



**Adrian Empire  
Imperial Estates Meeting  
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Minutes  
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## GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

**Date and Time:**

Fri, 18 July:    6:00 Special Panel  
                  7:00 BoD Meeting  
Sat, 19 July: [7:45–9:15] 9:00 – 10:00 Sign In  
                  9:30 – 6:00 Imperial Estates Meeting  
Sun, 20 July:  9:00 – 5:00 Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

**Airport:**

McCarran International Airport (LAS)

**Location**

La Quinta Inn  
3970 S Paradise Rd  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

**Reservations:**

(702)796-9000, let them know you are with the Adrian Empire

**Room Rates:**

\$45/night, Friday – Sunday  
(May be extended upon request)

**Amenities and Other Hotel Information**

Guests at the Hotel will enjoy comfortable rooms, Free breakfast, Wi-Fi (as well as Wi-Fi being available for the meeting attendees) Cable TV- refrigerators and microwaves in every room. At the end of the arduous meeting, you can relax by the heated pool and spa, or enjoy a vigorous workout in the fitness center. There is a 24 hour guest laundry, and pets are welcome.

We will be located two miles North of McCarran International Airport (LAS) and less than a mile from the famous Las Vegas Strip, and will be centrally located near all major Las Vegas venues and attractions.

**Local Transportation:**

Free shuttle service 24 hours a day to and from the McCarran Airport, Harrah's Casino (next door to the Sands Expo Center) and the Las Vegas Convention Center.

**Restaurant Information:**

Within a 10-minute walk, there are a dozen restaurants, including Chinese, Thai, Italian, American and steakhouses, offering dining options for all variety of tastes.

**Site Autocrats:**

HRG Desmond Wallace

**Authority:****Lex Adria Article VI.E.5 Meeting Date, July**

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

- a. Qualify and determine acceptability of Imperial candidates.
- b. To finalize enough data to prepare the corporation's tax returns (if necessary)
- c. Each chartered subdivision's Crown shall present a copy of his or her chartered division's financial records at this meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory for at least one ruling Crown or representative from each chartered subdivision.
- d. Review (at its discretion) any system of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown. (Article IX.E)

**Lex Adria Article VI.E.6 Disqualification**

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 two official events in any Chapter within the previous six 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. The vote of an Estate is held by the Estate not a person; it is the right of the Estate to determine who represents it. (*Chancery Note: see March 2004 Civil Court decision, ratified July 2004, clarified that an Estate entitled to a vote may change its representative at any time.*) It may not be subsequently altered by any means (including non-participation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estate held by a given member) until the meeting is concluded, with these exceptions:

- a. Resignation of a given member
- b. Judicial ban
- c. 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)
- d. Expiration of dues

**Requirement for Written Proxies. (Lex Adria Article VI.H Ratified November, 2010)**

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting. Emailed written proxies must be received by the Imperial Chancellery Office by [the] Friday evening prior [to] the Imperial Estates Meeting, and/or presented to the Imperial Chancellor at Roll Call. If a proxy is not presented to the Chancellery Office by the end of Roll Call, the vote will not be counted.

**Legend:**

~~Deleted or replaced text~~

Added or new text

*Chancery Notes, comments, and explanations*

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

9:47

The order of the day was suspended without objection

### ROLL CALL

148

Present: 42 Proxy: 110 Total: 152 Quorum: 77

A. Seating of qualified members and written proxies

One member (Dame Madison deMalo) approved after the initial seating

B. Petitions to waive as per Article VI.E.6. Disqualifications

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved as Amended

(Requires majority to approve)

Approval of the minutes of the March 2013 IEM with the following change(s):

Mathew Noel (Thomas Sauvage) was elected to the Special Panel, not Steve Miller.

### REPORTS

**A Executive**

- 1 Crown(s) Verbal (See Appendix E)
- 2 President and Board of Directors Verbal

**B Ministers**

1 Archery	None
2 Arts and Sciences	None
3 Chancery	Reported electronically
4 Hospitaler	Verbal
5 Joust and War	Verbal
6 Physicker	Verbal
7 Publishing	Verbal
	(includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
8 Rolls and Lists	Posted
9 Sovereign of Arms	Received (See Appendix E)
10 Steward	Posted
11 Other Officers	None

### CROWN BUSINESS

#### CRB1. Charter Amendments

*Chancellor's Note: As per Lex Adria Article IV.F.1.d.iv, the Imperial Estates may "Approve writs and charters issued by the Imperial Crown ...". This approval raises the writ or Charter to the level of Imperial Estates Writ. The Estates also have the option to not address the writ/charter, thus leaving it at the level of a Crown Writ.*

**A Elevate the following Chapter in status:**

None

(Requires majority to approve)

- 1. None

**B Other Amendments**

Connacht Charter Amended

(Requires majority to approve)

- 1. Amend Connacht Charter to exclude all lands South of the Kelowna International Airport

Approved

Approved unanimously by the Chapter.

Approved with 1 No vote

**C Approve the Charter of New Chapter**

Var-heim Approved

**(Requires majority to approve)**

1. Var-heim (the area of British Columbia South of the Kelowna International Airport)
- CRB2. Approval of \$1000 for the E-IEM (one time appropriation, not to be taken from or added to the budget)** **Approved**

**(Requires majority to approve)**

Itemized expenses were posted.

Motion to approve Passed with 2 objections

**CHANCERY BUSINESS****CH1. Court Reports****A. Judicial Courts**

*(While no action is required, the Estates may review.)*

i. **Court for Sir Deitrich**

Results posted. (See Appendix A)

ii. **Report of the Special Magistrate**

Results posted.

**B. Civil Courts** Ratified

*(Requires majority to ratify)*

**(See Appendix A)**

- i. Question: Does the attempt at petition activate the review process for the Board of Directors Membership or do they have to meet all the requirements and then fail at the Crown Suspension vote?

**Ratified by acclamation**

**CH2. Report of the Special Panel 2014-1**

Accepted

*(No action required)*

**Report presented:** The panel found that the magistrate performed his duties correctly, the accused was properly notified of the findings of the magistrate and the sentence, and that the accused then knowingly and willfully disregard the sentence.

**Accepted by acclamation**

**CH3. Election of BoD Members**

**Region 1: Judith King**

**Region 2: Laura Whitman**

**Region 3: Anthony Derivi**

**At Large: Dan Olsen, Andrew Cox**

*(Majority to elect)*

Region 1 (1, 2 year term)

Judith King (Dame Gabriele Silverhand) Approved on voice

Region 2 (1, 2 year term)

Laura Whitman (Dame Cressida of Alhambra) 80 Approved

Wendy Dellinger (Dame Etaine Llewellyn) 46

Region 3 (1, 2 year term)

Anthony Derivi (HIH L'Bete' de Acmd) 98+ - less Approved

*(Plurality to elect)*

At Large (2, 1 year term)

Dan Olsen (Sir Klaus van Isbjerg) 83 – less Approved

**Chancellor's Note:** See Appendix C for the letters of intent.

Motion to waive notice to accept nominations from the floor for the open At Large position Passed

Motion to waive the rule to accept nominations from the floor for the open At Large position Passed

Nominations:

Andy Cox (HE Sir Valence Prize) 73 Approved

Wendy Dellinger (HG Dame Etaine Llewelyn) 53

Sherry North (HG Dame Bella Nicotra) Withdrawn

Motion to open the nominations for Region 2 41 – 41+ Failed

Motion to vote on the 2<sup>nd</sup> At Large BoD member position on Sunday Passed

#### **CH4. Acceptability of Imperial Crown Contenders Approved**

*(Requires majority to approve)*

HIM Wright Bentwood and HE Dame Elizabeth Blize

Motion to hold a secret ballot 51 – 95 Failed

Motion to divide the question 43 – 44+ Failed

Motion to approve 105 - 44 Approved

#### **CH5. Review of Conversion policies No Action**

*(No action required)*

Nothing received

#### **CH6. Consideration of the Success of the Reigns of TIMs Thomas Weimar and Etaine Llewelyn. 1<sup>st</sup> Reign Successful, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reign Not**

*(Requires majority to approve)*

*Chancellor's Note: There has been a request to divide the question.*

Motion to removed from the table Passed on voice

Motion to table Failed on voice

Each reign will be voted upon separately

Motion to divide the question by crown for each reign 40 - 93 Failed

Motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reign 78 – 70 Passed

Motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reign 64 – 82+ Failed

#### **CH7. Add Crown Justice to IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, IV.A Option A Approved**

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Add a second item to the Codex Adjudicata Royal Court Section IV. COURTS OF JUSTICE A. ROYAL COURT:

Option A:

2. The term "Crown Justice" is applied to those individuals who choose a Royal Court, and choose to plead guilty and waive the right of a trial. The sentence is determined by the Crowns. The Crowns may consult with both plaintiffs and defendants regarding the sentence.

## Option B:

2. The term "Crown Justice" is applied to those individuals who choose a Royal Court, and choose to plead guilty, and waive the right of a trial. If the Crowns approve, a plea of "No Contest" may be entered in lieu of 'guilty', which does not require any admission of guilt from the defendant. The sentence is determined by the Crowns. The Crowns may consult with both plaintiffs and defendants regarding the sentence.

*Commentary: "Crown Justice" is defined as the Crown passing judgment and assigning an appropriate penance or penalty after the defendant waives their right to a trial and agrees to accept the ruling of Crown.*

*"No contest" is a guilty plea that does not acknowledge wrong-doing but admits that, should a trial be held, the defendant would be found guilty. Another way to put it is, "I didn't do anything wrong in regards to the complaint, but I can't prove it."*

Motion to vote on Option A: 96 – less Approved

Motion to approve Option A: 94 – less Approved

## CH8. Amend Lex Adria Article VII.B to add an Oath of Office Now NB6

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article VII.B as follows:

### B. MINISTERIAL SERVICE

1. All ministers serve at the pleasure of the Crown and are responsible directly to the Crown for the execution of their duties.
2. All ministers shall submit regular reports to their senior counterparts and carry out the duties and responsibilities of the ministries, which they head. To this end they are authorized to appoint deputies within their ministries, subject to the approval of the Crown.
3. When they take office, all ministers shall take an oath or sign a statement that they have read, understand, and will follow the Law and appropriate Manuals.

*Commentary: We suggest the following:*

*"I affirm that I have read and will abide by the Law and the manuals appropriate to my office."*

Motion to move to New Business (NB6)      71 – few      Passed

## CH9. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.H to require proxies to be received directly from the voter Now NB7

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article VI.H by adding:

4. All proxies must be dated and
  - a. sent to the Chancellor's office directly by the voter from a known or verifiable email address or phone number or
  - b. in hard copy with the voter's signature.

*Commentary: While in the past, we have accepted notification from others, Crowns, chancellors, spouses, etc., on behalf of vote holders, a proxy should clearly originate with the vote holder. Whether through mistake or intent, people have voted proxies that they were not meant to carry.*

Motion to move to New Business (NB7)      Passed by voice

## CH10. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.H to allow the use of Chancery as a Term of Art Approved

**(Requires 2/3 to approve)**

Amend Lex Adria as follows:

As appropriate, replace “Chancellor”, “Chancellor’s Office”, and “Chancellery” with “Chancery”.

Add to the Glossary:

Chancery: A term of art that refers to and may be used in place of: Chancellor, Chancellor’s office, or Chancellery

*Commentary: It’s simpler, shorter, easier to spell, easier to say, . . . .*

*From the Free Dictionary [www.thefreedictionary.com/chancery]:*

chan·cer·y  (chān'sə-rē)

*n. pl. chan·cer·ies*

...

**2.** The office or department of a chancellor; a chancellery.

[Middle English *chancerie*, alteration of *chancelrie*; see **chancellery**.]

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chancery (chānsərē)

*n. pl. -ceries*

...

**4.** (Government, Politics & Diplomacy) another name for [chancellery](#)

**5.** (Government, Politics & Diplomacy) a court of public records; archives [C14: shortened from chancellery]

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chan·cer·y (chānsərē, chānserē)

*n., pl. -ceries.*

**1.** the office or department of a chancellor; chancellery.

**2.** an office of public records.

[1325–75; Middle English *chancerie*, variant of *chancelrie*, syncopated variant of *chancellerie* [chancellery](#)]

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Motion to approve      139 – less      Approved

## CH11. Add a Chancery Note to Lex Adria Article XIV.F.3 for clarification Approved

**(Requires 2/3 to approve)**

Add the following to Lex Adria Article XIV.F.3 as a Chancellor’s Note:

3. Failure to Follow Timetable

If the Heirs Apparent, Crown, or other officers, fail to follow the timetable without reasonable cause, a Lord/Lady Protector shall be appointed by the chancellor until the coronation takes place. ([See Article XIV.C](#))

*Commentary: This adds a reference to the authorization for Lord/Lady Protector.*

Motion to approve      Passed by voice

## CH12. Amend Lex Adria Article XV for simplicity and consistency

**Now NB8**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article XV as follows:

### A. PAX REGIUM

~~For a period of six months from the date of coronation, the Royal and Ducal Crowns shall enjoy a Pax Regium. During this period of time, no one may challenge the Crown for the throne. Anytime after that, an Interim Civil War may be called. Challenge for the Imperial Crown may only be issued and done at the Imperial War scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend with no less than 45 days advance notice as indicated in Article XV.B.4.a. If no notice is given to the Imperial Crown by 45 days before Memorial Day Weekend, that weekend shall be used for a war fought for the amusement of the populace (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. The Imperial Chronicler shall cause this information to be published well in advance of the war.~~

~~There is no Pax Regium for any Crowns or Ruling Nobles, except as specifically described above.~~

#### 1. Imperial Crown

Notice of Imperial Civil War may only be declared as described in Article XV.B.4.a

#### 2. Royal and Ducal Crowns

For a period of six months from the date of coronation, the Royal and Ducal Crowns shall enjoy a Pax Regium. During this period of time, no one may challenge the Crown for the throne. Anytime after that, an Interim Civil War may be called.

#### 3. All Other Ruling Nobles

There is no Pax Regium for any Crowns or Ruling Nobles, except as specifically described above.

### B. INTERIM CIVIL WAR

#### 4. Notice

##### a. Imperial Civil Wars

Challenge for the Imperial Crown may only be issued and done at the Imperial War scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend with no less than [30]45 days advance notice. If no notice is given to the Imperial Crown [by 30 days before Memorial Day Weekend, that] as required, the Memorial Day 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. The Imperial Chronicler shall cause this information to be published well in advance of the war.

*Commentary: This corrects a change to the that was made the improperly in the 2006 Law and Manuals update causing a discrepancy in the deadline for declaring Civil War and further confusing the article. The error was not caught in the 2012 10*

*year update to the Law and Manuals, and was only noticed recently. It also simplifies the language referring to Memorial Day weekend. Additional changes to this Article are in OB3.*

Motion to move to New Business (NB8)      Approved by voice

### **CH13. Correct the reference to Kingdom charter amendments      Approved**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article XIII.D.5 as follows:

Under Article VIII.D.[3]1.b.vii, the Imperial Estates may amend or revoke a Kingdom's Charter by a 2/3 vote.

*Commentary: This was a typographic error in the reference that needs to be corrected.*

Motion to approve      Approved by acclamation

### **CH14. Add the words "Chapters and" to the title of Lex Adria Article VIII.F      Approved**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article XIII.F as follows:

### **F. ESTABLISHMENT, ADVANCEMENT, AND CONTINUATION OF CHAPTERS AND ESTATES**

*Commentary: This should have been corrected when "Chartered Subdivisions" and "Subdivision" were changed to "Chapters" and "Estates".*

Motion to approve      Approved by acclamation

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **OB1. Change the renewal date to 1 June      Now NB9**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend ByLaws Article III.D as follows:

For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period [July 1 to June 30]June 1 to May 31. Annual memberships are due on [July]June 1 of each year.

*Commentary: July is the month the Steward has to give a complete report of the finances. It is also the month he has to do renewals. There are the rosters to do. As it is now we have to check and see if they have paid, also take in renewals at the IEM. If the renewal was either June the first with a grace period or July the first with no Grace period we wouldn't have to check to see if everyone had paid because if they hadn't paid they wouldn't show up on the board.*

*Author: HIM Etaine Llewelyn*

*Sponsors: HRG William Baine KPr*

*Counterproposal*

Amend ByLaws Article III.D as follows:

For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period [July 1 to June 30]August 1 to July 31. Annual memberships are due on [July]August 1 of each year.

*Commentary: If the renewal was in August we wouldn't have to check to see if everyone had paid because they were paid when they qualified for their vote. Also, if the renewal is in June, all through June and July the Steward and Rolls and Lists are trying to update the membership lists and have less time to confirm whether or not a potential voter is a paid member.*

**Author:** HRT Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR, HG Sir Robert La Croix, KPr

**Motion to approve the Counterproposal**

Motion to move to New Business (NB9) 91 – less      Passed

## OB2. Adopt the use of the Rawlings type synthetic sword for use in Shinai

(Requires majority to remove from the table, majority to approve)

(Chancellor's Note: This is tabled until November)

Modify IEW-17, the Combat Manual, to include the use of the Rawlings type synthetic sword in Shinai as an alternative to using shinais. Shinais and the synthetic swords may be used together.

**Commentary:** Please review the playtest report (Appendix D) for full details and testing results.

**Authors:** HG Connor O'Readon CtR

**Sponsors:** Ritter Dietrich von Holstein KCh,

HG Hawthorne de Tallyrand Perigord KCh

**Counterproposal:**

As the primary proposal but shinai and synthetic swords shall not be used together.

**Authors:** HG William Baine, KCh

**Sponsor:** HIH Erik Harbinger, KCh

Motion to discuss Passed on voice

Point of information: 6 Chapters are testing this including Esperance, Umbria, Cypress, and Constantinople; a melee test is needed; mixed use with shinai results in broken shinais

Additional armor/padding is required, and shinai and the Rawlings type swords are not compatible and should not be used against/with one another.

## OB3. Alternative Makeup of Imperial Estates

**Failed**

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Create an Imperial Steering Committee (ISC) and the Full Assembly (FIE, aka Imperial Estates General or Imperial Estates) with the Steering Committee consisting of those voters who attended the meeting in person, and all of the qualified Imperial voters would constitute the Assembly. The Steering Committee would debate the items on the agenda, make modifications as appropriate, and recommend for or against each item, with each member holding one vote. The Assembly would then vote for, against or abstain on each item. The Assembly votes would be cast electronically or by mail no later than one month after the meeting of the Steering Committee. Proxies are no longer valid.

**Commentary:** There have been many discussions about the problems with the IEMs: the IE has too many voters which makes meetings long and difficult and voting hard to count; the IE is not representative of the members because there are too many non-landed voters and not enough landed estates votes; proxies come in late; changes to agenda items can't be made because the proxy holders don't know about them; proxy holders don't vote the will of the estate when the proxy is an open proxy; etc. This item seeks to correct all of the above problems by:

1. eliminating all proxies (if you are there, you vote in the Steering Committee, if not , you vote in the Full Assembly, and if you have 2 votes, you vote up to 1 in the Steering Committee and the rest in the Full Assembly),
2. limiting the discussion and voting in the Steering Committee to those who are present at the meeting,

3. allowing everyone a direct vote after all of the changes to the proposals have been made and discussed openly,
4. Full Assembly votes would be counted electronically, so the count is “guaranteed” to be accurate.

The time-table and operation would be as follows:

1. 60 days prior to the Imperial Steering Committee Meeting (ISCM), the call for agenda items is posted and the membership in the Imperial Estates General is set.
2. 45 days prior to the ISCM, the ISCM agenda is published
3. 30 days prior the ISCM, the ISCM agenda is finalized
4. The ISCM is held:
  - a. All those in attendance sign in and specify which vote they are casting.
  - b. The Agenda is discussed and modified as appropriate.
5. By the day after the ISCM, the Chancellery and the Ministry of Information establish the make-up of the Full Imperial Assembly (FIE) and the FIE discussion and voting group is established over the next 7 days.
6. 7 days after the ISCM:
  - a. The minutes of the ISCM are published and the AIE Agenda is published with the recommendations of the ISC (excluding tabled items);
  - b. The members of the FIE sign in to the discussion and voting group; and -
  - c. Online discussion now begins in a “closed” group of all of the Imperial Estate holders, both landed and non-landed (the general public is not allowed access to this group but all members of Adria could be given read-only access with only the members of the FIE being given posting privileges).
7. 21 - 24 days after the ISCM: The discussion is closed and the online voting begins
8. 28 - 30 days after the ISCM voting ends.
9. 1-4 day after the AIE voting ends, the results are published.

We realize that there are still some details to be worked out (how the AIE discussion board will be created, how the AIE will vote, how Estates with no viable internet access will participate, ...), but we believe those issues can be resolved (including testing) prior to or within 3 months of passage with implementation beginning after the IEM following the approval, e.g. if this item is approved at the March 2014 IEM, it can be implemented in time for the November 2014 meeting.

**Authors:** Sir Robert LaCroix, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau CR,  
Sir William Baine KPr

**Motion to approve**      **Failed by voice**

**OB4. Play test Authorization for OB3****Withdrawn****(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)**

Approve and authorize “unofficial” play testing implementation of the alternative makeup of the Imperial Estates proposed in OB3 until the November IEM.

This is to be done by each chapter at the local level. The Steering Committee meeting is to be held at a local event no less than 1 month after the IEM and at least 1 month prior to the November IEM. The Assembly meeting would be held as per proposal in the time following the event. Passage of the items would be subject to ratification (prior to the IEM) at the next regularly scheduled chapter estates meeting. This may be repeated depending on time and the desire and willingness of the Chapter.

All chapters would use the same voting site/program/method. Local chancellors would be assisted by the Imperial Deputy Chancellors. The site to be used will be chosen by the Imperial Deputies and tested by Albion prior to general play testing, after Albion has proven the methods, tools, site, etc., the play test will be done by the other chapters (w possible exception of the Shires).

During the play testing, the results of the regular Estates meeting would be the official results, not the results of the electronic voting.

**COMMENTARY:** *We feel that it is not practical or reasonable for the Estates to vote on this issue without experiencing the implementation. Play testing would allow the Estate holders to experience the implementation as well as allowing the system to be “debugged” and adjusted prior to official implementation.*

*By allowing the play test from now until November allows a minimum of two tests at the local level, one before the July meeting and one before the November meeting.*

**Author:** Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR, Sir Robert La Croix, KPr

**Withdrawn by authors**

**OB5. Amend Lex Adria and IEW 34 (Manual for the Office of Rolls & Lists) for monthly service outside of an event****Tabled****(Requires 2/3 to approve as a whole)**

Option A:

Lex Adria, Article V.F.

3. In addition, a member may record a second participation point and a second win, for participation or wins earned in one official Imperial event that allows for advancement in all four disciplines in the same month that the member records points for participating as above. If the member participates in multiple official Imperial events in one month, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation or win shall be recorded applies as above. This is not an exception to the law; it is the opportunity to record an additional point.

## IEW #34, Article III.E

Per the Adrian Empire Lex Adria Article V.F. only one participation point (Event Participation (EP) or War Participation (WP)) and Tournament Win (TW) counts towards advancement to knighthood in each discipline (Archery, Arts, Combat, and Ministry). Demo Participations (DP's), Demo Initiations (DI's), and Arts Masterworks (MW's) are not subject to this limitation. The exceptions to this are Imperial events that allow for advancement in all four disciplines [~~Tournaments (EPs and TW's), Imperial Wars (WP's), and Imperial Estates Meetings (Ministry EPs)~~] which may be counted in addition to a local participation or win in the same month.

*Commentary: This proposal is to create equality between disciplines for EXTRA event participation points, tournament win points, and war points being awarded for Imperial events. It would still be possible to have an Imperial Archery only tournament, but it could not count as an additional "double dip" for that month.*

*Author:* Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR

*Sponsors:* Sir Fredrick KCh

*Chancellor's note: The effect of adopting this rule shall prevent any Imperial Ministry point double-dips awarded outside of sanctioned events. It will not retroactively remove any points already awarded. We prohibit ipso facto law.*

Option B:

Lex Adria, Article V.F

3. In addition, a member may record a second participation point and a second win, for participation or wins earned in one official Imperial event or a ministry participation point for Imperial ministry service as recognized and approved by the Imperial Crown in the same month that the member records points for participating as above. If the member participates in multiple official Imperial events or Imperial ministry service in one month, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation or win shall be recorded applies as above. This is not an exception to the law; it is the opportunity to record an additional point.

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*Commentary: For many years, (10+), Adrian Imperial Crowns have awarded ministry points in addition to the monthly local participation. Our rules do not clearly authorize this, but it is an indisputable fact. When actual practice and black-letter law do not concur, the Estates should step in and clarify the Law. We are asking you to resolve the conflict. Shall our Law be changed to reflect our practice or should our practice be changed to better reflect our written law?*

*Authors:* Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

*Motion to table and refer to the authors for reconciliation      Passed on voice*

**OB6. Amend the Bylaws Article IV to reinstate distribution of dues between the Empire and the local chapters** **Tabled**

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Rename B and add as follows:

B. DISTRIBUTION [~~EXPENSE APPROVAL~~]

1. Distribution of dues paid shall be as follows: 70% to the Imperial and 30% to the Chapter.
2. The Imperial Crown may expend the ~~treasury~~ funds on items as approved by the Imperial Estates.

**COMMENTARY:** . When this was removed the Empire needed 100% of the dues to cover expenses and the Imperial Travel Fund was a separate account funded solely on donations and fund raising. This was to be a temporary measure with the intent to later redistribute back to the local chapters. This redistribution will allow for the local regions to once again be supported by membership dues to cover some of the operating expenses that they incur. The Imperial Travel fund can once again be a separate account funded by fundraisers and private donations just like the local subdivisions do today. This will create a more equitable status between the Imperial and Local chapters for budgeting. Based on historical figures, the cost for operating expenses of the Imperial government, including insurance and legal/financial assistance has been holding steady at about 70%. The Imperial government now has sufficient reserves to offset small fluctuations.

**Authors:** HRM Sir Fredrick von Burg Umbria, Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR

**Counterproposal:**

Increase all membership fees by \$5.00 with that \$5.00 going to the Chapter.

Amend ByLaws Article V. as follows:

B. DISTRIBUTION [~~EXPENSE APPROVAL~~]

1. \$5.00 of each membership fee will go to the Chapter.

**D. SCHEDULE**

1. Single
  - a. Annual: \$30.00
2. Family
  - a. Annual: +(\$20.00 \* X)
3. Associate

(Chancery Note: currently \$[45]20.00 annually)

**Commentary:** Many chapters need start-up money or on-going help to send a representative to Imperial Estates meetings. These modest amounts should at least help Duchies, Archduchies and Kingdoms send their representative. Shires, of course, are represented by the Imperial Crown. In this economy, Chapters need the help. The Empire should maintain an adequate safety net and any dues increase must be modest to avoid a hardship for our members.

**Authors:** Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

Motion to move to a committee of the whole Passed

Report: Recommend tabling and referring to a committee to discuss means of returning monies to the Chapters

Motion to table and refer to committee Passed by voice

**OB7. Delete ByLaws Article IV.F Newsletter****Approved****(Requires 2/3 to approve)****F. 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.~~] Removed

**Commentary:** The Newsletter, when published, has only been published electronically for several years. As there is no expense associated with that, this paragraph should be deleted.

**Authors:** Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

**Motion to approve**      **Approved by voice**

**OB8. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI.A Conduct of Crown Wars**      **Tabled****(Requires 2/3 to approve)**

## 5. War

- c. In the case of more than 2 sets of contenders, at [At] least four group battles, one champion's battle, and three arts points shall be decided on the first day.

## 6. War Points

- b Eight Arts Points
  - i Highest total

The army with the highest total points on each of the lists. [~~This is the same system that has been in place, minus the categories.~~]

**Commentary:** The original law stated that certain points must be determined on the first day in the case of a multiple contender war so that the two strongest armies could continue to the next day. The scenarios refer to a time when there were only 6 arts points (3 Knights/3 Masters (one for each category) and 9 combat points and no archery points awarded. This section is outdated at best, but could be helpful in a multi-contender war perhaps. To be useful law, I have suggest these changes:

**Author:** Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR

**Sponsors:** Sir Fredrick KCh

**Motion to discuss**      **Passed by acclamation**

**Motion to table to November**      **Passed by voice**

**OB9. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI.B.6, Conduct of Imperial Crown War, for clarity****Now NB10****(Requires 2/3 to approve)**

Reword Lex Adria Article XVI.B.6.b

Option A:

Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The Heir(s) Apparent shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation and its autocrat, which shall be in [~~conjunction with~~] the same metropolitan area and on the same weekend as the November [meeting of the] Imperial Estates meeting. The bids for the coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than X days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 1: X = 30

Alternative 2: X = 45

Alternative 3: X = 90

## Option B:

Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The Heir(s) Apparent shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation and autocrat(s) [~~which shall be in conjunction with the November meeting of the~~] Imperial Estates meeting. The bids for the November IEM and coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than X days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 1: X = 30

Alternative 2: X = 45

Alternative 3: X = 90

## Option C:

Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The [~~Heir(s) Apparent~~] Crowns shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation, [~~which shall be~~] in conjunction with the November [~~meeting of the~~] Imperial Estates meeting.

**Commentary:** The current wording of XVI.B.6 is open to several interpretations: Does the coronation have to be in the same “city” as the IEM? Do the Heirs Apparent have any say in the location of the IEM? Do the IEM and the coronation have to have the same autocrat? These options spell out the interpretations specifically. The alternatives provide a time frame for the presentation of site information to the Heirs Apparent when they have a say in choosing the site location for the coronation and/or IEM.

**Authors:** Sir William Baine, CR, and Greor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

**Motion to table to New Business (NB10)** Passed by voice

**OB10. Exception to Law/Revised Charter for Carolingia      Approved**

(Requires majority to approve)

Adopt an Imperial Estates Writ that the chapter known as Carolingia be decreed a holy land and as such be forever recorded among in our chapters. As such, it will make no claims to sole use of its mundane physical area and allow the Imperial Crown to approve any events in its borders.

**Commentary:** The people of Carolingia devised and fleshed out the structure we use today and this will honor the memory of their accomplishments while not preventing any membership from using the area their subdivision once held.

**Authors:** Lord Wright, HRM Bour

**Sponsors:** Sir William Baine, CR, and Greor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

**Motion to approve**      125 to insufficient      Passed

**OB11. Amend War Judging in IEW-1      Now NB11**

(Requires majority to approve)

## D. WAR JUDGING

1. [~~The War~~] Entries shall be judged by a panel of at least three qualified judges [~~per entry~~]. Four judges are recommended, [~~with three primary and an alternate judge designated.~~]
2. [~~Judging panels will have four qualified judges; three main and one alternate judge.~~] The panels should be representative of the armies in the war, and will

- not favor any army or faction and be chosen for subject matter knowledge and expertise according to each type of entry.
3. The pool of judges should be decided prior to the war based on qualified judges who have notified the MA&S of their willingness to judge.
  4. The contenders, the contender's family, and any direct vassals (have sworn personal fealty to the contender) shall not judge.
  5. An artisan who has also entered the lists at a war may not judge more than 50% of the entries unless there are too few judges willing to serve.
  6. An artisan cannot judge their own work. A judge should not be a family member or close affiliate, if possible.
  7. All judging shall be performed as in a standard arts tournament.
  8. A tournament win shall be awarded to artisans who have qualifying scores.
  9. Masterworks can be awarded.
  10. [The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall discuss any scores where one score is five or more points from the next closest score with the judging panel prior to it being recorded by the List Mistress. All judges on the panel must initial each change to a score. A notation discussing the reason for the score change must be made.] The three closest scores will be used for the average and the fourth score will not be used. The MA&S shall discuss any score that differs by more than five from any other score used with the judge, who shall have the opportunity to adjust the score to be more in line with the other scores or that judge will be replaced by two new judges and the same criteria shall be applied. If the [Minister of Arts and Sciences] MA&S and the Crown feel that one of the judges is biased or unreasonable, two additional judges may be selected to judge the piece. [If an alternate judge participated in the judging, their score may be substituted for the out-of-range score.] Neither the [Minister of Arts and Sciences] MA&S nor the Crown may change or "adjust" arts scores.
  11. Any change to a score must be initialed by the judge and a notation of the reason for the change shall be made.

*Commentary: The changes to 1 and 2 are to get rid of the words "alternate judge". We need to us the words "4 judges" and not make one different from the others. Then we just take the 3 scores we are going to use. The change to 10 and addition of 11 is to clarify the 5 point difference. Discussing the reason for the score change must be made. If the Minister of Arts and Sciences and the Crown feel that one of the judges is biased or unreasonable, two additional judges may be selected to judge the piece. Neither the Minister of Arts and Sciences nor the Crown may change or "adjust" arts scores.*

*Author: Dame Etaine Llywelyn, KDr*

*Sponsors: HG Sir William Baine, CR*

Motion to table to New Business (NB11) Passed

## OB12. Amend IEW 16, Imperial Crown Travel Fund Approved

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Amend the title:

Imperial [Crown] Travel Fund

*Commentary: This will then include BoD Officer travel and not limit to just the Imperial Crowns since the BoD travel has become an addition to the Imperial Budget.*

*Author: Her Royal Majesty Shahara of Umbria*

*Sponsors: HG Cocah Anatolii of York and HG Margarita Dubious of Cyprus*

Motion to approve Passed by voice

**OB13. Amend IEW 16, Imperial Crown Travel Fund** Failed

**Failed**

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Add the following:

- a. The Imperial Travel fund is directed for use by the Imperial Crowns for three Imperial Estates Meetings (IEMs), and two Imperial Wars to defray the expenses for such travel. Should the Imperial Crowns decide to do other travel, it is not reimbursed with Adrian Membership Income, even if it is within the Estates approved travel budget.
  - b. The Imperial Travel fund is directed for use by the Imperial Chancellor to defray the cost for travel for three IEMs since the Chancellor is required to conduct the IEM. Should the Chancellor not be available to attend the meeting, the Deputy Chancellor's travel will be reimbursed in order to conduct the IEM in the absence of the Imperial Chancellor. Should the Chancellor decide to travel to other events, it is at their own expense and not reimbursed with Adrian Membership Income.
  - c. The Imperial Travel fund is directed for use by the Imperial Steward/Treasurer for three IEMs to defray costs for travel since the Steward/Treasurer has the financial responsibility for the Corporation and should be at the IEM. Should the Steward/Treasurer decide to travel to other events, it is at their own expense and not reimbursed with Adrian Membership Income.
  - d. The Imperial Travel fund is directed for use by the Board of Director (BoD) President to defray the costs of travel to the IEMs and BoD meetings. The President is required to conduct the BoD meeting and report directly to the Imperial Estates at the IEM. In the event that the BoD President is unable to attend the meeting, then the Vice President's travel will be covered to conduct the meeting in the President's absence. Should any officer of the BoD decide to travel to other events, it will be at their own expense and not be reimbursed with Adrian Membership Funds.

**Commentary:** We feel it should be stipulated in the Estates Writ exactly what and for whom the Imperial Travel Budget is used for. It seems over the years that the original intent has been lost and not enough fund raising done to cover the expenditures incurred. In our opinion, the Imperial Travel budget should be used for required travel. Any other travel is not required for the Imperial Crowns, Ministers or BoD Officers. The current Writ simply states this fund "is to help defray travel expenses" for the Imperial Crowns. We believe the funds should be allocated for travel only to the IEM's/BoD meetings; and for the Imperial Crowns, to attend two Imperial Wars. If the Imperial Crown(s) chooses to visit another Region, it should be done for the Imperial Crown Wars wherein more than one chapter will benefit from the visit and have access to the Imperial Crown(s) for that event. If a chapter wants to have an Imperial Crown visit, they can have a fund raiser for that travel.

*Author: Her Royal Majesty Shahara of Umbria, Crown*

**Sponsors:** HG Dame Cocah Anatolii of York, CR, HG Hawthorne de Tallyrand Perigord of York, CR, HG Cameron Kilshannig of Umbria, CR, HG Margarita

*Dubios of Cyprus, CR, HG Marion Leal Durius of Esperance, CR, Sir Dorn der Schwarzen, Crown and Dame Felecia 'the Bold' der Schwarzen of Tyr-Lynn, CR*  
 Motion to approve      56 – 96      Failed

**OB14. Delete IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, Article IV.G.1.a.iii  
 Judicial Ban Process, Imperial Crown, 28 member option Approved**  
**(Requires majority to approve)**

Delete

- iii. ~~Deleted.~~ [Petition by 28 members of the Imperial Estates whose membership was established at the most recent meeting of the Imperial Estates from at least 3 Chapters (or all Chapters if there be fewer than 3 in existence).]

*Commentary:* This removes the 28 member option but retains the option of 1/3 of the membership.

*Authors:* HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR  
 Motion to approve      82 – 40      Passed

**OB15. Amend IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, Article IV.G.3.b.  
 Judicial Ban, Removal Approved**

**(Requires majority to approve)**

Amend as follows:

- b. In the case of a Crown, if the Judicial Ban (including corporate suspension) originated from a body of Estates, that body may remove the Judicial Ban by majority vote at any convened meeting or by Petition supported by [~~2/3a majority of that body.~~

*Commentary:* If half of the body is against the petition, the 2/3 majority required for conviction cannot be achieved.

*Authors:* HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR  
 Motion to approve      111 – less      Passed

**OB16. Amend Bylaws Article III.B to simplify the membership namesApproved**

**(Requires 2/3 to approve)**

1. Participating [Single] Membership

The basic membership, conveying the right to earn knightly rank, receive precedence bearing awards, have arms registered, and the right to hold office in the Adrian Empire, serves as the primary point of contact for the purposes of notification and publications.

2. Participating Family Membership

This includes all legal dependents of the participant's immediate mundane family. The rights of participating [single] membership extend to family members.

**(Chancery Note: This membership category shall be consistent with current IRS policy, which also includes a cohabitating couple.)**

3. Participating [Single] Life Membership

A member, who pays 10 times the current participating [single] membership fee, holds a participating [single] membership for life.

4. Associate Membership

A member of any Imperially approved organization (or a Chapter or equivalent thereof) with activities and goals parallel to the Adrian Empire, may qualify for associate membership. The rights of participating [single] membership extend to associate members.

*Authors:* HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

Motion to approve      Approved by voice

**OB17. Amend Lex Adria Article VI. Summoning Meetings      Approved**

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Article VI.A.2.b:

b By [any three members] a petition of one-third of the membership of the body [who must reside in different Chapters (the meeting must be for a location in a Chapter in which none of the summoning members resides.) If a Banner War is announced by March 1 as per Article XV.A., and a Civil War challenge is issued, members who reside in the Estate of the announced War site may still summon an Imperial Estates Meeting to void a challenge.] presented to the Chancellor.

- i. The petition must set the date, location, and time of the meeting, and state the proposals to be considered.
- ii. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the meeting.
- iii. A majority of the membership of the body may reject the summoning of the meeting by submitting a counter-petition to the Chancellor.
- iv. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the cancellation of the meeting.

And Article VI.D (CHAPTER GOVERNING BODY; SUMMONING MEETINGS), paragraph 3:

A Meeting of the Estates may also be summoned by [three members] a petition of one-third of the membership of that body presented to the Chancellor. [The meeting must be summoned by unanimous agreement of the three summoning members for a time and location within the Chapter.]

1. The petition must set the date, location, and time of the meeting, and state the proposals to be considered.
2. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the meeting.
3. A majority of the membership of the body may reject the summoning of the meeting by submitting a counter-petition to the Chancellor.
4. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the cancellation of the meeting.

(Chancery Note: [This meeting must meet all other requirements for an official event. See Article V.] If the meeting is summoned, it must satisfy the notice requirements or the first item of business upon achieving quorum shall be to waive notice.)

Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

Motion to approve      Approved by voice

**OB18. Amend Lex Adria, Article XV.A Pax Regium      Approved**

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria Article XV.A. paragraph 2:

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

**Chancellor's Note:** The Imperial Crown is the agent of the Adrian Empire and must sanction and approve the contracts for any sites to be used. Further, the Crown has the sole right to determine the locations of the War sites.

*Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

Motion to approve      Approved by voice with 1 nay

**OB19. Amend IEW 03, Steward's Manual, & Create a new IEW to change the issuance of membership cards    IEW 03 Approved Writ Failed**  
*(Requires majority to approve)*

Amend IEW-3, III.C as follows:

... The only acceptable membership form is Imperially authorized. The Imperial Steward will issue membership numbers [~~and cards~~] for each member[; ~~the membership cards may be mailed~~ which will be provided] to the Steward of the Chapter [~~or each member~~]. Members whose membership is up for renewal are given a 30 day grace period in which to pay their dues. ...

Create a new IEW (#45): Membership Cards:

A membership card form shall be authorized by the Steward. The card shall consist of 4 parts.

- I. The first part will provide space for
  - A. the member's name, persona and membership number to be completed by the Chapter Steward;
  - B. Archery authorization (Bowman, Huntsman, Rangemaster) to be completed by the Chapter Minister of Archery; and
  - C. Arts authorization (Journeyman, Knights' list, Scribe, Judge) to be completed by the Chapter Minister of Arts and Science.
- II. The second part shall be the liability waiver, which the member shall sign.
- III. The third part shall be the Combat qualification card, and the fourth part shall be the additional weapons qualifications; these sections shall be completed by the Chapter Ministry of War and Joust.
- IV. The cards will be multifold, the size of a business card when folded.

*Commentary: We have received concerns and questions regarding why membership cards are called for but not being issued. As a practical matter, a one-size-fits-all card, issued by the Chapter, is the best solution in our opinion.*

*Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

Motion to divide the question      Approved by voice

Motion to approve the change to the Steward's Manual 82 – less      Approved

Motion to approve the writ for a membership card      Failed on voice

**OB20. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI for clarity and simplification    Tabled**  
*(Requires majority to approve)*

Reword Lex Adria Article XVI.B.6.a.iii as follows for simplification and clarity:

iii. Determine the relative percentage to be assigned to each site.

As soon as possible after the conclusion of the War at each site, but no later than 7:00 pm Pacific Time on Labor Day (or Memorial Day if an Imperial Civil War) the Imperial Chancellor's representative at that site shall communicate the results to the Imperial Chancellor, [~~the results of the War. Results at each war site shall be communicated to the Imperial Chancellor or designated representative for tabulation no later than 7:00 a.m. Pacific Time on Labor Day (or Memorial Day if an Imperial Civil War). Upon receiving all the points, the Imperial Chancellor]~~ who shall tabulate the results and announce the winner of the Imperial Crown War.

*Commentary: The wording of XVI.B.6.a.iii is redundant and unnecessarily complex and wordy. This simplifies it.*

*Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

Motion to table for rewrite      Passed by acclamation

**OB21. Correct the definition of Writs in Lex Adria Glossary      Approved**

(Requires majority to approve)

Modify the Glossary as follows

Crown Writs - The [written decisions] rules made by the Crown.

Estates Writs - The [written decisions] rules made by the Estates [General].

**Commentary:** What to have for lunch, the outcome of a trial, a legal interpretation, a resolution, these are decisions. Writs are rules, they are to be followed, not just acknowledged. A simple majority is required as the Glossary is not law; it is guideline not rising to the level of law.

**Authors:** HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

Motion to approve      Approved by voice

**OB22. Amendments to IEW 18 to correct the term “Geographic Chapter” and include missing order information      Option B Approved**

**Orders Tabled**

(Requires majority to approve)

Modify IEW 18, Armigerous Rights, as follows:

Article II.B.4      Kingdom

[Geographic] Chapter[s] and Estate Royal, ruled by a King or Queen.

Article II.B.7      Archduchy

[Geographic] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by an Archduke or Archduchess.

Article II.B.8      Duchy

[Geographic] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Duke or a Duchess.

Article II.B.13      Shire

[Geographic] Chapter and Estate Minor, ruled by a Viceroy or Vicereine ...

Article II.B.22      Lord/Lady Protector

Temporary position, acting as the Crown of a [Geographic] Chapter for a period of less than 1 year.

Option A:

1. Archduchy/Duchy

[Geographic] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by an Archduke or Archduchess or a Duke or a Duchess depending on the membership of the Chapter. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Royal Grace" or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Archduke <name>", "Duke <name>", "Archduchess <name>", or "Duchess <name>" according to gender and preference, or may use a non-English translation as "Duc".

2. Deleted[Duchy]

~~Geographic Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Duke or a Duchess. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Royal Grace" or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Duke <name>" or "Duchess <name>" according to gender, or may use a non English translation such as "Duc".~~

(See Appendix B for additional Orders)

Option B:

2. Archduchy

[Geographic] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by an Archduke or Archduchess. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Royal Grace" or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Archduke <name>", or "Archduchess

*<name>*", according to gender and preference, or may use a non-English translation.

3. Duchy

[**Geographic**] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Duke or a Duchess. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as [**"Your Royal Grace"** or] "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Duke *<name>*" or "Duchess *<name>*" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation such as "Duc".

*Authors:* HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

Motion to divide the question: removal of the word Geographic and Orders

Approved by voice

Motion to approve the removal of the word Geographic      Approved by voice

Motion to approve an option: A – 17, B – Many more    B Approved

Motion to table the Orders in Appendix    Passed by voice

## NEW BUSINESS

### NB1. Add to Lex Adria limits to new Chapter land grants

(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Add the following to Lex Adria Article VI.F.3.a.v:

The land granted to a Chapter shall be those named counties, municipalities, or bordered portions thereof, which need not be contiguous, in which its members live or hold local events (at least once every two years).

If there is a conflict in the granting of lands due to cohabitation or co-use, and the Chapters cannot agree on a division or to share said lands, previous charters and agreements will remain in force.

Imperial lands may be used by any Chapter with Imperial Crown authorization.

Option:

Strike the references to where members live.

*Commentary:* The expansion of the Empire has been hindered by Chapters who have been granted large areas in which they do not have members or play, yet will not permit the establishment of new Chapters or use by other, closer Chapters. This "strict adherence to artificial, imaginary maps" has been detrimental to the Empire, its growth, and the maintenance of our membership.

*Authors:* HG Sr William Baine, KPr, HG Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

**Discussion:**

This is not designed to (force a) change of existing chapter borders, but to give a guideline for how borders should be set, especially for new chapters.

There is no consistent policy for this; it changes according to the preferences of the current Imperial Crown.

The verbiage, as written, is too limiting for new chapters who cannot prove where they have been playing. It needs to be a little more flexible.

Imperial Cantons can be created to allow play in an area to establish a history of play.

New Shires should be queried as to whether the land they were granted was adequate and sufficient or if it should have been larger or smaller.

The 1.5 hour rule could be used for the determination of the boundaries

### NB2. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.A.2 to limit Emergency IEMs

(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Add the following to Lex Adria Article VI.A2

- c. Emergency Electronic meetings shall consider no more than 3 items in a 24 hour time period.
- d. No face-to-face meeting shall be called for less than 6 business items.

**Commentary:** Our recent experience showed the actual cost and inconvenience we can incur, both and an Empire and as individuals, for only a couple of agenda items. Yet, a real emergency can come up, and we need a reasonable method of addressing it. But we also need to be able to limit the conditions under which we will expend the effort and money for face-to-face meetings. We need to address electronic meetings in a separate proposal.

**Authors:** HG Sr William Baine, KPr, HG Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR  
**Discussion:**

Add the word “emergency” to d before the word “meeting”

Make the numbers in c and d consecutive, either 3 and 4 or 4 and 5 or 5 and 6

### NB3. Elevate Counties to Estates Major

(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria to elevate Counties to Estates Major:

Article VI.D CHAPTER GOVERNING BODY; SUMMONING MEETINGS

**Estates Major** (Lord/Lady Protector, Count/Countess Royal,

Marquis/Marquessa, Founder, and Third-Level Knight, Count/Countess)

**Estates Minor** ([Count/Countess,] Baron/Baroness, Second-Level Knight, Household Lord/Lady)

Article IX.D. Titles

10. Count/Countess

The ruler(s) of a County. Part of the Estates [Minor]Major. (Voting)

Glossary

**Estates Major** - That portion of the Estates General consisting of Lord/Lady Protector, Count/Countess Royal, Marquis/Marquessa, Founder, [~~and~~] Third-Level Knight and Count/Countess.

**Estates Minor** - That portion of the Estates General consisting of [Count/Countess,] Baron/Baroness, Second- Level Knight, Household Lord/Lady.

**Commentary:** Once again, this is offered to address the imbalance between representative and personal votes. With this proposal, a Duchy may earn a Major Estate, an Archduchy could achieve 2, and a Kingdom may earn more. A version of this was proposed, and rejected, last year.

**Sponsors:** HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

**Discussion:**

This item, and the one that follows, were introduced to adjust the balance of landed estates (representational) votes to non-landed (personal) votes.

Knights should be representing the populace of their estates

Please provide a historical analysis of the landed vs non-landed votes for the IEMs.

The potential votes for this meeting were 70 landed and 165 non-landed for an approximate 1:2.5 ratio. The exercised votes were just over 50 to just under 100 for an approximate 1:2 ratio.

## NB4. Amend Lex Adria Article VII.E to change the requirements for Landed Estates

**(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)**

Option A: Reduce the minimum membership for Landed Estates

Amend Lex Adria Article VII.E as follows:

### E. ESTATES

... A March is an estate entity consisting of at least [50]40 members, A County is an estate entity consisting of at least [35]20 members, a Barony is an estate entity consisting of at least [45]10 members and a Household is an estate entity consisting of at least 5 members.

Option B: Define the Landed Estates in terms of Feudalism

### E. ESTATES

... A March is an estate entity consisting of at least [50 members]2 Counties, A County is an estate entity consisting of at least [35 members]2 Baronies, a Barony is an estate entity consisting of at least [15 members]2 Houses and a Household is an estate entity consisting of at least 5 members.

*Commentary: This provides several advantages: it provides more representational votes, and it provides a more consistent Estate advancement.*

*Authors: HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR, HG William Baine, KPr*

**Discussion:**

See NB3

## NB5. Add a Guideline for Holding an IEM

**(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)**

Add the following to Lex Adria Article VI.A1:

d. Proximate to:

- i. International Airports that are also major hubs (ordinarily understood travel or connection hubs: e.g. Phoenix, LA, San Diego, Orlando, Las Vegas, Denver, Atlanta, Chicago, ... ) or
- ii. Adrian population centers (at least 100 members)

*Commentary: This seems to be a consensus of the desires of those who were not happy with the selection of the site for the previous IEMs.*

*Authors: HG Sir William Baine, KPr, Hg Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

**Discussion:**

We already get so few bids, why should we limit it further?

Please send suggestions, recommendations, and comments to the authors!

What is a “population center”

Recommend standard locations for each region

How do we get earlier bids

Have the Estates determine the locations instead of the Imperial Crowns

Add the schedule of locations for the next year’s meetings to the agenda.

## NB6. Amend Lex Adria Article VII.B to add an Oath of Office

**(Moved from CH8)**

**Discussion:**

Should be written and signed.

Appropriate and standard for businesses

It's a good idea, but it's a bad sign that we need to do this.

Make it a statement applicable to all ministers when they take office rather than an oath they should take.

At what level are we applying and enforcing the oath? “Oath” and “Affirmation” have different meanings in mundane law.

Added to Crown Oath?

Remove because it is too many oaths.

Apply only to non-members of the chivalry as the chivalry has already taken an oath.

It is already in tradition but not in law.

**NB7. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.H to require proxies to be received directly from the voter**

*(Moved from CH9)*

**Discussion:**

Include the roster with who received each placard

This is because of errors that have happened in the past

Multiple recommendations to go back to Knights being taken for their word

**NB8. Amend Lex Adria Article XV for simplicity and consistency**

*(Moved from CH12)*

**Discussion:**

None

**NB9. Change the renewal date to 1 June**

*(Moved from OB1)*

**Discussion:**

Would it have any affect on our business year? Not really/we don't believe so  
We are currently using the IEM as a reason to get your membership in. The problem with using August is you are now using the Imperial Crown War which moves the problem to ICW sign-in. If you move it to June, you lose the incentive. June is already a very busy month for the steward as they are doing the end-of-the-year bookwork and reporting.

**NB10. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI.B.6, Conduct of Imperial Crown War, for clarity**

*(Moved from OB9)*

**Discussion:**

Let the Estates make the decisions for the IEM  
Create an Imperial transition team to deal with this  
Have the Church deal with the Coronation

**NB11. Amend War Judging in IEW-1**

*(Moved from OB11)*

**Discussion:**

1 was unclear.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

**DI1. Create a policy for IT      Withdrawn**

Establish an IT policy for all Imperial activities

1. Asset Management: A system that monitors and maintains items of value.

- a. Laptop: Who is responsible for maintaining? Where do we obtain?
    - i. Warranty
  - b. Software: What software is needed to perform duties of position maintaining the physical item? How often do we upgrade software we get to newer versions?
    - i. Editor: Word, Open Office?
    - ii. Virus: Kaspersky, Norton, MacAfee? Which offers the best protection?
  - c. Domain: Who controls, who has access? If we had to gain control of the domain how would we do that?
    - i. Do we have the option to set up emails through the domain for Imperial positions?
      - 1. This will maintain a central location for business emails to be located. And will maintain continuity of information coming into Imperial Positions across the years. This also removes personal emails from public sites.
  - d. Working Documents: What documents does the Empire maintain and who do they belong to?

2. Back up

  - a. Site: Who maintains a backup?
    - i. What's the policy of our hosting provider should things go bad with the hosting plan?
  - b. Working docs: Per our hosting providers Terms of Service files on the hosting plan have to be used for the site. We need to come up with a central location to store and make documents available for edits. Something like Google Docs or Online File Storage through Go Daddy. Not sure if Blue Host has something similar.
  - c. Update protocols: Who updates what? How are things 'checked out' for edits? Some services allow multiple people in the same document for edits: Google Docs, SharePoint

**Commentary:** Seeing a need for a policy for IT within the Adrian Empire, I have drafted this as a beginning.

**Author:** Dame Giselle Arndt, CR

**Sponsor:** *Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau CR*

**NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES: 1-2 NOVEMBER, 2014**  
**(Region 2)**

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

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## Appendix A. Civil Court Reports

<b>Case:</b>	Cv Ct Imp 1403 _-1 – Interpretation of IEW 2 (Codex Adjudicata) IV.G.1.a.iv
<b>Petitioners:</b>	HIM Wright Bentwood
<b>Petition:</b>	Does the attempt at petition activate the special review process for the BoD membership or do they have to meet all of the requirements and then fail at the crown suspension vote?
<b>Panel:</b>	HIH (Eric Malmquist), (Denise Thompson), (Jerry Edwards)
<b>Summary:</b>	The initiation of a special petition, whether successful or not, requires the continued service review of the involved BoD members.
<b>Reasoning:</b>	The attempt of a Special Petition to remove either the President or the Crown, would trigger the service review of the involved BoD members. Nowhere in the law does it state that it is contingent on success or failure. The words in the law: “in addition, and shall” require the review.
<b>Ruling:</b>	The initiation of a special petition, whether successful or not, requires the continued service review of the involved BoD members.

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### Report of the Judicial Court (Crown Justice) For Sir Deitrich:

We, Lord Wright, Imperial Crown of the Adrian Empire and Dame Mary, Imperial Crown of the Adrian Empire do hereby state,

That a complaints of Conspiracy against the Empire, Conspiracy against the Crown, Treason against the Empire, Treason against the Imperial Crown, Forgery Of Imperial Documents, Bearing False Witness, Wilful Blindness and Disharmony were levied against Sir Deitrich of Esperance.

In front of God, The Imperial Estates, The Imperial Crown and the populace of the Empire. Sir Deitrich has confessed.

In front of God, The Imperial Estates, The Imperial Crown and the Populace. he has waived all his rights and thrown himself on the mercy of the Crown.

As is our right we, the Imperial Crown, find the complaints with merit and elevate them to charges. As is our right we, The Imperial Crowns, find Sir Dietrich Guilty of Conspiracy against the Empire, Conspiracy against the Crown, Treason against the Empire, Treason against the Imperial Crown, Forgery Of Imperial Documents, Bearing False Witness, Wilful Blindness and Disharmony.

For these crimes we do hereby sentence Sir Dietrich to death by beheading.

It must be noted that during the coup. Sir Dietrich did, in fact, discard his wilful blindness, took responsibility for his actions, attempted to correct his misrepresentations and provided the Imperial Crown with Evidence the Empire needed.

Further, he has championed, to great personal peril, the Imperial Crown and the Empire once this blindness was cast aside. Currently, while under personal attack, he still is not caving to pressure to condemn his brother Knights, and he has been defending justice at the risk of losing personal privilege.

Further, he resisted the temptation to bear false witness against the Imperial Crowns' enemies in order to trick the Imperial Crown to granting him false favor.

Therefore,

We, The Imperial Crowns, Wright and Mary, show mercy and abate his sentence to:

We remove Sir Deitrich of the following orders:

Terre Neuve Order of the Lion

Terre Neuve Order of the Queen's Guard

Tyr~lynn Lord of the Court

Imperial Order of the Crown Companions

As well as any other Order that is unrecorded.

We specially state Sir Dietrich shall maintain his Knightly ranks.

Further we order that Sir Dietrich be placed in the Order of the Quest, wear robes of the penitent for 1 year and must perform five acts of personal service approved by the sitting Imperial Crown. Of course, as always, we reserve the right to commute this sentence or abate it further if action warrants it.

Lord Wright & Dame Mary Elizabeth

## Appendix B. Additional Imperial Orders

Add to Article III.A:

**16. The Imperial Order of the Golden Cross**

*Sable, a cross and in canton a fleur-de-lis Or. (Black, a gold cross and in upper left a gold fleur-de-lis.)*

This order grants precedence equal to that of Viscount and Viscountess (non-Founding).

Granted solely by the Imperial Crowns, this Order is reserved for those members who have shown years of exemplary and exceptional service to the Empire without recognition.

Considered a “lifetime achievement award”, this award may be granted at most once per reign to as many individuals as the Imperial Crowns deem worthy.

**17. The Order of the Empress’ Grace**

*Quarterly Azure and Sable, a griffin statant Argent. (Quartered blue and black, a silver griffin standing on all four feet.)*

This Order grants precedence equal to that of Lord or Lady. This award is given by Her Imperial Majesty for service with chivalry and honor to the Empire, Imperial Crown, or Chapter.

**18. The Order of the Golden Arrow –**

*[Fieldless] An arrow fesswise Or. (A gold arrow, displayed horizontally, pointing to the left).*

This Order grants no precedence and is given by the Imperial Crown to any member who wins the Champions’ Archery Shoot at both Imperial Wars during that Crown’s reign.

**19. Inactive Orders**

The following Orders are no longer active within the Adrian Empire. Though these Orders are no longer granted by Imperial, Kingdom, or Ducal Crowns, any member who had achieved membership within one of these Orders prior to the publication of this list (March, 2014) may retain the use of any badges, symbols, honorifics, or rights of precedence the Order previously granted. Reactivation of any of these Orders may happen upon the prerogative of the Imperial Crown, by bestowing membership upon an individual, and shall require the Imperial Crown notify the Imperial Sovereign of Arms that the Order is being reactivated.

**A. Order of Saint Bridget**

*Sable, a stag’s massacre Vert and in chief a flame Gules.*

**B. Order of Saint Gabriel**

*Vert, a maltese cross and a border Or.*

**C. Order of the Celestial Raven**

*Gules, a raven and in chief three estoiles Or.*

**D. Order of the Hospital of St. Bella in Jerusalem**

*Several badges. See below:*

1. *Azure, a cross radiant and a border embattled Argent.*

2. *Sable, a maltese cross Argent and on a chief Gules, four maltese crosses Argent.*

3. *Sable, a pale Gules and overall a maltese cross Argent.*

4. *Gules, a pale Sable and overall a maltese cross Argent.*

5. *[Fieldless] A maltese cross Argent.*

6. *Azure, a maltese cross and a border embattled Argent.*

7. *Gules, a maltese cross Argent.*

**E. Order of the Fu – (No badge registered.)**

**F. Order of the Rose – [Tinctureless] A rose.**

**G. Order of the Quest Knights - Knights who place one tenant of Chivalry so far above the rest they lose overall Chivalric standing. This order is for those that mean well but lose the high ground through blindness.**

- H. Order of Sir Galahad - Order for those Quest Knights that after 1 year have shown they have discovered that no part of chivalric virtue can be abandoned for another. They learn that the Knight is not defined by the armor, sword or title, but by the beating heat of the soul.
- I. Order of Woe - For those Quest Knights that after 1 year cannot come to terms that they are not supposed to be selective about which parts of chivalric virtue they practice.

Add to Article III.B:

7. Ministry of Archery:

*Vert, a sheaf of arrows Or. (Green, three golden arrows, points downward).*

8. Archivist:

*Per chevron flory-counter flory Azure and Or, in base a lion passant guardant Argent. (Divided in an upside down "V" formation in blue and gold, each side of the dividing line being charged with fleur-de-lis, with gold fleur-de-lis appearing on the blue, and blue fleur-de-lis appearing on the gold. At the base, a silver lion, paw raised, with its faced turned to look at the viewer.)*

9. Chancellor:

*Azure, a cross Or between four castles Argent. (Blue, a gold cross between four silver castles, one in each corner.)*

10. Children's Activities:

*Or, flaunched Argent, a unicorn rampant Argent, maned Gules, maintaining a scroll Or. (Gold with two silver semi-circles on each side, on top of that a silver unicorn with a red mane holding a gold scroll.)*

11. Education:

*Azure, an owl Or. (Blue, a gold owl.)*

12. Hospitaler:

*Azure, a chest Or. (Blue, a gold chest.)*

13. Joust & War:

*Gules, two axes in saltire and a sword Or. (Red, two gold axes crossed and on top of that a gold sword).*

## Appendix C. Letter of Intent for Board of Directors Candidates

Letter of Intent to be considered for Region 1:

I would like to put my name forward to serve another term on the Board of Directors. I have enjoyed my term so far, and I hope to put my knowledge to good use of Canadian Law.

Mundane History:

I am currently a Certified Health and Safety Auditor. This requires me to be familiar with provincial and federal law, WSBC regulations, OHS regulations, and keep up with changes within. I have been doing this job for the past 7 years. I also have an honours diploma in Office administration and 20 years administration experience. I have just completed my CHSC designation - Certified Health and Safety Consultant through the Canadian Society of Safety Engineers (CSSE).

Adrian History:

2 years Arch Duchess of Alhambra  
Baroness of Alhambra  
Viscountess Alhambra  
Champion of the Legion of Alhambra  
Order of St.Alban  
1+ year Duchess of Connacht  
Baroness of Connacht  
Current Arch Duchess of Connacht  
Cauldron of Connacht  
Sword of Connacht

Knight Premier  
Knight Bachelor  
Knight Archer

Thank you for your time.

Kindest regards,  
Mka. Judith King, CHSC  
Chevaliere Gabriele Silverhand

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I wish to submit myself for continued service as a member of the BoD. It is my belief that through trial and tribulations the BoD is moving forward in a more organized and responsive manner. I have learned a great deal about not only myself but the responsibilities and commitments we must adhere to as Board members. Also the necessity of holding ourselves as well as other members accountable for their commitments and duties within the board, is I believe a very large step in facilitating a functioning Board. With your permission I would like to work with this current and future team to gain even more ground.

Thank you Anthony Derivi

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Greetings,

It is my intention to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. I have been a participating member of Adria for the past thirteen years and would like to learn more about the Governing body of our incorporation and give something back.

I believe myself to be a fair person with a variety of mundane and Adrian skills and experience that would be beneficial as a member of the BOD.

Mundanely I have worked in a professional capacity and have learned how to interact with clients and co-workers in a professional manner. I have research capabilities that I learned through writing a Master Thesis and conducting field research. In Adria I have held a variety of ministerial positions in the Duchy of Alhambra and formerly the Duchy of Carleone. These positions include Steward, Marshal, Arts & Sciences and I held the position of Crown for three years.

On a more personal note, my greatest concern for the members of the Empire at this time is finding balance between the grind of politics and the joy and fun for the game. I recently went to an SCA event and noticed that they too are struggling with membership loss. There are many reasons for membership loss as we all well know... however, with that said I feel that striving to maintain a healthy balance and directing members to focus on the fun of the game is paramount. This ideology, if elected, will be my foundation when giving recommendations coupled with avid research and fact finding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Cryssida Blackwood of the Clan McKlaine

Lady of Imperial Court

Baroness of the Duchy of Alhambra

Knight Archer

Knight Bachelor

Knight Premier

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I Sir Klaus van Isbjerg (Dan olsen) Knight Premier, Knight Champion, life member of the Adrian Empire from the Duchy of Tyr-linn, declare my desire to run for the at large position as a member of the board of director of the Adrian empire incorporated.

Mundane qualifications:

Masters of Business Administration

Expert in organizational development, extensive project management and held positions up to division manager herby state my qualifications there of.

Best regards

Dan olsen

Aka: Sir Klaus van Isbjerg

Knight Premiere

Knight Champion

Knight Robe

Baron of Terre Nueve

Lord Protector of the San Diego River Valley

Retired bishop of Luepzig

## Appendix D. Playtest of Rawlings type synthetic sword

### Scope:

The intent is to determine the suitability, if possible, of the Rawlings brand synthetic sword as a possible replacement to the shinai that has been used for the past 20 years to simulate armored/unarmored medieval combat. The author refuses to provide an opinion for or against this weapon and leave it to those who read this document to form their own opinion.

### Weapon details

Longsword:

Retail Price: \$73 + tax (complete sword)

From the website (<http://www.woodenswords.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=1837>):

Blade Length 96.5cm (38") - \$43 Guard 24cm (9 1/2") - \$16 Handle/Grip 19.5cm (7 3/4") - \$16 Pommel 6.5cm (2 1/2") - \$16 Hilt Length 27cm (10 1/2") Total Length 124cm (48 1/2") Total Weight 785g (1.73lbs) POB 6"

All sizes are approximate.

From the manufacturer's website: Our swords are designed as the ultimate training tool. They can be used like a waster for Drilling and Pell Work and can also be used for Sparring (with appropriate protection). The Blades are constructed to flex in the last 1/3 towards the tip. This gives us a blade that can be used for thrusting (protection should ALWAYS be worn) without being whippy. The blade/tang joint (traditionally a weak point) is reinforced by a steel rod running along the full length of the handle. This also removes any flex in the handle traditionally associated with plastic training swords. The Standard Guard is constructed from nylon. The ball shaped quillions are designed for safety when sparring (large surface area = less chance of being impaled). They are modeled using the same dimensions as seen on an existing 15th Century Longsword. This is a nice example of a historical design that helps us with safe sparring. The slide on Grips are constructed from a thermoplastic elastomer to provide the feel of leather over wood. They offer excellent impact absorption without feeling spongy. The Pommel is constructed from nylon. This provides our swords with excellent balance and makes them safer than metal pommels for pommel strikes. A brass nut is molded into the pommel to provide a tight metal on metal joint to the tang. The swords can be taken apart easily by unscrewing the pommel. This not only makes transporting them easy – it also allows you to customize your sword with our range of interchangeable parts (available separately). Materials Our range of swords is manufactured in the U.K to the highest quality. They are constructed from high grade nylon (U.K. sourced for quality control) instead of cheaper polypropylene used by other manufacturers. Nylon swords offers much greater durability, impact resistance and performs in a wider range of temperatures.

Shortsword: Retail Price: \$70 + tax (complete sword)

From the website (<http://www.woodenswords.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=1854>):

Blade Length 86.5cm (34") - \$43 Guard 20cm (8") – \$16 Handle/Grip 11.5cm (4 1/2") - \$16 Pommel 6.5cm (2 1/2") \$16 Hilt Length 19cm (7 1/2") Total Length 106cm (41 1/2") Weight 698g (1.54lbs) POB 5.5" All sizes are approximate.

From the manufacturer's website: Our swords are designed as the ultimate training tool. They can be used like a waster for Drilling and Pell Work and can also be used for Sparring (with appropriate protection). The Blades are constructed to flex in the last 1/3 towards the tip. This gives us a blade that can be used for thrusting (protection should ALWAYS be worn) without being whippy. The blade/tang joint (traditionally a weak point) is reinforced by a steel rod running along the full length of the handle. This also removes any flex in the handle traditionally associated with

plastic training swords. The Standard Guard is constructed from nylon. The ball shaped quillions are designed for safety when sparring (large surface area = less chance of being impaled). They are modeled using the same dimensions as seen on an existing 15th Century Longsword. This is a nice example of a historical design that helps us with safe sparring. The slide on Grips are constructed from a thermoplastic elastomer to provide the feel of leather over wood. They offer excellent impact absorption without feeling spongy. The Pommel is constructed from nylon. This provides our swords with excellent balance and makes them safer than metal pommels for pommel strikes. A brass nut is molded into the pommel to provide a tight metal on

metal joint to the tang. The swords can be taken apart easily by unscrewing the pommel. This not only makes transporting them easy – it also allows you to customize your sword with our range of interchangeable parts (available separately). The swords weigh about 2/3 of the weight of a real sword. This is designed to lower the impact when sparring. The weight is kept back towards the hilt further lessening this impact. They are very well balanced and are heavier than most wooden wasters on the market. Materials Our range of swords is manufactured in the U.K to the highest quality. They are constructed from high grade nylon (U.K. sourced for quality control) instead of cheaper polypropylene used by other manufacturers. Nylon offers much greater durability, impact resistance and performs in a wider range of temperatures.

## Practical application analysis.

Joel has personally owned the longsword for 2 years and has been using it weekly for that time. The sword has proven very durable against both shinai and another Rawlings sword. No other types of swords have been used against this weapon. Stainless steel pommel and cross guards are available but were not purchased as they add about 10.5 oz of weight each and change the balance point of the weapon. They were also not available 2 years ago.

The manufacturer analysis is fairly accurate. The sword is not very whippy when wielded properly but did exhibit some floppiness when wielded improperly (such as on the flat), but these characteristics are actually no different than the metal feather swords on the market that are also used for unarmored combat.

The sword was taken to the National Steel Tournament (NST) in Nevada in October of 2012. The crowns of Albion allowed their field to be used to test the swords and demonstrate them to the Empress. The sword was handed to both knights and current shinai fighters to spar with and described their opinions about them. As these were intended to be true analogs to the metal originals, thrusting was allowed and was done frequently. The blades flexed reasonably, even when run upon and no one expressed a fear of the sword breaking or of being injured. Each fighter went to Empress Etaine, who was present, and gave their opinion of the weapon to her. Overpowered testing did occur in which a subject either struck or were struck intentionally with blows of significant power deemed in excess of the rules. This was done with permission and demonstrated the weapon's ability to withstand strikes that are considered too hard. Protective equipment, including the fencing mask was not damaged. It does need to be noted that a metal shield, normally used in steel, was used as part of the playtest and noticeable damage was incurred on the weapon. Shinai used against this shield also noted similar gouges, but not as deep as was done to the nylon. This particular shield had a metal rolled edge and not covered in leather or rubber.

Some combatants remarked that receiving strikes with the weapon did feel like it hit harder than when struck with a shinai but also noted that due to the lighter weight of the weapon it was easier to strike harder because they could swing faster. These same combatants also noted that when fighting someone who was more skilled at controlling the strikes, the hits were less painful. All of these combatants were wearing at least one piece of armor that was the bare minimum allowed by Adria rules and these were the areas they expressed pain when struck.

## Cost and benefits vs detriments comparison.

The shinai offers a cheap means of participating in combat. On average a typical, non-tournament grade shinai runs \$30, and once broken you would replace the entire weapon for another \$30. The Rawlings sword costs \$70/\$73 for a complete sword. This is a one-time cost. After this, when the sword breaks you only need to replace the part that broke (\$16 or \$43). The blade itself is \$13 more than a whole shinai, but the characteristics of both are completely different and really cannot be compared with any kind of reasonable accuracy.

Before now the technology did not allow for an accurate analog to a medieval sword without it being made of metal and still conform to the necessary protection requirements currently in place. The swords provided by Rawlings are the analog we've been waiting for.

The benefits of this weapon are:

- 1). The increased level of accuracy to the real western medieval sword of the period.
- 2).The sword is safe for thrusting, which was a characteristic of a sword that was unavailable to us before.

3). It's customizable and parts interchangeable, you can choose different pommels and if something breaks you only need to purchase the broken part, not a whole new sword.

4). They hold up to a shinai, so shinai's can be used on the same field as the Rawlings synthetic sword, However, the detriment is to the shinai as you cannot thrust with a shinai like you can with the Rawlings synthetic sword.

The detriments of this weapon are:

1). Increased cost. The cost of buying a complete weapon is twice that of a shinai, the cost of a replacement blade if it breaks is still \$10 more than the average cost of a shinai as noted earlier in this document.

2). They are not indestructible. While nylon and bamboo are not the same material, both can still be damaged in the course of using the weapons and can eventually lead to the weapon breaking. The overall life of this weapon can be decreased at a faster rate if used improperly, possibly in less time than the shinai. However, this is only theory as no destructive testing was conducted here.

3). There is a learning curve. Shinai's, just like rattan do not require a specific manner in which to wield them, the Rawlings synthetic sword is much like a real sword and therefore requires more training/practice to use them effectively.

4). There are no pole weapons, axes or maces. Only swords currently exist from Rawlings. There is a rubber headed pollaxe on the market, however the size and density of the head make it unsuitable and unsafe for unarmored combat.

5). Have the potential to hit harder because of the thinner surface area and significantly lighter weight (blade edge as opposed to the shinai slat).

## Incidents:

1. On 4/13/13. Ritter Dietrich was injured during a war scenario when he received a thrust that went under the bib of his mask and struck his gorget. While the strike did cause him to stop and get his breath, no damage to the throat area or bruising was present. Ritter Dietrich commented that the feeling was similar to taking a rapier thrust to the gorget. Physicker did not feel it necessary to pull him from the field and Ritter Dietrich chose to continue. His analysis detailed below.

2. On 4/13/13. Ritter Dietrich was again injured during a war scenario when he received a slash to the index finger to his right hand. Sir Geoffrey chose to sacrifice himself to the opposing arming in an attempt to take someone out of the battle with him. He came forward and dropped to his knees with the blade extended and struck Ritter Dietrich with the strong of the weapon, on top of the index finger near the back of the hand. Ritter Dietrich was wearing a leather work glove for protection. His finger did show some swelling and bruising and Ritter Dietrich chose to pull himself from the field. Ritter Dietrich later confirmed that he suffered a fractured finger as a result of this incident (see email below)

## FAQ:

Q: Can these things hit too hard?

A: Absolutely. Just like any weapon currently used within the Empire, these have the potential to be "abused" or used with excessive force leading to potential injury. Also like any weapon currently used within the Empire a certain amount of training and practice is expected to the point where one can use the weapon in a safe manner. Of course accidents happen, if they didn't we wouldn't need a physicker. The challenge will be most apparent with veteran combatants as they have the greatest potential of overpower since they are accustomed to the speed and force necessary to be effective in shinai related scenarios and these will require a more skilled touch.

Q: Is this playtest intended to replace shinai altogether?

A: No. Maybe in the future someone will make that proposal, but this is simply meant to introduce a new type of light weapon analog that is more physically accurate for our corporate framework that was previously unavailable.

Q: Does this company make pole weapons?

A: No. Rawlings does not make pollaxes. Purpleheart Armory, where I purchased these swords does make a rubber headed pollaxe that are to be attached to wood hafts. My personal opinion is that these are more suited for armored combat. As a result, the shinai "pollaxe" is still the only suitable weapon for simulating the use of a pollaxe in unarmored combat.

## Participant Commentary:

This last Saturday (10/13/12) i participated in the play test of the new shinai replacement swords. Thrusting: they seem to work very well to bring the thrusting aspect to the field without any problems. Flat hit: the hit hard and left a pretty good welt and bruise on my right arm. On edge hit: i believe it hits too hard i took quite a few hits from it most hurt i bit nothing too bad but one to the knuckles caused me to have switch hands because i lost feeling in my hand and it still throbs today. A shot that landed on my left arm left a pretty good welt and limited the use of the arm for a while and those with a body shot caused me to pretty much say i was done with the fight even though i had energy to fight on i just did not want to get hit again. Now its possible the person i was fighting Was a little too powered up but I can't remember taking a shinai hit that ever hurt like those did. Now as far as using them in the future I can see with knights and people not so new being deal able but for new people or 13 year olds I can see this being a problem and people getting hurt or not letting their kids fight or just not doing shinai. If the armor requirements went up a little it may be possible but without softening the slashing blows landing force somehow ( like the foam versions ) i don't see these being safe especially for the youth. Equipment worn: Motorcycle gloves with reinforced leather and elbow pads gorget and helm with hood and fencing jacket (it should be noted that the fencing jacket has no sleeves and only protected the torso, the sleeves of his shirt was the only protection against strikes to the arms). Sir Logan

It was much better this time though a little overpowering and it has the potential to hurt a lot

Sir Logan (after testing them a second time at a different event)

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Sir Connor,

I want to thank you again for the opportunity to test out your new weapon. I enjoyed it tremendously. One of the things I liked most about using this weapon was that it allowed me to feel more in control of the weapon, I was able to move easier and better than with a Shanai. As I

mentioned I am very new to this sport, so I cannot make a lot of comparisson one vs the other. The one thing I didn't like about this weapon was that the hit was harder than with the Shanai. As it is light weight it will take some getting used to so as not to over power the hit. I apologize if that seems a bit contradictory I was able to handle the weapon better, able to block and go on the attack easier, but it was a bit more difficult to control the power behind some of the hits for me.

I look foward to trying this weapon again when I become a more experienced fighter.

Let me know if you require more input or information. I would be happy to answer questions about my experience using this weapon.

Sincerely,

YIS

Brigid Guildeforge

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After fighting with the new shinai alternatives, I am impressed. They handle better, look better, and promote better technique. I did fracture my finger upon recieving a blow from them, but that was more the physics than anything unsafe. I also recieved a thrust to the throat, but this has happened to me in rapier and could very well be an armor issue on my part. Overall. I very much like these waepons and feel that Adria would benefit from their approval.

Ritter Dietrich Von Holstien

Imperial Minister of Joust & War

Knight Champion

## Appendix E. Reports

### Imperial Crown:

Unto the Imperial Estates,

On November 12, 2013 the Empire stood at 1163 members. The reputation of the Empire was bad. Our internet sites were in such a state that membership was directed off the sites. Pageantry was dismal and Chivalry was sick. Nobles were treated as peasants and little respect was shown to the Crowns.

When ascending to the throne back in November we made some promises. We promised to restore pageantry and heal the Chivalry. In doing so, we believed dignity of the nobles would be re-established. We also promised to bring Imperial Business public, include the entire membership in government, and restore Imperial Crown respect.

We promised that if the populace supplied the sword and shield we would wield them against the ills of the Empire and clean up the corruption that haunted and poisoned all of our hard work.

First, we had to establish clear leadership. Too many individuals were acting as Bosses or Mini Imperial Crowns. Therefore, we have been holding organizational meetings. In these meetings we explain the structure of the Empire. The Imperial Estates meet three times a year. As a whole they set the rules for the CEO to run day to day operations. Also as a whole, The Imperial Estates approves candidates to be eligible to run in our election process for CEO (the Imperial Crown). We then hold that election through our election process which is Imperial War. For the most part, this same procedure is used on the local level. Once this process is done, the leader is chosen and their rules must be followed. The previous process of discarding, ignoring, second guessing or going around the properly elected leadership for any reason has been stopped.

Second, we cleaned up the internet. Insulting, rude and negative posts have been reduced from several times a day to once in a blue moon. We are enforcing proper purpose on the internet: Imperial Estates issues are on the Imperial Estates boards; Public announcement issues are on the main board. Self-deprecating posts are allowed on the Imperial Estates boards ONLY if they serve a purpose of improvement or political debate. Also, posts that abused policy were taken down and their authors moderated. Despite claims otherwise, moderated authors could still post but their posts were placed in a buffer to make sure repeat infractions were not occurring. Their posts were approved if they chose to take out the insults.

Third, we provided the opportunity for all the regions to participate in the government. \*We reached out and notified beyond simple posts and sought appointments, involvement and opinion for everywhere. We have created a team that expands the Empire and have required Imperial Estates meetings to be held in all parts of the Empire.

Fourth, we are changing the structure of Crown reports. In addition to the usual niceties, we are requiring Crowns to relay information that is important to running the Empire. Crown reports now must include the feelings of individual populaces, problems the region has, or disagreements with the crowns. Reasoning for disallowing events and information on inter subdivision relationships must be included. This is the information the Imperial Crown needs to manage the Empire as a whole.

Last, we ended publically debating with Crowns. Public debates lowered the station of Crown. When regular membership stopped following orders in order to argue every detail of leadership, all movement

stopped. It was impossible to get 100% agreement on any topic and a single individual would bring all movement to a halt. Further, unable to control themselves, debaters not getting their way frequently abandoned concepts of chivalry. This degraded both themselves and tarnished the Crown. Now the chivalry may debate among themselves. The Crown observes these debates and picks out the good while leaving the bad.

These changes have enabled the Crown to more efficiently spend its time for the Empire. With such we have enabled members to become more involved if they so choose. A new map of the Empire has been posted. Also, better pages for the BOD are being created. A new ruling regarding the handling of chattel has been processed by the BOD and put forward by the Crowns. The herald has been restarted and will soon be mailed (yes, via post) to members' homes again. We have had time to visit subdivisions and hold Imperial audiences to make ourselves available to the populace. We have been clearing the backlog in the Minister of Justice's office. While most of this has been covered before, we have some new developments to inform you of.

We have had our first hearing in the Lawsuit. The Empire Moved to Stay (put on hold) or Dismiss the lawsuit based on the membership agreement which states all disagreements have to finish internal dispute first and then may go to mediation. However, any finding in mediation must have no monetary settlement. The plaintiff argued that he did not want to go to mediation. The plaintiff's argument did not contain any claims that mediation was denied. He simply argued that he did not want to and that the form should not apply. Our attorney used case law as a prescient that the mediation clause of the membership form should apply no matter what. The judge took self addressed forms from the attorneys and informed everyone they would mail a ruling to us. We have been waiting for that ruling. Unfortunately, there is no way to speed up that process.

We have implemented the November 2013 CH7 law regarding violators of Adrian Legal Settlements. Historically, all Adrian trials take an inordinate amount of time and are a burden on the membership. After a ruling comes out, many frequently ignore the ruling knowing that a second lengthy trial to show violation would be needed to get a harsher penalty. What usually happened was that the injured became so frustrated they would quit and the perpetrators would continue to offend. The law change now has a special magistrate picked by the Crown. That magistrate is given the sentence from prior trial and proof of sentence violation is provided. Upon review, the Magistrate determines if the sentence was understandable to a reasonable person, was the sentence delivered and then was it violated. Upon verification of these three things the violator is placed on Judicial Ban from participation in the Empire. Then a special panel is to be convened no later than the next IEM to determine membership and participation suspension within the Adrian Empire for the period of not less than one year. If the member does not renew, all sentences and agreements are put on suspension to be completed in full upon membership renewal. Appeal to the Imperial Estates is available upon completion. This process is fast and efficient. We believe it will be vital in the recovery of chivalric behavior in our Empire.

In specific an Adrian was charged with conduct unbecoming for calling other Adrians stupid in a tirade during a political debate on our yahoo group before we rose to the throne. When informed that their comments were offensive they continued their insults. The charges were found with merit and meditation failed. The defendant threw themselves on Crown Justice. The Crown looked at what the two sides offered in meditation and ruled on an exact middle ground. Apology, loss of belt, and no posting for a year. Defendant became enraged, cursed everyone out and violated sentence on multiple occasion. Defendant was then moderated from posting on the boards. Defendant found other official boards and continued to post, stating that his moderation had nothing to do with insulting people but rather because he was a political dissident. When we ascended to the throne we assigned a magistrate

and followed the process. Currently, the violator's Crowns have been informed and the special panel is being organized.

In regards to the Coup, we have most of what we need in order to properly determine what has happened. What is apparent is that some Adrians feared the changes so much they became disenfranchised. Others were just upset they lost the war and that the rules were changing. Many engaged in political debate and even planned legal maneuvering to remove the Crowns. As far as that goes, if their recruitment is based on true concepts this is not inherently against our rules. However, a small core of Adrians coordinated with the plaintiff against the Adrian Empire with the mutual beneficial goal of helping the plaintiff win his case in order to damage the Crown. While several of these Adrians contacted each other with telephone calls, others communicated through facebook and some even created a secret yahoo group with the plaintiff. The facebook pages and yahoo group posts have been provided to the Imperial Crown. On the yahoo group the plaintiff provided sided information to be distributed to the voting populace in order to create disharmony, and provided argument which was beneficial to his cause. Coup members posted their approval of these methods and their intents to misbehave. The posts clearly show when the plaintiff provided his information and then within a few hours someone else would post that information to the yahoo group making it seem as if it was coming from an original unbiased source. On the secret yahoo group the coup members even talked about how they should post to give the false appearance that they were not working in tandem. Regardless of what was said at the EIEM, clear coordination with intent is shown. The core coup members have been made aware of this, and it is our hope they do the right thing before trial. However, in order to have a foreseeable end to this part of our history we will move forward with trial until either they do the right thing or the trial commences. Either way we will not let this go on forever.

The strain of the Coup damaged the Empire. This became apparent when prospective new members posted that they would not join the Empire because of it. Leading up to and during Banner War, internal difficulties also became apparent. As the coup failed, several members promoted mutinous behavior. This left a negative feeling in the empire and as such Banner War bids were down. Coup members in Esperance, York, Umbria and Bisquia were promoting for the populace to quit or not renew in the Empire. They either glorified their intent to leave or directly solicited others to not renew. We are glad to report that their attempts have not bore fruit. Membership renewal is performing better or on par with prior years.

With our time being cleared up we also starting to review our documents. This was good because we received a notice from Bank of America that the priors crown notice that the changeover was complete was wrong. Their letter stated that we had monies left with no activity for so long that unless we came and retired it we would lose it. Therefore we empower Sir Talin to retrieve the funds. We hopped there were only a few dollars left over but it turned out to be \$10,800 that was left in the account. We recovered this money only a few days before confiscation. This is a prime example on why we felt these changes had to be made to our empire.

The Empire's future looks bright. Historically Adria has had trouble retaining long-term memberships due to frustration with the political system and the lack of a chivalric virtue. The failed coup and movement towards trial and responsibility seem to have slowed this \*retention decrease. Further, renewed interest from previous members seeing an improved chivalry seems to be on the rise. Growth, through regional division, is on a rise. Several chapters have discussed the need to split for growth purposes and some are even taking place on this agenda. Also, requests for new subdivision permission are coming out of older failed regions. It seems our methods are working.

**ISoA:**

Unto Their Imperial Majesties, the Imperial Estates, and the populace of the Adrian Empire does Baron Sebastian Javier de la Cruz, Imperial Sovereign of Arms, send greetings.

In the past four months, the College of Arms has done the following:

- Registered 55 devices to members, Chapters, Estates, and Domains within the Adrian Empire.
- Updated the Heraldry Manual to clarify rules on Simple Armory, add to the section on constructed charges (i.e. heraldic beasts like griffins, harpies, etc), and clean up the imagery.
- Published a “Heraldry 101” guide to assist non-heralds in the Empire with the design and registration process.
- Continued to publish excellent educational articles written by the Beltazure Queen of Arms, HE Dame Constance Rosewall.

For the final few months of the reign of TIM Wright and Mary Elizabeth, the College of Arms will be continuing to expand heraldic knowledge and display throughout the Empire.

I wish to thank all members of the College of Arms for their continued dedication to the College and to the Empire. Their service and commitment is invaluable.

As always, I stand available, along with all members of the College of Arms, to assist Their Imperial Majesties or any member of the Empire in all matters heraldic.

In Service,

**Baron Sebastian Javier de la Cruz**

*Imperial Sovereign of Arms*