

CH6. Amend Article III.B.1. Participating Single Membership and Article IV. Dues

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Amend Article III.B.1. to read:

The basic membership, conveying the right to earn knightly rank, receive precedence bearing awards, have arms registered, convey the right to hold office in the Adrian Empire ~~and a subscription to the appropriate chartered subdivision newsletter~~. Serves as the primary point of contact for the purposes of notification and publications.

Amend Article IV. to read:

D. SCHEDULE

Membership dues are set at the following:

1. Single
 - Annual: ~~\$30.00~~ \$25.00
 - Life: ~~Ten (10) times annual rate~~ \$300.00

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

E. DISCOUNTS

There are currently ~~four (4)~~ three (3) 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~~

Commentary: *The current law obligates each chartered subdivision to distribute a newsletter to each participating member, while not receiving any funds to accomplish the task. Eliminating the E-membership discount, lowering the Single Participating Membership Fee, and eliminating the family cap for memberships will allow the Empire to meet its financial obligations.*

Authors: *TIMs Sir Pavo Rosalia and Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Imperial Crown)*

Counterproposal

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

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• Electronic newsletter delivery~~

F. SUBDIVISION SHARE

~~\$5 of each membership received shall be sent to the account of the chartered subdivision, or reserved for the chartered subdivision's use by the Adrian Empire (in the case that a chartered subdivision does not have its own bank account).~~

G. NEWSLETTER

~~The Ministry of Information shall determine the cost of production and mailing the Adrian Empire newsletter. Those wishing to receive the Adrian Empire newsletter shall pay this fee.~~

Authors: Sir William Baine (Count Royal, Knight Premier, Marquis de Morte), Sir Terrin Greyphis (Archduke of Brandenburg, Count Royal, Knight Premier)

CH7. Add Imperial Estates Writ to define Procedure for Autocrating Events

Requires majority to approve.

This proposal is available on the Adrian Empire website titled "Proposal – Autocrating Events".

Author: HIM Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Imperial Crown, Knight Premier)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Amend Continuing Crown Writ 2 Missile Weapons Manual IV.B.3. Siege Weapons

Was OB2 (November 2006); tabled. Requires majority to take from the table, majority to approve.

Current Writ:

For the sake of simplicity of simulation, Adria has divided siege weapons into two classes, small and large. Small siege weapons have a greater effect than arrows, but a lesser effect than large siege weapons. The effects may vary based on the scenario in which they are used. Siege weapons shall be constructed as described in this manual.

- Small siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that are intended to be fired from a static location and fire/throw a missile simulating a 50 to 100 pound projectile. These include, but are not limited to, mangonels, ballistas and onagers.
- Large siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that throw a "rock" simulating a 250 pound sandstone ball.

Amend to read:

For the sake of simplicity of simulation, Adria has divided siege weapons into two classes, small and large. Small siege weapons have a greater effect than arrows, but a lesser effect than large siege weapons. The effects may vary based on the scenario in which they are used. Siege weapons shall be constructed as described in this manual.

All siege weapons fire large missiles or extra large missiles.

- Small siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that are ~~intended to be~~ fired from a static location and fire/throw a missile simulating a 20 to 70 pound projectile. These include, but are not limited to, mangonels, ballistas and onagers.
- Large siege weapons are defined as missile weapons having a throwing beam 6' or greater in length designed to throw missiles simulating a 100 to 250 pound sandstone ball. These include, but are not limited to, trebuchets and catapults. A large Ballista would have a minimum uncocked width of 6'.

Commentary: This is to more clearly define what constitutes a large or small siege weapon.

Authors: Sir Govannon ap Gwydion (Count, County of Ouroboros), HG Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri (Countess Royal)

OB2. Amend Missile Weapon Construction Manual: Siege Weapon B. Ammunition Construction

Was OB3 (November 2006); tabled. Requires majority to take from the table, majority to approve.

Amend to read:

1. Large Rocks and Extra Large Rocks

Shinai/Renaissance combat:

- Shall not weigh more than one-half pound
- Shall not be smaller than five (5) inches in diameter
- May be hollow rubber balls or constructed of foam covered with duct or fiber-reinforced tape
- **Large rocks must be red. Extra large rocks must be yellow.**

2. Ballista Bolts

Bolts shall be made of golf club tube shafts with a tennis ball taped onto the tube with no less than 2 layers of duct or fiber-reinforced tape (one layer completely covering the ball and four inches of shaft, followed by a second layer). PVC pipe is not approved as it is not shatter resistant. **May also be made of pool noodles or other closed cell foam material with any suitable ball properly affixed.**

- The tubes may be reinforced with medium density foam (e.g. pipe insulation) to make them more resistant to crushing damage.
- "Fletchings" may be added so long as they are not of a rigid material or have sharp edges. Edges of plastic fletchings may be covered with duct tape to dull them.
- **Large bolts must be red. Extra large bolts must be yellow.**

Shinai/Renaissance combat:

- The overall length of the bolt must be no less than 24 inches and no more than **36 48** inches.
- The overall weight of the bolt must be no more than 1/2 pound.

Authors: Sir Govannon ap Gwydion (Count, County of Ouroboros), HG Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri (Countess Royal)

OB3. Amend Combat Manual I.G.6 Missile Weapons

Was OB4 (November 2006); tabled. Requires majority to take from the table, majority to approve.

Amend to read:

6. ~~Missile Weapons~~ **Small Missiles**

- Arrows and other small missiles, such as javelins and throwing axes, are assumed to be moving too fast to be blocked by hand-held weapons.
- Any combatant **actively** blocking a small missile with a weapon will be assumed to have been hit and shall be called dead.
- ~~Arrows and other small missiles, such as javelins and throwing axes, are assumed to be moving too fast to be blocked by hand-held weapons.~~
- Small missiles can be blocked with shields. If a small missile inadvertently strikes a weapon, that missile is assumed to have missed. It does not destroy the weapon.
- Once an arrow or other small missile has made contact with anything (e.g. weapon, shield, body), it is spent and may not cause further damage. The golf-tube missile is considered a javelin and may be thrown during melees.
- Small missiles, with the exception of combat arrows, may be any color other than red. They may not have any red tape, paint, etc. on them.
- Missiles are considered dead after first use. Dead missiles may be gleaned from the combat field for re-use during melee if the scenario is expressly written to allow it.

Commentary: These changes are made to clarify what a small missile is to not confuse it with a small siege weapon missile, which is a large missile, and to clearly delineate between a small missiles and large or extra large missiles in combat.

Authors: Sir Govannon ap Gwydion (Count, County of Ouroboros), HG Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri (Countess Royal)

OB4. Amend Combat Manual I.G.7 Large Missiles

Was OB5 (November 2006); tabled. Requires majority to take from the table, majority to approve.

Current Writ:

7. Large Missiles

- Large missiles launched from siege engines are currently in the experimental stage and are approved for limited play-testing in certain areas of the Empire.
- In areas approved for siege engine play-test, rocks and ballista bolts are approved large missiles. These large missiles must be constructed in strict accordance with published guidelines and be inspected and approved by field marshals prior to each use. Construction of rocks and ballista bolts is described in the Missile Construction Manual.
- All blows delivered by large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent.
- Ballista bolts cannot be blocked with shields and are considered spent only after they stop moving, or hit the ground or a fixed obstacle (e.g. tree, hay bale, etc.).
- All blows delivered by the head of a ballista bolt (even deflected ones) are considered unobstructed until the bolt is spent.
- "Rocks" cannot be blocked with shields.

Any combatant hit by a rock on any part of the body or shield is considered killed. If a rock inadvertently hits a weapon, that weapon is considered destroyed and must be taken off the field. All blows delivered by a rock (even deflected ones) are considered lethal until the rock stops moving.

Amend to read:

7. Large Missiles

- "Rocks" and "ballista bolts" are approved large missiles. These large missiles must be constructed in strict accordance with published guidelines and be inspected and approved by field marshals prior to each use. Construction of rocks and ballista bolts is described in the Missile Construction Manual.
- **Small siege weapons fire large missiles. These are considered to be a 20 to 70 pound projectiles.**
- **All large missiles must be red.**
- All blows delivered by large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent. **All blows delivered by the head of a ballista bolt (even deflected ones) are considered unobstructed until the bolt is spent.**
- Ballista bolts cannot be blocked with shields **(up to and including pavises)** and are considered spent only after they stop moving. **Three hits from a ballista bolt disable a manlet and it may not move after that. It does not need to be laid down or removed from field.**
- "Rocks" cannot be blocked with shields **(up to and including pavises)**. **One hit from a large missile (rock) disables a manlet, three hits destroys a manlet and it must be removed from the field.**
- Any combatant hit by a rock on any part of the body or shield is considered killed. If a rock inadvertently hits a weapon, that weapon is considered destroyed and must be taken off the field. All blows delivered by a rock (even deflected ones) are considered lethal until the rock stops moving.

8. Extra Large Missiles

- Large siege weapons fire extra large missiles. These are considered to be 100 to 250 pound projectiles.
- All extra large missiles must be yellow.
- Extra large missiles (rocks) destroy manlets and kill all persons within 3' behind the manlet. It must be removed from field when destroyed.
- All blows delivered by extra large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent.

Authors: Sir Govannon ap Gwydion (Count, County of Ouroboros), HG Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri (Countess Royal)

OB5. Amend Article VIII.D.3.a.iv and VIII.F.1. to remove overlapping border restriction for subdivisions

Was NBI; requires 2/3rds to approve.

Item 1: Article VIII.D.3.a.iv. Shires

Current Law: A Shire must have a generally-defined territory of geographical jurisdiction which does not overlap with the borders of any other Chartered Subdivision or region.

Amend to Read: A Shire must have a generally-defined territory of geographical jurisdiction ~~which does not overlap with the borders of any other Chartered Subdivision or region.~~

Commentary: For the past seven years the empire has successfully created several new subdivisions that overlap borders, with no significant difficulties. However, the process is always slowed because special permission is needed, being this permission has never been denied, removing the request shall only aid the crown.

Item 2: Article VIII.F.1. Chartered Subdivisions

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. (*Note: An exception to law was approved Nov. 2003 to allow a second subdivision to be chartered within the same geographic boundaries in Nevada.*)
- 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 General 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 General with a 2/3 majority.*)

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Commentary: Deleting this bullet will allow marches to seek advancement into chartered subdivision status with Imperial Crown approval.

Author: Sir L'Beté deAcmd (Archduke of Kincora)

Sponsor: Sir Boru (King of Castilles)

OB6. Amend Article VIII.D. Chartered Subdivisions

Was NB2, requires 2/3rds to approve.

Option 1: Add 6. Embassy

The *real estate property* owned by a member of a Chartered Subdivision which exists outside that Chartered Subdivision's borders is considered an Embassy and the sovereign territory of that Chartered Subdivision for purposes of determining jurisdiction, even if it exists within the geographic borders of another Chartered Subdivision.

Option 2: Amend 1.a. Definition of Kingdom**Current Law:**

v. A Kingdom must have a well-defined territory of geographic jurisdiction.

Amend to Read:

v. A Kingdom must have a well-defined territory of geographic jurisdiction. **For purposes of determining jurisdiction, the *real estate property* owned by a member of a Kingdom is considered the territory of that Kingdom, even if it exists within the geographic borders of another subdivision.**

If either Option is approved, the following terms will be added to the Glossary:

Embassy - An archaic term for Embassy.

Real Estate Property - Any property defined under Mundane Law as real estate, including but not limited to private residences.

Commentary: While there is no explicit prohibition against the use of one's own property for official events when that property exists inside the borders of a different Chartered Subdivision, the lack of clear guidance in the matter has been the source of conflict in the past. We feel it is important to place into law clear language in support of the view that the use of one's own property, even for Adrian purposes, cannot be dictated others.

Author: Dame Ana Llewelyn (Marquessa, March of Mercia)

Sponsor: Dame Etaine Llewelyn (Countess Royal)

OB7. Amend Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12 Codex Adjudicata Article IV. Conduct of Judicial Courts

Was NB3; requires majority to approve.

Amend to Read:

Once complaints have been presented in writing to the appropriate Minister of Justice or Magistrate, the Minister of Justice shall have no more than 30 days to evaluate them and determine if they are legitimate charges and warrant trial, unless proper cause is submitted in writing to the Crown and Imperial Chancery that more time is necessary. If they are so determined, the following procedures shall be followed.

1. The Minister of Justice shall notify the named defendants in writing. This shall be done in any of the following methods
 - Hand delivered
 - Via fax
 - Via email
 - Via mail
 - Via phone conversation (In order to setup a meeting to hand deliver)

Notification of a vassal's Liege-Lord shall qualify as notification of the individual.

2. **Mediation must be attempted within 20 days of the date that the complaint was found to have merit. Either party may refuse mediation. Mediation may be conducted through electronic media (e-mail correspondence with known legal e-mail addresses), so long as all parties are involved and the Ministry of Justice maintains a written record. If mediation fails, or is refused by either party, the complaint shall become a set of charges.**
3. Once notified the defendant shall be informed that the date of the trial shall not be less than thirty days of this notification unless the defendant requests Immediate Justice. Immediate Justice shall be

- defined as within 30 days. If the trial is to be held concurrent to a sanctioned event, the trial shall not be conducted during any scheduled activities at an event, but shall occur during breaks, before, or after the event itself.
4. The Magistrate/Minister of Justice will then request the defendant to choose a date for their trial, **which must occur within one (1) year from the date the set of charges is filed.** This date must be acceptable to Magistrate/Minister of Justice, Crown and plaintiff as well as the defendant. **If the defendant has not set a date within 6 months from the date the set of charges is filed, the Magistrate/Minister of Justice has 30 days to set a trial date to occur within the remaining 6 months.**
 5. The Magistrate/Minister of Justice shall select the time and place of the trial, provided Immediate Justice was not called for, in which case it will take place during the next Scheduled event. The Date, Time, and Place of this trial shall be published in the Adrian Herald as well as announced at the next Crown Event, unless Immediate Justice is demanded.
 6. **If the defendant fails to appear at the prescribed time, date, and location of the trial, they may be tried in absentia, and the Magistrate/Minister of Justice will allow any of the trial attendees to speak on behalf of the defendant.**
 7. The Defendant shall be afforded every opportunity to prepare a defense. This will include but not be limited to reviewing evidence and questioning witnesses. The plaintiff shall also be afforded this same opportunity to prepare their case. This "Period of Discovery" shall continue until forty-eight (48) hours prior to trial at which point all witness lists and evidence lists shall be frozen and reviewed by the Magistrate. This may be appealed ~~by~~ **to** the Magistrate during the trial, and the opposing ~~council~~ **Counsel** shall have an opportunity to argue against such an appeal, after which the Magistrate shall decide if the added testimony/evidence shall be heard.
 8. All open Judicial Proceedings shall be videotaped, audio taped (or equivalent), and copies of the tape provided to the Imperial Chancery.
 9. Lastly, it shall be understood throughout Adrian Courts that the primary responsibility of the Court is to determine the Truth of the Matter. ~~That this~~ **This** Search for the truth shall be the over-riding determinate in the process, and not procedure. Objections due to procedure should be discouraged if they may be used to hide or diffuse the truth.
 10. All court decisions must be published as an appendix to the next Imperial Estates Agenda.

Additional Option #1

The above proposal is to be adopted retroactively.

***Commentary:** Currently in the Adrian Court systems, there is a provision for the length of time in which mediation is to be attempted, but there is no express condition for the length of time in which a trial date must be set. This proposal will set forth into law a length of time for setting trial dates, so the court system is not overloaded with cases that are several years old, and either parties are no longer members, or the original charges have been forgotten. It is my understanding that there are cases that have been in the trial system for several years, and no trial date has been set. The in absentia clause will allow trials to go forth when the trial date.*

***Author:** Dame Ariana RuddCatha (Knight Minister, Lady of House Weyland)*

***Sponsor:** Sir Vaelen Gallimour (Knight Minister, Lord of House Weyland)*

OB8. Add Imperial Estates Writ: Manual of Siege

Was NB4; requires majority to approve.

The proposed Manual of Siege can be found on the Adrian Empire website titled "Siege Weapon Manual". If approved, the sections pertaining to Siege Weapon use in the Combat Manual will be removed.

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***Sponsor:** HIH Erik Harbinger (Imperial Prince)*

OB9. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 2: Arts and Science Manual Article IV.B.7. Tournament Entries

Was NB5; requires majority to approve.

Amend to read:

The artisan shall be present when the item is judged, **unless the Artisan lives more than 100 miles away for any other Event. If the Artisan lives outside the 100 mile radius of any tournament, they may mail their entries and documentation to the A&S Minister for entry into the next scheduled Tournament. The Artisan must send return postage, or make arrangements to have the item picked up by the end of the month.** If an item is judged outside a tournament or war, the artisan will gain the win, Masterwork, or participation point at the next event attended by the artisan after that entry. The hardcopy documentation for the entry will be available for display.

***Commentary:** I would like to see Members who are unable to make it to subdivision events on a regular basis and would like to enter Arts and Sciences be able to mail them to the Arts Minister of their Subdivision or on the Imperial level if they are members-at-large for entry at the next scheduled event. Said member would have to live at least a 100 miles away from their hosting subdivision and have a legitimate reason they can't attend such as work, severe illness or difficulty traveling. The art would have to be submitted in time for the monthly event and only 6 entries may be made in this fashion; the rest of the submissions have to be made in person. The Artisan has to be prepared to accept the score given since they will not be present and the Judges will be relying completely on the documentation that the artist provides. The artist can collect the items from the Art Minister at the next event they attend, pay for shipping and handling to have the piece returned, or otherwise designate what they want done with the piece and the documentation.*

***Author:** Dame Katriana McBrus (Queen of Albion)*

***Sponsor:** Sir Angus Kilshannig (Knight Premier, Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences)*

OB10. Amend Charter of the Kingdom of York

Was NBI (March 2007).

Option 1

If the Estates of the Kingdom of York approve this amendment by a 2/3rds vote, this item may be approved by a simple majority. If the Estates of the Kingdom of York approve this amendment by a simple majority, this item may be approved by 2/3rds. Otherwise, this item will require 2/3rds to approve an exception of law modifying charters (Article VIII.F.1.) and 2/3rds to approve.

Modify the Charter of York to exclude the limits of Brevard County, Florida so a new Subdivision may be formed.

***Author:** Sir L'Bete' deAcmd (Archduke of Kincora)*

***Sponsor:** Dame Cassiopia deAcmd (Marquessa of Steel)*

Option 2

Requires 2/3rds to approve an exception to law regarding chartered subdivisions (Article VIII.F.1.) and 2/3rds to approve.

Create second chartered subdivision within York:

An exception to law is requested that will allow a second subdivision to be chartered within the same geographic boundaries.

Author's Commentary: *On November 19th, 2006, I submitted to the Crowns and Estates of York a request to release the land Area known as Brevard County, FL from the Charter of York in order to Form the Duchy of Antioch within this bordered Area. At this time I have received no notification of their decision. Yet in discussion with the York Crowns a concern was brought to me as to the possible chance that if the duchy fell the lands would be lost to York and revert back to the Imperial Government an be lost to York. This made me think a bit about what was happening, it is not my wish to take anything from the Kingdom of York. I have a personal dream of what Adria is within the confines of our Imperial Laws and corporate responsibilities. I and others wish to promote a different "culture" than what is currently seen or available in South Florida. We also wish to participate within in our "local community". Yet if there were others here in Brevard County who wished to promote the culture of York, then we believe they should have ever opportunity afforded to them to do so.*

It is with this belief that we come to you the Imperial Estates to ask for an Exception to Law; so that the Duchy of Antioch may be Chartered and have "Shared" Jurisdiction with the Kingdom of York within the Florida State established limits of Brevard County, FL.

Precedence: Albion/Aragon, Castilles/Kincora

Chancery Note: *These two Options are mutually exclusive since they involve the same geographic area; both cannot be approved.*

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Sponsor: *Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause (Duke of Gloucester)*

Counter-Proposal

If the Estates of the Kingdom of York approve this amendment by a 2/3rds vote, this item may be approved by a simple majority. If the Estates of the Kingdom of York approve this amendment by a simple majority, this item may be approved by 2/3rds. Otherwise, this item will require 2/3rds to approve an exception of law modifying charters (Article VIII.F.1.) and 2/3rds to approve.

Modify the Charter of York to exclude the limits of Seminole county(east of HWY 417), Orange county (East of HWY 417), Osceola, Polk, Volusia, Brevard, and Flagler Counties (Possibly St Johns, Clay, and Putnam Counties included), within the state of Florida so a new Subdivision may be formed.

Commentary: *The land we wish to use are largely, if almost entirely unused by the Kingdom of York. There have been virtually no events, demos, practices, collegiums, or banquets held within any county, but one, within at least a year, but possibly going back as far as a decade, or even longer. We intend on using these lands for all manner of Adrian events and we believe that we will grow and increase Adrian membership very quickly. The York canton of Sheffield is proof of how quickly a new subdivision can grow in this area; however York's, Sheffield does demos and event on the western portion of central Florida, while we will operate on the eastern side. I was there at the beginning of Sheffield (then called Portsmouth) and was as instrumental as any in its incredible growth. I also built a very active canton in Sicily called Trinacria, so building subdivisions is not new to me. This proposal will be good for the Empire because it will increase memberships and bring more positive publicity to Adria. Finally, in this, we only desire land that is not being cultivated. Please allow us to sow the fields of Florida. Thank you.*

Author: *Sir Ivan Mannochemore (The Earl Mannochemore)*

Sponsor: *His Majesty Sir Jason Barca (King of Terre Neuve)*

OB11. Amend Articles XIV: Term of Office & VIII.B. Updating the length of terms for Imperial Crowns.

Was NB2 (March 2007); requires 2/3rds to approve.

Option 1: Keep the current term to 1 year, change the maximum consecutive years to 4.

Change Article XIV: Term of Office A. **EMPEROR/EMPRESS**

Amend to read: The Emperor/Empress of the Empire shall rule from coronation (the first weekend of November of the year of ascent to the Throne) until the coronation of the Imperial Heirs Apparent (the first weekend of November in the following year), unless removed in an Interim Civil War as described below. The Emperor/Empress may succeed themselves pursuant to Article VIII.B.~~8~~ 9.

Change Article VIII. B. 8. Royal Crowns

Amend to read: Their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year. ~~(Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law).~~

Add VIII.B.9. Imperial Crowns: Their term of office is limited to **four (4)** consecutive years. (Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law).

Option 2: Change limit of 2 consecutive years to unlimited for reign of Imperial Crowns.

Change Article XIV: Term of Office A. **EMPEROR/EMPRESS**

Amend to read: The Emperor/Empress of the Empire shall rule from coronation (the first weekend of November of the year of ascent to the Throne) until the coronation of the Imperial Heirs Apparent (the first weekend of November in the following year), unless removed in an Interim Civil War as described below. The Emperor/Empress may succeed themselves pursuant to Article VIII.B.~~8~~ 9.

Change Article VIII. B. 8. Royal Crowns

Amend to read: Their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year. ~~(Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law).~~

Add VIII.B.9. Imperial Crowns: Their term of office is **unlimited** ~~to two (2)~~ consecutive years. (Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law).

Option 3: Change term of office from 1 year to 2 years, and change the max years to 4.

Change Article XIV: Term of Office A. **EMPEROR/EMPRESS**

Amend to read: The Emperor/Empress of the Empire shall rule from coronation (the first weekend of November of the year of ascent to the Throne) until the coronation of the Imperial Heirs Apparent (the first weekend of November ~~in the~~ following **year victory at the Imperial Crown War**), unless removed in an Interim Civil War as described below. The Emperor/Empress may succeed themselves pursuant to Article VIII.B.~~8~~ 9.

Change Article VIII. B. 8. Royal Crowns

Amend to read: Their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year. ~~(Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law).~~

Add VIII.B.9. Imperial Crowns: Their term of office is **two (2) years, and is** limited to two (2) consecutive **years reigns**. (Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law).

Change Article XV.B.4. PAX REGIUM AND INTERIM CIVIL WAR – Notice**Amend to read:**

a. Imperial Civil Wars

Challenge for the Imperial Crown may only be issued and done at the Imperial War scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend ~~or Labor Day Weekend~~ with no less than thirty (30) days advance notice. If no notice is given to the Imperial Crown by thirty days before Memorial Day ~~or Labor Day~~ Weekend, that weekend shall be used for a war fought for the amusement of the populace (e.g. a Banner War).

In any event, the Imperial Minister of War shall advise the Imperial Chancellor, the Imperial Crown, and the Imperial Chronicler of the site or sites of the Memorial Day Imperial War no later than March 1 ~~preceding the War~~ and Labor Day Imperial War no later than July 1. The Imperial Chronicler shall cause this information to be published well in advance of the war.

Option 4: Extend term with limitation – Allow one of the Imperial Crowns to run again but only as Vice President**Change Article XIV: Term of Office A. EMPEROR/EMPRESS**

Amend to read: The Emperor/Empress of the Empire shall rule from coronation (the first weekend of November of the year of ascent to the Throne) until the coronation of the Imperial Heirs Apparent (the first weekend of November in the following year), unless removed in an Interim Civil War as described below. The Emperor/Empress may succeed themselves pursuant to Article VIII.B.8. 9.

Change Article VIII. B. 8. Royal Crowns

Amend to read: Their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year. ~~(Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law).~~

Add VIII.B.9. Imperial Crowns: Their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years. (Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law). Following the two term limit, either of the Imperial Crowns may choose to run again for a third and optionally a fourth term but only as Vice President.

Commentary: There are many reasons why we believe that one or two years is not long enough for the Imperial Crowns to be in office. First, no business entity grows with changes ever 10 months - the ingoing month and outgoing month do not count. Sometimes it takes 6 months to put the picture together then you only have 4 months to act. Procedures never fully get into place before the next change - Manuals never fully get updated and established and those who are trying to follow the procedure - don't know which procedure to follow. We have many confused people out there.

Imperial people should have a five year plan in front of them. If we continue to change the plan at the whim of two people every 10 months - we will remain a group of 800 +/- and we will as in the past never grow - our membership numbers have remained fairly static for the time period of Adria. There are some Imperial Positions that can not change every 10 months - not to mention how records disappear - history disappears - minds get foggy.

All of these options add to the continuity of the Empire. Option D accomplishes this while still forcing fresh leadership.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Amend Debate Procedure

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

Any new proposal that isn't genuinely unforeseen and urgent, scheduled by law, a clarification by the Chancery, or the province of the Crown, should be introduced as New Business.

New Business should be discussed at the meeting so every member knows what is intended. Members should go home and discuss it with their respective estates and participate in e-discussions, then when the items appear as Old Business, real debate will have already occurred.

Since proxies generally don't change, the Estates can simply vote on Old Business without wasted discussion. If there is a real development or new controversy- -a motion to table can be made instead. Tabled items can be discussed under Open Discussion, reexamined at home, and voted on at the next meeting.

Commentary: I have heard a lot of frustration over real debate not taking place--there is never time to discuss new business and open discussion, the directed proxies can't be changed, the method of debate does not allow full discussion, often the greatest controversies are over simple misunderstandings. Our three meetings were intended to fully enfranchise those who can't attend in person--but haven't. I think this procedural change would better reflect our original intent.

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NB2. Amend Method of Adopting and Amending Manuals

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

All members of the Imperial Estates shall submit a list of committees they are interested in serving on, in order of preference. The Chancellor shall assign each member to one or two committees based on need, seniority, and preference. All members shall serve on at least one committee. The members of the committee shall elect their own chair who shall consult with the ministry, poll the committee members, and report to the Chancellor.

Option 1

Just as the Crown appoints Ministries, the Estates shall appoint Standing Committees to work with each Ministry. Each will be responsible to advise the Ministry and may approve adoption or amendments to that ministry's manual. The Ministry shall propose changes and the Committee may approve the amendment, without altering it, by a majority.

Option 2

Just as the Crown appoints Ministries, the Estates shall appoint Standing Committees to work with each Ministry. Each will be responsible to advise the Ministry and may approve adoption or amendments to that ministry's manual. The Ministry shall propose changes and the Committee may amend and approve the proposal, by 2/3rds.

Option 3

Just as the Crown appoints Ministries, the Estates shall appoint Boards to work with each Ministry. Each will be responsible to advise the Ministry and may approve adoption or amendments to that ministry's manual. The Ministry shall propose changes and the Board may amend and approve the proposal, by 2/3rds. Manuals and amendments shall be considered Regulations, a level of law less than Writ and greater than Policy.

Commentary: Initially I considered Option 3 but believe the same effect could be accomplished by 1 or 2, since the Manuals and their amendments are still enacted under the authority of Estates Writ, they may generally be considered the same level of law, though any action of the Imperial Estates would control. By adopting 1, 2, or 3, instead of each manual amendment going through the Estates, the board or committee appointed by the Estates can review and approve manual changes proposed by the ministries. The Crown appoints the Ministry, the Estates can appoint the Committee or Board, in 1 or 2 the Manual remains writ, in 3 it becomes Regulation, still binding but a lower level of law than and subordinate to Writ.

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NB3. Amend Article V.B. Meetings of the Membership: Definition

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.

Amend to read:

An official event is any meeting of the membership that is held in an appropriate context, setting and style for the purpose of education, recreation, competition, or service, as long as the event is:

- Sanctioned by the Crown
- Sponsored by a subdivision, **Canton, or chartered subdivision**
- Announced thirty (30) days in advance to the membership through official channels
- Presided over by the Crown, **a Ruling Noble, or the appointed Viceroy of the Canton**
- Attended by the ministry officials or their designated deputies responsible for the type of activity undertaken

Demonstrations and classes require Crown approval, and must be attended by ten (10) or more people. Crowns may waive the thirty (30) day notice for just and stated cause.

Commentary: Cantons sponsoring events is already in practice in chartered subdivisions throughout the Empire. I have seen situations, because of current law, where cantons could not hold events unless subdivisions (Houses, Baronies, etc.) sponsored it. This needs to be defined in law. Also cleaning up the language a bit.

Chancery Note: This is merely a clarification of current law, as the Viceroy of a Canton sits as a direct representative of the local Crown in the absence of said Crown. In practice, the chartered subdivision serves as the default sponsor whenever the Crown of the chartered subdivision sanctions an event.

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NB4. Rename the terms “chartered subdivisions” and “subdivisions”

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to amend bylaw; majority to amend writ.

Current Definition (Glossary of Bylaws):

Chartered Subdivision - This refers to a Kingdom, Archduchy, Duchy, or Shire.

Subdivision - This refers to a March, County, Barony or Household.

Item 1: Rename the term “chartered subdivisions”

Change all mention of “chartered subdivisions” in the bylaws and all manuals to a new term.

Option 1: Rename “chartered subdivisions” to “provinces”

Option 2: Rename “chartered subdivisions” to “territories”

Item 2: Rename the term “subdivisions”

Change all mention of “subdivisions” in the bylaws and all manuals to a new term.

Option 1: Rename “subdivisions” to “fief”

Option 2: Rename “subdivisions” to “fiefdom”

Option 3: Rename “subdivisions” to “boroughs”

Commentary: I’m sure many of you have witnessed the confusion new members, and even many long-standing members, endure on this one. It would be far easier to just rename both terms to make it easier to follow. The names I chose were for their connotation in our period, but I welcome any additional period terms, if you feel they would suit better.

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NB5. Amend Article VI.G. Meetings of the Governing Body: Notice

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.

Amend to read:

The Crowns of all chartered subdivisions must be provided with sixty (60) days written notice of Imperial Estates meeting. The Crowns must notify all members entitled to a seat in their respective chartered subdivisions.

At least 30 days in advance of any scheduled meeting of the Imperial Estates General, the Imperial Chancellor will ensure publication of the agenda through official channels, as defined in Article VI.C.

The Crown must provide at least thirty (30) days written notice of any meeting of the estates of that chartered subdivision to all members who are entitled to a seat in their subdivision.

At least 15 days in advance of any scheduled meeting of the Estates General of any chartered subdivision, the Chancellor of that chartered subdivision will ensure publication of the agenda through official channels, as defined in Article VI.C.

Two-thirds of the members present at an estates meeting may waive notice pursuant to this section. Actions taken at a meeting at which notice was waived must be reconsidered at the next fully-noticed meeting, but shall be effective pending said reconsideration.

Any member may attend, regardless of notification.

Commentary: I noticed that it is not set in law how soon, or how late, is considered acceptable for the publishing of an Estates General meeting agenda. I have seen cases, in chartered subdivisions, where an agenda was not published publicly, and the problems that resulted in those cases compelled me to write this proposal.

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NB6. Add Glossary definition for “just and stated cause”

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

Create Definition:

Just and stated cause – A good, clearly stated, reason. (Note: “Because we feel like it” does not qualify.)

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NB7. Repeal Article VI.F.1.d.ii of Rights of the Imperial Estates General

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.

Delete:

ii. Appoint a new member to the Order of the Fleur-de-lis.

Commentary: As I understand, this order may have been closed at least a year ago.

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NB8. Amend Article VIII.B.8: Subdivision of the Empire

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.

Amend Article VIII.B.8 to read:

~~Their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year. (Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law).~~ Their term of office is defined in Article XIV.

Amend Article XIV to read:**A. EMPEROR/EMPRESS**

The Emperor/Empress of the Empire shall rule from coronation (the first weekend of November of the year of ascent to the Throne) until the coronation of the Imperial Heirs Apparent (the first weekend of November in the following year), unless removed in an Interim Civil War as described below. The Emperor/Empress may succeed themselves, **but their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years.**

B. KING/QUEEN

Each term of office of the King/Queen shall not be more than one (1) year (measured from the date of coronation, or from the latest date coronation should have occurred pursuant to Article XIV.E: Coronations, whichever is earlier). The King/Queen may succeed themselves, **but their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year.** (Note: The term of office may only be altered by mutual agreement of the Crown and the Estates General.)

Commentary: Language clean-up, and puts all the pertinent information in one section for ease of reading.

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NB9. Amend Article VIII.D.1.a.i: Subdivision of the Empire

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.

Amend to read:

A chartered subdivision must be chartered as **an Archduchy a Duchy** for at least 6 months before it can become a Kingdom. This requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Estates General.

Commentary: I believe this law was left in from before Archduchies were created. This amendment will update it to current practices.

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NB10. Amend Article XIV.E: Subdivision of the Empire

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.

Amend to read:**E. ALL OTHER RULING NOBLES**

All other Ruling Nobles shall rule until they resign or are removed. They may be removed:

- Through war; or,
- By a majority vote of the composite Estates of the respective non-chartered subdivisions which they rule.

Note: All Viceroys are ministers, not ruling nobles. Viceroys of Shires are considered Imperial ministers and may only be removed by the Imperial Crown(s). Viceroys of Cantons are considered chartered subdivision ministers, and may only be removed by the local Crown(s).

Commentary: Making it easier to find the pertinent information.

Chancery Note: This is a clarification; i.e., no change to law is being made.

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NB11. Amend Estates Writ 8

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

Amend to read:**8. Classes**

- a. Notice must be published 30 days in advance.
- b. Whoever holds the class must provide the basic teaching material for the class.
- c. There must be at least 10 people attending the class. This can be cumulative.
- d. Each class a person gives within a twelve-month period must be on a different subject.
- e. A Crown must approve the documentation syllabus prior to the class.
- f. It is requested that all Knights hold one class per year. ~~This according to the oath they themselves give on their Blue Belt.~~
- g. Those holding the class will garner a demo-initiation point. Those attending will garner demo participation points. After all, we are working for a non-profit educational status.

Commentary: There is no standard knightly oath in use throughout the Empire...really...I'm serious. Therefore, this statement is invalid.

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NB12. Amend Marshal's Manual Appendix A: Ministry Offices

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

Amend Marshal's Manual Appendix A.D. to read:

D. MINISTER OF JOUST AND WAR (CHARTERED SUBDIVISION)

The Minister of Joust and War is responsible for running local tournaments, wars, demos.

1. Oversee and manage the local Office of Joust and War:
 - Develop tournament formats and war scenarios for Crown events
 - **In the event of a Civil War, plan, execute, and autocrat the War.**
 - Act as or assist the Marshal of the Field in running Crown events
2. On a monthly basis:
 - Report to the local ruling noble, and the Imperial Minister of Joust and War regarding the Office
3. Recommended qualifications:
 - Authorized marshal (required)
 - Knight Bachelor (or higher), or a Sergeant if there is no Knight Bachelor qualified and available

Commentary: This is just to make the information easier to find.

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NB13. Amend Article XV.B.4 and Article XVI.A.1. to include notice of War Scenario Details

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.

Option 1: All details are released.

Add to Article XV.B.4 and XVI.A.1:

All war scenario details must be published through official channels, as defined in Imperial Bylaws Article VI.C., no less than 15 days before the event at which they are to be held.

Option 2: Only release information regarding disallowed equipment

Add to Article XV.B.4 and XVI.A.1:

Any war scenarios in which certain equipment (such as weapons or shields) are to be disallowed, a list of the disallowed equipment must be published through official channels, as defined in Imperial Bylaws Article VI.C., no less than 15 days before the event at which they are to be held.

Commentary: How many times have you packed your car, or van, with all your gear, headed down to war, only to find out that you cannot use the combat arrows you brought...or the siege weapon...or your pole-arm? I'm not against such scenarios, but I, and others, feel it would be nice to have notice ahead of time that certain equipment isn't needed. When you're planning to camp, every bit of space in your trunk is a commodity.

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NB14. Adopt a Plain Language Version of the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.

We the Estates hereby request the Chancery to prepare a plain language version of the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire for consideration at the November 2007 Imperial Estates Meeting.

Commentary: we simply need to read through the rules and redraft to clearly say what they mean, remove ambiguity and resolve any inconsistency between what it says and what we actually do. First we agree what it is. Then we can discuss meaningful changes.

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NB15. Adopt Resolution to Define and Separate the Duties of the Empire and the Corporation

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

We, the Estates, endorse greater separation of the governance of the Empire and the Corporation. We must review the various duties and determine which is "mundane" and therefore corporate, and which is "game" or otherwise properly Empire. We recognize that there will be overlap and we shall consider which duties must be shared. We remind our members that the Estates General approves candidates for President and Vice-president and elects all members at large of the Board of Directors.

Commentary: It is simply time to do this, and it should be done by the Estates.

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NB16. Adopt Resolution

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

In order to achieve greater continuity in the Imperial and Corporate governance; we, the Estates, support placing more decision making authority over rule and policy in the respective body; we support leadership that manages procedure and administers rules and policies adopted by those bodies.

*Commentary: we fret over continuity--but we shouldn't because **a body is more consistent than individuals**. The Crown should be our "adored figurehead" and executor of Imperial will (determined by deliberation of the Estates). The president is the agent and executor of the BoD. **Let the bodies devise policy, direction, and purpose. Let executives administer it.** Afterall, they are the procedural and administrative leaders, they have the "bully pulpit" and represent the cultural leadership--that is enough and then some.*

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NB17. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 2, 12 Codex Adjudicata to Create an Independent Judiciary

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

Option 1

For all Adrian Courts, Civil and Justice, Magistrates and Justices shall be selected randomly.

For Magistrates, annually, at each level and in all subdivisions, the Crown shall nominate candidates who are knowledgeable in Adrian Law; the Estates shall consider the nominees and may approve appointment by a majority to serve for two years. The process shall continue until three Magistrates are approved. A vacancy shall be filled by the same process to fill the term. Magistrates may be removed by a 2/3rds vote of the Estates, judicial sentence for conviction of Adrian or mundane crime, or revocation of membership. Magistrates shall be suspended during a limited judicial ban or suspension of membership. The process is repeated each year and may result in up to six Magistrates serving at any time.

For a Civil Court, the names of the former: Crowns, Chancellors, and MoJs, of the level or subdivision, shall be written on cards, shuffled and drawn by the magistrate. As each is drawn, he shall be called upon to serve, when three agree to serve impartially, they are empanelled. If three are not able or available to serve, the names of the landed Nobles of the rank of Baron or higher and the highest level of Knights available shall be added to the pool.

For a Court of Justice, the names of the landed Nobles of the level (rulers of Marches for an Imperial Court) or subdivision (of the rank of Baron or higher), shall be written on cards, shuffled and drawn by the magistrate. As each is drawn, he shall be called upon to serve, when three agree to serve impartially, they are empanelled. If three are not able or available to serve, the names of the landed Nobles of the next lower rank and all Knights shall be added to the pool.

For a Court of Chivalry, the names of all the Knights of the level (K3s for an Imperial Court) or subdivision shall be written on cards, shuffled and drawn by the magistrate. As each is drawn, he shall be called upon to serve, when three agree to serve impartially, they are empanelled. If three are not able or available to serve, the names of the Knights of the nearest chartered subdivisions shall be added to the pool.

Option 2

Replace the current court structure with an investigating magistrate system. A panel of three magistrates is convened for each case to investigate, mediate, or adjudicate and sentence. Appeals would be made to the appropriate Crown or Estates.

Selection of Magistrates, annually, at each level and in all subdivisions, the Crown shall nominate candidates who are knowledgeable in Adrian Law; the Estates shall consider the nominees and may approve appointment by a majority to serve for two years. The process shall continue until three Magistrates are approved. A vacancy shall be filled by the same process to fill the term. Magistrates may be removed by a 2/3rds vote of the Estates, judicial sentence for conviction of Adrian or mundane crime, or revocation of membership. Magistrates shall be suspended during a limited judicial ban or suspension of membership. The process is repeated each year and may result in up to six Magistrates serving at any time.

Commentary: *in the status quo, all tryers of fact and law are ultimately appointed by the Crown without confirmation or review by the estates or anyone else. Justice, Chivalry or Civil Courts are the same, our Crowns have the authority to appoint the panel and therefore the outcome will reflect that. The most impartial body in Adria is the BoD panel convened for suspension or revocation of membership--the one I would choose (or force) if I personally ever require an impartial hearing.*

Chancery Note: *If approved, the language of the proposal shall be incorporated into the present Writs.*

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NB18. Amend Article III.A. Number of Directors

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.

Amend to read:

The number of Directors shall be ~~seven (7)~~ **nine (9)**. The Emperor and the Empress shall always be President and Vice-President and serve a one-year term (may be extended in compliance with successive terms as Emperor and Empress). The Imperial Steward shall serve as Treasurer and may serve successive terms (as this is an appointed position by the Imperial Crown).

The Imperial Estates General will elect the remaining ~~four (4)~~ **six (6)** directors of the Board of Directors from among the paid membership of the Adrian Empire by a simple majority vote; those elected shall serve two-year terms. **The directors-at-large shall be comprised of two (2) members from each region (1, 2, and 3) as defined in Imperial Estates Writ 21a. ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) of these directors shall be elected each year, thus staggering the election.**

Directors elected by the Imperial Estates General that become President, Vice President, or Imperial Steward during the second year of their term vacate their seat; the remaining year of their term shall be filled by a one-year appointment, elected by the Imperial Estates General. Candidates may be self-nominated.

The retiring President and the Imperial Chancellor shall have non-voting, advisory memberships on the Board of Directors. They will not be considered as Directors.

Option 1

Approve and enact now; applications for each unoccupied regional seat are due by September 5, 2008 for election and seating in November 2008.

Option 2

Approve now and enact in November 2007; open nominations from the floor for each unoccupied regional seat and election to be held in March to fill terms will run to November of 2008 and 2009.

Commentary: The authors intend that the body be larger, more representative, capable of meeting more frequently, and performing more duties.

Chancery Note: This article was created in March 2007 (see minutes). If approved, the Chancery shall announce which seats shall be one or two year terms, so members may apply for them.

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X. DISCUSSION**D1. Composition of the Imperial Estates**

Should future action be taken to amend Estates composition to reduce its numbers to become more efficient?

Should the voting makeup be amended to make the composition of the Estates more representative?

Option 1

Crowns of the subdivision could hold votes equal to his populace divided by 10--or those votes could be apportioned to the current representatives, such as greater and minor estates-- and the retired crowns and K3s enjoy only one vote each in their own right). The Imperial Estates would become significantly more "representative." The voices would remain, but the votes would reflect the membership. No one would be disenfranchised, and the body's efficiency should increase. The Estates may only need to meet twice per year.

Option 2

Repeal "One person two votes" each member would be able to exercise only one vote, personal or estate.

Option 3

We can also completely shift to a committee system, where Imperial Estate holders join or are assigned to working committees with authority to enact or amend rules governing their assignment.

Commentary: there are three voting constituencies of Adria--

- 1) *the populace, who are represented by Greater and Senior Minor Estates;*
- 2) *the subdivisions, represented by Crowns (which does not include Viceroys, who are Imperial Ministers); and,*
- 3) *the "game" or Adria itself, represented by retired Crowns (including Founders) and K3s.*

Re 1), there are many other and probably more efficient ways to do this—and of the three, it is the easiest to amend. We can merely amend the law. Whether it stays the same, is converted to representative votes based on a population number (such as 10) and carried by the sovereign or another; or repealed--we only have to amend the bylaw.

Re 2), ok, technically this also could simply be amended but while merging 1 and 2 might be workable, I think it is politically impossible and undesirable to disenfranchise the Kingdoms and (Arch)Duchies.

Re 3), besides inviting a huge block of no votes, you would have to amend or suspend Article VI.J., a "sacred Adrian tradition" that no right or privilege, once earned, can be taken by legislation, nor by any means except as punishment for wrongdoing, unless voluntarily surrendered. I don't think that is going to happen, nor as most of us who earned it, do I think we should remove it. But we can affect it. For example: if merging 1 and 2 is acceptable, my (considerable) ego can accept my personal earned vote as the equal of 10 members (I don't need to think it is as important as a whole Kingdom's point of view.

D2. Categories of Membership

Should future action be taken to distinguish between paid, attending, and participating members?

Could our insurance be lower if we did? Who should count for estate and subdivision membership? How often should members need to attend or participate (once a year, twice per Imperial Estate cycle, other)?

D3. Balance Requirements for Knighthood

Should future action be taken to better balance the requirements of the four orders of Knighthood?

Addressing the perception that Ministry is too easy, that Arts is too demanding, and Archery lags behind Combat because we have not yet implemented a second list (crossbow).

D4. Criteria for Awarding Ministry DIs

Should future action be taken to Address Ministry "DIs" and establishing more uniform criteria?

If we think of Ministry Services equal to list wins and masterworks--we wouldn't be so tempted to "cheapen" them. Do we require too many in number of too little in actual value. If the number required were equal to list wins, and the examples included "successful terms of office" (not merely months served); judged events, demos, and classes (like Arts projects, with scores to achieve); taking a manual from committee, through drafting, through approval; etc.

D5. Defining geographic territory for Chartered Subdivisions

Should future action be taken to replace or reduce geographical chartered subdivisions?

This will have major consequences for growth. Do more subdivisions increase or decrease membership and participation? Clearly, small numbers of members holding large areas have had little success building. Reducing subdivisions to where their members actually live or adopting the "Nevada Plan," allows existing groups to grow and new groups to be created.

Being in Nevada, I like the way our shared territory system works and welcome more subdivisions in the future to play with. I hope it allows us to develop the northern parts of our region. I don't know if it would work for everyone.

XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

November 3-4, 2007. Location: TBD.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

END OF AGENDA