



MARCH 2007 IMPERIAL ESTATES AGENDA

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Time

Estates Meeting

March 17, 2007 – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location

The March 2007 meeting of the Imperial Estates will be held in the Kingdom of Albion and the Duchy of Desert Rose.

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). If you need a ride from the airport, please contact HIM Ashlenn Tiernan. We have a member who has volunteered to run a shuttle service between the Meeting Site and the Hotel.

Accommodations

Terrible's Hotel & Casino
4100 Paradise Rd Las Vegas NV 89109
Phone (702) 733-7000 Fax: (702) 691-2423

FIRST NIGHT CHARGED AT TIME OF RESERVATION

Terrible's Hotel will offer the following to the Adrian Empire:

Room Block: 15 rooms

Room Rate:

Friday –Saturday \$109/ per night

*All rates are plus 9% room tax.

*All rates are based on single or double occupancy; additional guests are \$10 person, maximum 4 people per room. Children 13 and under are free.

Cutoff Information:

The group's cutoff date is February 16, 2007, at which time the remaining rooms and/or non-guaranteed reservations revert back to the Hotel's inventory, and the rooms become available on a space availability basis only.

Other Terms and Conditions

Check in time is 4 p.m. Check out time is 12 p.m. Please advise your guests of these hours.

Cribs and rollaway beds are available for an additional \$10.00 each per night.

Phone calls are .75 per call for local, credit card, calling card or 800 calls.

Baggage handling is available upon request: \$3.00 per person round trip.

20th Anniversary Tournament and Feast

Feast

The 20th Anniversary Feast begins at 7 p.m. You may begin arriving as early as 6 p.m. to arrange your table. The address for the feast will be published on the Adrian Empire newsgroups and announced at the Imperial Estates Meeting.

After the feast, there will be a St. Patrick's Day Irish Pub Crawl, around 11 p.m.-For those of you who can't get enough of Vegas, we will be providing a map to the best spots in town for getting your Irish on - besides, who can resist a green beer?

Tournament: Sunday, March 18th, UNLV Tournament Field

Schedule

8 a.m. - Check-in

8:30 - Brief Court to go over the day's activities and any special needs.

8:45 - Armor Check - Steel

9:00 - Steel Combat

10:00 - Art's Judging begins

11:00 - Break for Lunch

12:00 - Armor Check - Rapier

12:30 - Knight's Rapier

1:00 - Art's Judging continues

2:30 - Sergeant's Rapier

3:30 - Closing Court and awarding of prizes

We will be done no later than 5 p.m.

All ceremonies must be done during Feast on Saturday night -- this includes Knightings, gift presentations, Vassalage ceremonies, etc. We will hold private audiences, upon request to our Herald, Sir Gregor, during the tournament on Sunday.

For those people staying over until Monday, we will be having dinner at 6 p.m. Sunday night at a "nice" place. Yolie's and Marrakesh are both across the street from the Hotel. They run about \$45 per person for a meal. Yolie's is a Brazilian all-you-can-eat meat place -- they bring the meat around on swords and cut it at your table. Marrakesh is a Moroccan 5-course dinner with belly-dancing where you sit on the floor on big pillows and eat with your hands. Both are awesome! If you are interested in either of these, please e-mail me by the 28th of this month, so I can figure out where we are going and make reservations.

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 November 2006 Imperial Estates Meeting (2006Nov_minutes.pdf).

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.

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| • President and Board of Directors | • Arts and Sciences |
| • Chancery | • Archery |
| • Ministry of Justice | • Physicks |
| • Chief Justice of Civil Courts | • Office of Publishing (Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.) |
| • Rolls | • Hospitaler |
| • Steward | • Minister of Education |
| • Sovereign of Arms | • Other Reports |
| • Joust and War | |

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:

- None

d. Charter Amendments

Item 1: Rename Desert Rose to Asuryan

Requires majority to approve.

The Duchy of Desert Rose requests to change their name to the Duchy of Asuryan.

Item 2: Amend Charter of the Kingdom of Terre Neuve

Requires majority to approve.

The Kingdom of Terre Neuve requests to amend its charter to include the state of Kentucky, effective from the date of approval. The amendment shall be in effect for two (2) years, after which it would automatically be placed on the Imperial Agenda for review. If CRB3 below passes, this proposal would follow the rules set therein.

Item 3: Amend Charter of the Kingdom of York

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Option 1

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

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

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

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

Item 4: Amend the Charter of the Duchy of Cashel

Requires majority to approve.

The Duchy of Cashel requests to amend its charter to include the original land granted to the Duchy of Dunvegan, which was the entire state of Virginia, with the following exceptions:

- The Duchy of Chesapeake shall retain all counties of Virginia under its current charter
- The Canton of Templemor shall become an Imperial Shire, with its charter including the Virginia counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Caroline, King William, Powhatan, Amelia, Dinwiddie, and Prince George.

Item 5: Amend the Charter of the Shire of Lowenburg

Requires majority to approve.

The Shire of Lowenburg requests to amend its charter to include the land granted to the Shire of Bisqaia, which has been inactive since November 2007, due to no memberships.

Item 6: Elevation of Alhambra to Archduchy

Requires majority to approve.

- The Duchy of Alhambra requests an elevation in status to that of Archduchy, having met all of the requirements for said status as detailed in Article VIII.D.2.

e. Subdivision Reduction

No action required.

In accordance with Article VIII.D.2.b.vii., the charters of the following Archduchies and Duchies are revoked; new charters shall be issued immediately to reflect their respective status based on the size of their current population, indicated below in parentheses.

- Duchy of Carolingia (reduction to Shire of Carolingia)

CRB2. Amend Article V.E. Sponsorship Requirements

Was CRB3 (November 2006); tabled. Requires majority to take from the table, 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

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

Amend to Read:

All Royal and Ducal Crowns are required to sponsor one (1) Crown tournament per month, in each discipline (arts, archery, and combat). ~~and at least one (1) war event per year.~~ The Imperial Crown is required to sponsor the Imperial Crown War, ~~and may sponsor as many war events as they see fit.~~ All Royal and Ducal Crowns are required to sponsor one (1) war event per year, but may not sponsor more than four (4) war events per year. Crown tournaments may be held together, or at separate events within the same month.

Commentary: The sponsorship requirements for war events was loosened to allow the Imperial Crown to sponsor more than two (2) war events outside of the Imperial Banner/Civil War and the Imperial Crown War. The language that was adopted by the Imperial Estates also allowed Crowns of local subdivisions the same privilege, which has had the effect of lessening the importance of attending and participating in Imperial War events. This proposal attempts to resolve the problem by clearly stating how many war events the Imperial Crown and Crowns of local subdivisions can sponsor.

CRB3. Add Article VIII.D.3.c. Sponsorship

Was CRB7 (November 2006). Option 2 preferred by voice vote; referred for re-write. Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Add:

c. Sponsorship

A Shire may be sponsored by a Kingdom or Archduchy for period not to exceed one (1) year. At the end of the sponsorship period, the shire must petition to amend its charter to indicate a subdivision of the appropriate size.

A Kingdom or Archduchy wishing to sponsor an Imperial Shire must submit a request to the Imperial Chancery no less than 60 days prior to the beginning of an Imperial Estates meeting. Sponsorship must be approved by a 2/3rds majority vote of the Imperial Estates General.

1. A Shire sponsored by a Kingdom or Archduchy is considered to be a Canton of the sponsoring subdivision, as described in Imperial Writ 18 Armigerous Rights Article II.B.23. Any such Shire does not have a voice or vote on the Imperial Estates.
2. All members of the sponsored Shire are considered to be members of the sponsoring subdivision. All Estates formed within a sponsored Shire are considered Estates of the sponsoring subdivision.
3. If the membership of the sponsoring subdivision falls below the minimum number required for the respective status of the subdivision at the conclusion of the sponsorship, that subdivision shall be reduced to the appropriate size.
4. The Crown of the sponsoring subdivision shall report monthly to the Imperial Crown on the Shire's activities.
5. Failure to report to the Imperial Crown for a period of two (2) consecutive months shall immediately end the Sponsorship.

Chancery Note: The item presented is a re-write of Option 2. This item may not be divided.

Author: HRM Tailan Bran McNeil (King, Terre Neuve)

CRB4. Amend Article VI.C. Publication of Changes

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

All changes to the Imperial bylaws or Imperial Estate writs shall be published as soon as possible to the Ruling Crown of each Chartered Subdivision before becoming law. Until such a publication has taken place, the former Law shall remain in force. Previously approved changes that are missed and corrected later, should merely require notice, not ratification. Once per year, the Imperial bylaws and Imperial Estate writs shall be updated and published. All changes or additions to existing law, and Crown or Estate writs should be published as soon as possible (preferably within thirty (30) days), and becomes enforceable thirty (30) after publication unless for cause and specifically stated in the addition, change, or writ.

Note: The current policy on official means of publication: a copy provided (either mailed or sent electronically) to the Crowns of each Chartered Subdivision for distribution.

Amend to read:

C. Publication

1. The official publications of the Adrian Empire include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Imperial Estate Agendas
 - Imperial Estate Minutes
 - Imperial Bylaws
 - Imperial Manuals
 - Judicial Recordings and Results
 - Imperial Contact Lists
 - Imperial Ministry Reports
 - Imperial Newsletter
2. All changes to Imperial Bylaws or Imperial Estates Writs shall be published as soon as possible to the Ruling Crown of each Chartered Subdivision before becoming law. Until such a publication has taken place, the former Law shall remain in force. Once published, the changes become enforceable thirty (30) days after publication unless for cause and specifically stated in the addition, change, or writ. Previously approved changes that are missed and corrected later merely require notice, not ratification.
3. Publication may consist of the following:
 - Non-electronic written notice
 - E-mail notification (no return receipt notification required)
 - Posting on any Adrian Empire newsgroup of which the recipient(s) is known to be a member
 - Posting on the Adrian Empire website
4. Crowns and Ruling Nobles of chartered subdivisions are responsible for informing their populaces with regard to any official publications. This includes any publications on the Adrian Empire website and the Adrian Empire and Adria-Imperial Estates newsgroups. All Crowns and Ruling Nobles must have valid contact information on file with the Adrian Empire – phone number, E-mail, physical mailing address, and must be a member of the Adria Crowns newsgroup.

CRB5. Amend Article VII.G.: Officers of the Corporation

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

The Imperial Crown shall be the President of the Corporation. If there is a Co-ruler (not consort), the Co-ruler shall be the Vice-President of the Corporation, otherwise, the Chancellor shall be the Vice-President. The Steward shall be the Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation.

Add:

In the case of a Lord or Lady Protector, the Imperial Steward shall assume the duties of the president, as the Secretary/Treasurer is the only other Officer of the Corporation.

Crowns and Ruling Nobles of chartered subdivisions are the mundane representatives of the local area, as each chartered subdivision is a local chapter of the national Adrian Empire Corporation. The Crown of a chartered subdivision is the mundane president and vice-president of the local chapter. In the absence of a Crown occupied by two people, the Chancellor is the vice-president. In the case of a Lord or Lady Protector, the Imperial Crown shall appoint a member to be the president of the local chapter until a Crown is chosen by the populace. The Steward of a chartered subdivision is the Secretary/Treasurer of the local chapter.

Note: The offices mentioned above have corporate and fiduciary duties, as defined by Federal Corporate Law.

CRB6. Add Article III: Board of Directors

Requires 2/3rds to approve. See Chancery Note.

Add:

A. Number of Directors

The number of Directors shall be ~~nine (9)~~ seven (7). 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 retiring President, and the Imperial Chancellor shall have non-voting, advisory memberships on the Board of Directors unless elected as follows.~~

The Imperial Estates General will elect the remaining four (4) ~~members~~ 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 Imperial Estates General shall elect 4 members-at-large, each to 2-year terms.~~ Two (2) of these directors shall be elected each year, thus staggering the election.

~~Members-at-large~~ 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.~~

B. Term of Office

The term of office shall be for approximately one year between meetings of the Imperial Estates General (currently in November). At each such annual meeting, Directors will be elected for the next annual term. Directors may succeed themselves. A Director may be removed prematurely by action of the Imperial Estates General, the action of a duly convened Imperial Court of Justice, or by a unanimous vote of all other Directors (so long as the Board has more than two members).

Directors may resign, or cease to serve through death or incapacity. The Imperial Crown must fill empty Director positions, pending a full election at the next annual meeting of the Imperial Estates General.

C. Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall only have the power to approve budgets, expenditures, and to pass non-binding resolutions of corporate policy. Nothing in this ~~Imperial Estates Writ~~ Bylaw shall be construed as depriving the Imperial Estates General of the authority to irrevocably overrule the actions of the Board of Directors; nor to abridge the right of the Imperial Estates General to withdraw or limit the powers of the Board of Directors.

D. Limits on Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have no powers (except as specifically granted by the Imperial Estates General) with regard to:

1. ~~Article VIII: Subdivision of the Empire~~ Article III: Members
2. ~~Article III: Members~~ Article VIII: Subdivision of the Empire
3. Article XIV: Term of Office
4. Article XV: Pax Regium and Interim Civil War
5. Article XVI: Crown War

E. Eligibility and Candidacy Requirements

1. Each Candidate for a position on the Board of Directors shall submit a letter of intent and list of qualifications to the Chancery for inclusion in the November Agenda. Each Candidate must fill out the required mundane legal paperwork at the time they submit the letter. There shall be no nominations of Candidates from the floor of the Estates Meeting.
2. Candidates must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than one year, and be least eighteen (18) years of age. Members of the Board of Directors may not be associate members. Candidates must have attained first-level knighthood.
3. Candidates may not be subjects of an announced or ongoing specific judicial ban, and have not been barred from holding an Estate by such a ban.
4. If Directors become the subject of a judicial proceeding or have sentence passed against them, their membership on the Board of Directors shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors, which shall then report to the Imperial Estates General on the outcome.

F. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

This section details the responsibilities of the Board of Directors set forth in Title 10 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, which may be found at <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp>. This section must comply with the Arizona Revised Statutes at all times, as mundane law always takes precedence. In the case where conflicts arise due to changes to these statutes, this section must be updated; this update merely requires notification of the Imperial Estates, and is not actionable.

1. General Standards and Duties

The duties listed here are detailed in Title 10, Chapter 31, Article 3 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

A director is expected to perform their duties in good faith and in the best interest of the Adrian Empire. In performing duties, a director may rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements from any member of the Board of Directors or Imperial Minister whom the director believes are reliable and competent in the matters presented, any third-party whose professional or expert competence covers the duties performed, or a committee of which the director is not a member.

A director is not liable for any action taken as a director or any failure to take any action if the director's duties were performed in compliance with this section.

A director is not acting in good faith if the director has knowledge concerning the matter in question that makes reliance otherwise permitted by subsection B unwarranted.

2. Reporting

The duties listed here are detailed in Title 10, Chapter 39, Article 1 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

The Adrian Empire, Inc. shall keep a permanent, written record of minutes of all meetings of the members and Board of Directors, a record of all actions taken by the members or board of directors without a meeting and a record of all actions taken by a committee of the board of directors on behalf of the corporation. The Adrian Empire, Inc. shall maintain a record of its members in a manner which allows for the preparation of a list of names and addresses of all members in alphabetical order detailing the number of votes and type of vote each member holds.

The Adrian Empire, Inc. shall keep a copy of all of the following records at its principal office, at its known place of business or at the office of its statutory agent:

1. Articles of incorporation and all amendments to them currently in effect
2. Bylaws and all amendments to them currently in effect
3. Resolutions adopted by its board of directors relating to the characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations and obligations of members or any class or category of members
4. The minutes of all members' meetings and records of all actions taken by members without a meeting for the past three years
5. All financial statements furnished for the past three years
6. A list of the names and business addresses of its current directors and officers
7. Its most recent annual report delivered to the Arizona State Commission

3. Contractual Obligations

All contracts are the purview of the officers and directors of the Corporation. Only corporate officers may sign contracts. The National officers may implement policy on exercising this. All contracts must be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Adrian Empire for review before being signed. The officers and directors have the right to refuse any contract and must provide written notification of the denial.

4. Fiduciary Duties

Corporate officers and directors are responsible for the financial obligations of the corporation, including administration, reporting, budgeting, and filing. Corporate officers and directors have the right to determine without impediment how financial structure will occur within the Adrian Empire, Inc.

5. Conflicts of Interest

The definition for Conflict of Interest can be found in Title 10, Chapter 31, Article 6 of the Arizona Revised Statutes; it is listed here for reference. Any member of the Board of Directors who is found to have a conflict of interest concerning any transaction as defined must remove himself or herself from any position of decision-making with regard to the transaction.

a. Definition

"Conflicting interest" with respect to a corporation means the interest a director of the corporation has respecting a transaction effected or proposed to be effected by the corporation, by a subsidiary of the corporation or by any other entity in which the corporation has a controlling interest if either:

- i. Whether or not the transaction is brought before the board of directors of the corporation for action, the director knows at the time of commitment that the director or a related person either:
 - a. Is a party to the transaction.
 - b. Has a beneficial financial interest in or is so closely linked to the transaction and of such financial significance to the director or a related person that the interest would reasonably be expected to exert an influence on the director's judgment if he were called on to vote on the transaction.
- ii. The transaction is brought or is of such character and significance to the corporation that it would in the normal course be brought before the board of directors of the corporation for action, and the director knows at the time of commitment that any of the following persons is either a party to the transaction or has a beneficial financial interest in or is so closely linked to the transaction and of such financial significance to the person that the interest would reasonably be expected to exert an influence on the director's judgment if the director were called on to vote on the transaction:
 - a. An entity, other than the corporation, of which the director is a director, general partner, agent or employee.
 - b. A person that controls one or more of the entities specified in item a. of this subdivision or an entity that is controlled by or is under common control with one or more of the entities specified in item a. of this subdivision.
 - c. An individual who is a general partner, principal or employer of the director.

6. Memberships

As stated in Title 10, Chapter 29, Article 2 of the Arizona Revised Statutes:

"A member of a corporation is not personally liable for the acts, debts, liabilities or obligations of the corporation."

Chancery Note: Sections A-E correspond to Imperial Estates Writ 14: Board of Directors. The major change to the sections have been noted in the proposal. Section F details the mundane obligations of the Board of Directors; the vote determines whether or not this may be found in the Bylaws. If approved, this becomes a part of our Bylaws, effectively elevating the status of IEW 14 (all sections shall be renumbered). If not approved, IEW 14 shall remain unchanged, and section F. may become a Manual of Operation for the Board of Directors, which will not be subject to Imperial Estates review.

Voting "No" on this does not make this go away; it just means that these Rights and Responsibilities will be more difficult to find, because you'll have to research the Arizona Revised Status.

CRB7. Add Glossary Term: Member in Good Standing

Requires majority to approve.

Add:

Member in Good Standing: Any member of the Adrian Empire whose dues and fees are current. Such a member does not have any outstanding debts from any membership fees, site fees, or bad or cancelled checks to the Adrian Empire. A member in good standing has submitted all receipts for monies spent on approved budgetary items.

A member under Judicial Ban is not in good standing, subject to the terms of the Judicial Ban. This includes any member under impediment from actions taken by the Board of Directors.

Any Crown or Minister who has not submitted any reports or has not been in communication with the Local or Imperial Government for a period of three (3) months is considered not to be in good standing, and can be removed by the Imperial Crown (or the Imperial Estates in the case of the Imperial Crown).

CRB8. Amend Articles XIV: Term of Office & VIII.B. Updating the length of terms for Imperial Crowns.

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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CRB9. Approve Delay of Business

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.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Consider the reign of Dame Ashlinn Tiernan and Sir Pavo Rosalia

Requires majority to approve.

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.*

Chancery Note: The Imperial Crown request that this item be tabled until the completion of Their reign in November 2007.

CH2. Judicial Decisions

None received by the Imperial Chancery.

CH3. New Arts Form

Was CH5 (November. 2006); approved for mandatory playtesting. Requires majority to approve.

The proposed arts judging forms are available in Appendix 1. If approved, they will replace the forms currently available.

CH4. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 6 Demonstration Initiations

Amend to read:

Ministry service, including but not limited to demonstrations, fundraisers, community service related to Adria, classes, collegia, feasts, tournaments, and wars may be substituted for demo initiations in the Ministry path to Knighthood.

- a. A demo initiation (DI) may be granted at a maximum rate of one (1) for each two (2) months of service as Imperial Crown, Imperial Minister, or Imperial Deputy Minister. **Regardless of the number of these positions held, a member may receive a maximum of one (1) demo initiation for every two (2) months of this type of service to the Empire.**
- b. A demo initiation may be granted at a maximum rate of one (1) for **at least** each three (3) months of service as a local Crown, local Minister, or local Deputy Minister. **Regardless of the number of these positions held or the number of subdivisions in which they are held, a member may receive a maximum of one (1) demo initiation for every three (3) months of service of this type to subdivisions. If a member serves as a minister to more than one subdivision (Kingdom, Archduchy, Duchy, or Shire), the Subdivision Crowns (and Imperial Crowns if a Shire is involved) must collaborate to evaluate the combined service to the subdivisions.**

- c. A demo initiation may be granted to any member for each service as autocrat of feasts, tournaments, war, or collegia, or equivalent.
- d. Demo initiation points granted from a, b, and c above are independent and do not limit points granted by the other sections.
- e. The ~~local~~ relevant Crown will determine if the service was acceptable and useful. ~~In in~~ the case of Subdivision Rulers and Imperial ministers, it will be determined by the Imperial Crowns. ~~and in~~ In the case of Imperial Crowns, it will be determined by the Imperial Estates General. ~~Imperial ministers will be reviewed by the Imperial Crowns.~~ Shire Viceroys and Vicerenes may award these points if each award is accepted by the Imperial Crowns. DIs are granted at the discretion of the Crown and are **never** automatic.
- f. Crowns are encouraged to set criteria for acceptable service. DIs granted for Crown and ministerial service are based on the concept that an overworked minister will not have time to also earn demo initiations using other methods. Crowns are advised to grant these points to their ministers that have served above and beyond the call of duty, whose basic duty is so challenging as to deserve this reward, or who have held multiple positions at once so as to achieve this level of service in their **overall effort**. The manner and practice of granting these service credits is subject to the review of the Imperial Crown. The decision of the Crown is final except for review by the Imperial Crown.
- g. More than one person may receive a demo initiation for the same demo so long as all are truly involved in the initiation of the demo.

Commentary: *There is ambiguity as to how DIs for local and Imperial service can and should be awarded when the minister serves in multiple capacities at the same level of service and/or at both levels of service at the same time. This proposal provides an answer to those questions and produces a standard for awarding DIs for service across the Empire.*

Chancery Note: *If approved, the Manual of Rolls and Lists shall include this Writ.*

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Sponsor: HRM Tailan Bran McNeil (King, Kingdom of Terre Neuve), HG Warren Anthony (Count Royal)

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.*)

Amend to read:

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- 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.*)

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

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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 in Appendix 5. 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.

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. DISCUSSION

XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

July 21-22, 2007. Location: Las Vegas, NV (Kingdom of Albion and the Duchy of Desert Rose).

XII. ADJOURNMENT

END OF AGENDA