



**The Adrian Empire
Imperial Estates Meeting
March 24th and 25th, 2018
Minutes**

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Hampton Inn Arundel Mills/Baltimore, 7027 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover MD 21076

Amenities: Complimentary breakfast, free Wi-Fi, business center, complimentary airport shuttle, fitness center, outdoor pool.

Date and Time (EDT):

Fri, 23 Mar.:	9:00 P.M.	BoD Meeting
Sat, 24 Mar.:	8:00 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.	Sign In
	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Imperial Estates Meeting
Sun, 25 Mar.:	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

Airport:

Baltimore/Washington International (BWI)

Shuttle Transportation:

The hotel offers complimentary airport shuttle service to and from BWI; call 410-540-9225 for pick-up.

Reservations:

Individual Call-in: To ensure group rates, individuals should contact the hotel directly at 410-540-9225 and tell them you are with the Adrian Empire group, Group Code EAI.

Alternatively, reservations can be made online using the same Group Code, at:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hp/reservation/book.htm?execution=e1s1.

Please do not wait to the last minute to make your reservation! **All reservations must be made by February 22, 2018.**

Room Rates:

The base room rate is \$109 plus tax per night.

If you have further questions regarding the site, please contact Her Excellency Asheen Wyld, Vicereine of Chesapeake (asheenwyld@yahoo.com).

Legend:

~~Deleted or replaced text~~

Added or new text

(Requirements for actions and approval)

Author's commentary

Imperial Crown commentary

Revisions since initial agenda publication

Chancery n

Requirement for Written Proxies (Lex Adria Imperium, Article VI.H.)

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting.

1. Written proxies are effective when presented to the Chancellor.
2. The proxy-holder may present a copy to the Chancellor when signing in for the meeting, or
3. The proxy-granter may mail or electronically submit a copy to the Chancellor, provided it is received at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

If a proxy is not presented to the Chancery Office by the end of Roll Call, the vote will not be counted.

AGENDA

I. SIGN IN

II. CALL TO ORDER

9:21 AM, March 24, 2018

III. ROLL CALL

A. Seating of qualified members and written proxies

29 Present, 71 Proxy

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

(Requires 2/3 to approve.)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

A. Approval of the minutes of the November 2017 IEM

(Requires majority to approve.)

V. REPORTS

A. Executive

1. Crown(s)

HIM reported an updated, stricter policy regarding physical injury at events. Minor injuries that do not require treatment still need to be included in the monthly reports. Any injury of any member at an event that requires medical attention or transportation TIMs need to be contacted within 24 hours of the incident. If a mundane is injured at an event, an immediate contact to TIMs on the spot when the incident is in progress. (Obviously call 911 if necessary first and then TIMs). TIMs will evaluate and discuss the need of archery-related injuries such as a bow string sting/bruise and additional information will be relayed upon completion of discussion of this specific injury type.

2. President and Board of Directors

Minutes are available to members upon request to BoD President Christina Cox or the Chancellor's Office, pending resolution of Yahoo! technical difficulties. Topics include updates on transparency, photography (including during the meeting), how we spend Imperial funds for meetings, etc. Research on fundraising options is requested – if you have ideas for fundraising, please go to regional leadership to submit ideas. Intro to

Amazon Smile – there will be more advertising to encourage more people to use it. Continuing to review Physicker position for liability. Arbitration procedures: attorney has been consulted; no current official guidelines right now, we will be making our own internal arbitration agreement/procedure in lieu of paying for additional legal fees, hopefully a draft will be ready for the July meeting.

B. Ministers

1. Archery – Published separately

2. Arts and Sciences

Report by HG Sir Callon was read. Arts is faring quite well although not many reports have been given from local ministers. Imperial minister has reached out to chapters to assist in reporting. Note: not many arts entries in general being submitted throughout the empire.

3. Chancery – Published separately

4. Hospitaler

Position is currently open

5. Joust and War – Published separately

6. Physicker

Position is still currently open.

7. Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.) – Published separately

8. Rolls and Lists – Published separately

Note: on rolls database there are now added sections for synthetic wasters, crossbows, and non-judged arts entries to assist in entering participations/points.

9. Sovereign of Arms

Report by HHH Sir L'Bete was read. Locally some good heralds. Some chapters having trouble finding ministers. Manual is not being utilized as much as it possibly should be, and it should be encouraged that all chapters use it to help prevent frustration. Changes to the emblazon image on the website – it is not the SOAs responsibility to digitally create the image itself. Members can send in those images pre-done and the SOA can assist with the written request/description.

10. Steward

11. Other Officers

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

- A. Consider reducing the following Chapters in status due to insufficient numbers: **None**

None eligible for reduction based on membership numbers.

- B. Elevate the following Chapters in status: **None**

None received.

C. Other Amendments

1. Amend the charters of Auroch's Fjord and Cathair Na Caillte to reflect the transfer of the following territory from Auroch's Fjord to Cathair Na Caillte: The lands bounded by the meeting of Arizona Highway 95 and Boundary Cone Road (in the city of Fort Mohave, Arizona), east to the Oatman Topock Highway Junction, East along the 35th latitude to Interstate 40, south along I-40 to the Colorado River, north along the Colorado River to AZ-95, and north along AZ-95 to Boundary Cone Rd.

(Requires majority to approve.)

Chancery note: The Estates of Auroch's Fjord and Cathair Na Caillte have each approved this measure by a supermajority. Ratification of the charter amendments will require a simple majority vote of the Imperial Estates.

Discussion: Request that verbiage be included in charter to clarify that lands in Arizona will revert to AF should CNC dissolve and to Umbria should both AF and CNC dissolve.

Approved, one opposed.

2. Amend the charter of Lancaster to reflect the territory defined as:

The following counties of the mundane state of North Carolina: Richmond, Anson, Stanley, Union, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, Alexander, Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Avery, Caldwell, Burke, Cleveland, Rutherford, Polk, Henderson, McDowell, Mitchel, Yancey, Madison, Buncombe, Haywood, Trasyvania, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee;

The following counties of the mundane state of South Carolina: Abbeville, Greenwood, Newberry, Fairfield, Kershaw, Chesterfield, Lancaster,

Chester, York, Union, Cherokee, Spartanburg, Laurens, Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, and Greenville;

And the following counties of the mundane state of Tennessee: Sullivan, Washington, Unicoi, Carter, and Johnson.

If approved, this amendment would release the majority of North and South Carolina to the Empire, and would assign a small portion of the Imperial Lands within the northeastern corner of Tennessee to Lancaster.

(Requires majority to approve.)

Chancery note: *The Estates of Lancaster will be voting on this measure prior to the convening of the March IEM. If the Estates approve the charter amendment with a 2/3 supermajority, ratification of the charter amendment will require a simple majority vote of the Imperial Estates.*

See Appendix A for a map.

Update: Lancaster Estates approved amendment unanimously prior to March IEM.

Approved, none opposed.

D. Delinquent Reporting

1. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 months of Steward's reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the Crowns and Stewards shall have a complaint and be placed on Judicial Ban:

(Notification only.)

None.

2. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in the Steward's office. The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns and Steward of these Chapters. Effective February 7, the Crowns and Steward shall be placed on Judicial Ban, and they have 30 days to bring reporting current before the complaint becomes a set of charges. Upon receipt of all delinquent Steward records, the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.

(Notification only.)

None.

3. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 months of Rolls reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the Crowns and Rolls Minister shall have a complaint and be placed on Judicial Ban:

(Notification only.)

a. ~~Cathair Na Caille~~

Now current; no longer delinquent

4. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in the Rolls office. The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns and Rolls Minister of these Chapters. Effective February 7, the Crowns and Rolls Minister shall be placed on Judicial Ban, and they have 30 days to bring reporting current before the complaint becomes a set of charges. Upon receipt of all delinquent Rolls records, the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.

(Notification only.)

a. ~~Murrisk~~

Currently working with the crowns to become current

b. Wolfendorf

Has not made any contact. Still delinquent in reporting.

5. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 months of Crown reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the Crowns shall have a complaint and be placed on Judicial Ban:

(Notification only.)

a. ~~Gloucester~~

b. ~~Iberia~~

Both Chapters are now current

6. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in Crown reports. The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns of these Chapters. Effective February 7, the Crowns shall be placed on Judicial Ban, and they have 30 days to bring reporting current before the complaint becomes a set of charges. Upon receipt of all delinquent Crown records, the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.

(Notification only.)

a. Wolfendorf

Still delinquent

CRB2. Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles

Approved; Effective Now

(Requires 2/3 to approve.)

This came up after coronation to see how this would be handled, as it is handled differently each imperial reign. We went through the various options and decided to take it to the estates to help pass the vote. This will mostly affect the royal/imperial crowns.

Chancellors note: the Lex Adria requires certain deadlines for the Chancellor's Office to notify the contenders of eligibility in writing and then go to the estates for acceptability. It would help to make sure there is enough time and clarity for local chapters so personal feelings and inconsistencies between chapters could be minimized.

If passed, this proposal would amend Lex Adria VIII. B. “General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles” to specify that all requirements, with the exception of the Estates vote of acceptability, must be met at the time of declaration of intent to contend for the Crown.

If adopted, this amendment would ensure that the appropriate ministers have sufficient time to verify qualifications of Crown candidates, and would safeguard the populace against unforeseen eleventh-hour failures to meet qualifications.

Motion to Discuss: Points brought forth during discussion

- Personal experience of current Kingdom crowns regarding the uncertainty and ambiguity of the current ruling has led to unrest amongst members.
- Previously this ruling may have been left ambiguous to allow for changes versus creating a law. In the past it has worked perfectly fine.
- Clarification from the chancellor the deadline would be set at the deadline of when declaration of intent is due
- This could remove some people who may be fairly qualified. This would take the decisions out of the hands of the local estates.
- Not every chapter has specific dates for crown/coronations and some chapters have played with dates which can make certain people ineligible by the way it is set up in the region.
- Sometimes it can get muddy due to a consort not being part of a declaration of intent initially not always being able to change the consort to a crown later after acceptability is obtained. Would be nice to make the rule a bit clearer to help with areas of ambiguity.

Approved with supermajority, 86-13.

Motion for change to take effect upon publication of the Minutes of this meeting.

Motion approved with supermajority, 71-21.

Approved; effective immediately upon publication of Minutes.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CHB1. Court Reports

A. Judicial Courts

No information received.

Per TIM one matter in mediation will be suspended until the person can recover medically.

B. Civil Courts

None.

One request submitted to TIMs and withdrawn at March IEM.

CHB2. Consideration of the Success of Reign of TIMs L’Bete de Acmd and Gabriele Silverhand **Passed**
(Requires majority.)

Motion to split failed, 25 in favor to 60+ opposed.

Motion to end discussion and vote passed.

Success of Reign granted, 65-34

CHB3. Election of Special Panel per Bylaws Article III.
(Requires majority.)

Chancery Note: The Special Panel is tasked with the decision to deny, revoke, or suspend membership. Per Bylaws Article III.A.4.b., the Special Panel is comprised of the Crown(s) of the member’s chapter, two Royal Crowns from a rotational list, and four members elected by the Imperial Estates to serve on the panel, starting in March, for a term of one year. The Imperial Estates are also to elect two alternate panel members at this time. All panel members must be at least 18 years of age, members in good standing, and Knights.

Thus far, the following members have expressed willingness to serve:

	<u>Votes in Favor</u>
<i>Bill Haldeman (HIH William Baine)</i>	93
<i>Patty Vanik (Dame Katelyn)</i>	56
<i>Lindsay Oleson (HG Edelinne d’Orsay)</i>	72
<i>Brad Sawyer (HG Eric McKiver)</i>	84
<i>Angela Akins-Sawyer (Dame Mira Angel of Hart)</i>	88
<i>Louwana Wilson (Dame Lewana de Panton)</i>	54
<i>Toni Burns (Dame Toni Treeslayer)</i> <i>– requested to be removed from the list</i>	
<i>Donna Ramos (ben seyr Alistrina Lannoon Amragosso)</i>	16
<i><u>Additional nominees:</u></i>	
<i>Danni White (Dame Whitika)</i>	61
<i>Elizabeth Jones (Dame Elizabeth Blacksword)</i>	60
<i>Darren Jecelin (Sir Kerrigan)</i>	29

Primary Special Panel Members:

Bill Haldeman
 Angela Akins-Sawyer
 Lindsay Oleson
 Danni White

Alternates:

Brad Sawyer (requested to be moved to alternate after the vote)
 Elizabeth Jones

CHB4. Updates and Corrections to Manuals and Documents***(Notification Only.)***

Chancery Note: Changes to manuals and documents published separately. Please note that this update included the Combat, Archery, and Marshaling qualification tests.

Working on getting the electronic tests updated according to current laws.

CHB5. Ratification of Emergency Business: July IEM Schedule Ratified***(Requires 2/3 to ratify.)***

This year, San Diego Comic Con falls on the 3rd weekend of July, which conflicts with the IEM schedule set forth in the Lex Adria. To avoid conflict with this event, a one-time exception to law was proposed to allow the July 2018 IEM to be held on the weekend of July 14 or the weekend of July 28. This also avoids conflict with July 4 holiday celebrations.

Chancery Note: This was passed as an exception to law with no objections in November 2017 (refer to EBI on the November minutes). All decisions regarding emergency business are subject to ratification at the next fully-noticed meeting.

TIM would like for the meeting to happen the weekend of July 28th.

Ratified with no objections.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS**OB1. Clarify the Order of Precedence of the Adrian Empire Approved*****(Requires majority to approve.)***

A proposal to resolve apparent conflicts between Prince Nigel the Byzantine's Order of Precedence, Imperial Estates Writ 18, Lex Adria IX.E, and "Achievements in the Adrian Empire."

Per Author this is meant as a guideline, not a measure of law.

Authors' Commentary:

1. *"Achievements in the Adrian Empire" is a document by HIH Nigel the Byzantine that does not rise to the level of law but is an important reference.*
2. *Lex Adria IX.E. is incomplete and is not intended to be an Order of Precedence.*
3. *Prince Nigel's Order of Precedence is the most comprehensive treatment, but it has not been updated and does not address the created chapter level awards.*
4. *IEW-18 does not have Prince Nigel's complete order, and some of the awards are not in their correct order.*

Option A:

Amend IEW-18, II.B. "Practice," as follows:

What follows are the regalia and modes of address for each rank ~~in the Order of Precedence which has been registered by the Imperial College of Arms. Titles are listed in descending order of precedence,~~ with Landed Estates listed by the name of the Estate rather than its rulers.

V. Order of Precedence:

The following Order of Precedence is practice and is presented as a guideline not rising to the level of law.

A. Ranks & Titles

1. Imperial Crown
 - a. Emperor and Empress
 - b. Imperial Crown Prince and Princess
2. Kingdom Crown (by Chapter precedence)

For each Kingdom

- a. King/Queen
- b. Crown Prince/Princess
3. Imperial Prince/Princess
 - a. Retired Imperial Crown (by date of award)
 - b. Member of the Order of the Fleur de Lis (by date of award)

~~4. Imperial Ministers~~

5. Archducal Crown (by Chapter precedence)

For each Archduchy

- a. Archduke/Archduchess
- b. Heirs Apparent
6. Ducal Crown (by Chapter precedence)

For each Duchy

- a. Duke/Duchess
- b. Heirs Apparent

~~7. Imperial Ministers, including Viceroys and Vicereines of Shires~~

8. Counts and Countesses Royal (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
9. Marquesses and Marchionesses (by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation)
10. Founders
11. Knights Third Level: Champion, Doctor, Premier, Warden
12. Kingdom Ministers (by Chapter precedence)

~~13. Viceroys and Vicereines of Shires~~

14. Counts and Countesses (by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation)
15. Viscounts and Viscountesses (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
16. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Table Round (by date of award)
17. Companions of the Imperial Order of St. Joan (by date of award)
18. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Croix Fleury (by date of award)
19. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Golden Cross (by date of award)
20. Archducal Ministers (by Chapter precedence)

21. Ducal Ministers (by Chapter precedence)
 22. Barons and Baronesses Royal (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
 23. Barons and Baronesses (by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation)
 24. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Comet (by date of award)
 25. Barons and Baronesses of the Imperial Court (by date of award)
 26. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Nebula (by date of award)
 27. Barons and Baronesses of a Royal Court (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
 28. Recipients of Chapter awards that grant precedence equal to a Baron/Baroness (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
 29. Knights Second Level: Banneret, Master, Civil, Forester
 30. Lords and Ladies (by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation)
 31. Knights First Level: Bachelor, Robe, Minister, Archer
 32. Lords and Ladies of the Imperial Court (by date of award)
 33. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Lion, Harp, Quill, and Talbot (by date of award)
 34. Lords and Ladies of the Court (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
 35. Companions of the Orders of the Royal Star, the Crown Companion, the Queen's Guard, and the Empress' Grace (by Grantor's precedence then by date of award)
 36. Companions of the Noble Order of the Crown Guard (by Grantor's precedence then by date of award)
 37. Chapter awards granting precedence equal to a Lord/Lady (by Grantor's precedence then by date of award)
 38. Ladies in Waiting and Gentlemen of the Chamber, Squires, and Men at Arms (in order of their Liege's precedence)
 39. Pages (in order of their Liege's precedence)
 40. Masters (Mistresses)
 - a. Masters (Mistresses) Third Level: Sergeant, Master, Chamberlain, Marksman (Huntsman)
 - b. Masters (Mistresses) Second Level: Guardsman, Journeyman, Rector, Bowman
 - c. Masters (Mistresses) First Level: Yeoman, Apprentice, Clarke, Yeoman Archer
- B. Chapter precedence
1. Kingdoms by latest date of elevation
 2. Archduchies by latest date of elevation to Archduchy
 3. Duchies by latest date of elevation to Duchy
 4. Shire by date of (original continuous) creation
 5. All non-extant chapters
- C. Knight precedence
1. Number of 3rd level Knighthoods
 2. Number of 2nd level Knighthoods

3. Number of 1st level Knighthoods
 4. Date order of 1st highest level Knighthood
- D. Minister precedence
1. The Chancellor
 2. The Steward
 3. The Sovereign/Minister of Arms
 4. The Minister of Rolls
 5. The Minister of Arts and Sciences
 6. The Minister of War and Joust
 7. The Minister of Archery
 8. All other Ministers in order of personal precedence
- E. NOTES:
- i. Companions of precedence bearing Imperial Orders are ranked in precedence within each rank by the date the title was bestowed, except where such Order self-elects its own Master.
 - ii. Within a given award or retiring title, precedence is by the precedence of the grantor when it was bestowed, then by the date it was bestowed. Domains and Guilds, for the purpose of award precedence, rank after Shires.
 - iii. Recognized precedence bearing conversion ranks and titles have precedence equal to the most equivalent Adrian grantor, e.g. an equivalent award from a Chapter of the same size at the time of the award.
 - iv. Non-precedence bearing awards, when listed, should be listed last in order of the precedence of the granting Chapter, then by date it was awarded.

Friendly amendment accepted; changes highlighted above.

Option A approved, nays concede.

Option B:

Make estate precedence independent of Chapter precedence:

Modify all references to Estate lieges as follows:

[title] (~~by Chapter precedence then~~ by date of estate creation)

Authors: HIH William Baine; HRM Tailan Bran McNeil; HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau.

Author's Commentary: The indicated changes are from the previous proposal of which this is a rewrite based upon the discussion at the November 2017 IEM.

Option B approved.

A and B Approved, As Amended.

IX. NEW BUSINESS-

NB1. Requirements for 2nd and 3rd Level Combat Knights Discussion *(Discussion automatic. Requires 2/3 to consider. Requires 2/3 to approve.)*

If passed, this proposal would remove the distinction between rapier and cut-and-thrust and steel in terms of wins needed for advancement to 2nd and 3rd level knighthoods in combat, while the restrictions on use of synthetic wasters, and requirement for participations in steel, would remain unaltered.

Authors' proposed verbiage:

Amendments to Lex Adria IX.D.1. "Combatant Roll":

- e. Knight Banneret
 - ii. Five additional wins in the Knights' Lists (~~three must be in the armored Knights' Lists~~), either Rapier, Cut-and-Thrust, or Steel but not Synthetic Waster, at Crown events.

- f. Knight Champion
 - ii. Ten additional wins in the Knights' Lists (~~six must be in the armored Knights' Lists~~), either Rapier, Cut-and-Thrust, or Steel but not Synthetic Waster, at Crown events.

Authors/Sponsors: HRM Tailan Bran McNeil; Sir Vincenzo Grimani, KCh; HG Uther von Hopf; HG Mournngrym-Arawn de Mordington.

Discussion:

- After a K1 it no longer allows synthetic waster to count toward higher knighthoods.
- Time and time again there has been an interest in additional levels of knighthood available through rapier. Would be good to come up with an agreement of how that would happen.
- Time spent play testing and for those fighters who have grown attached to the synthetic wasters would like to see additional options for them so they do not become relegated to the level of shinai.
- Steel fighters may see the benefit of helping other fighters advance, but appear to want something in place to still recognize the accomplishment of becoming a steel champion.
- HIM Desmond: there could also be an adjustment to allow a conversion rate so a 2:1 or 3:1 light weapons can convert to 1 steel win. This idea has been discussed in the past but never gained traction. I would like for the synthetic

wasters to not disappear after so much time has been spent in getting them approved through this body as a knightly form. Note on how wasters are actually a modern version of original practice swords and are technically more period than shinai.

- Authors recommend against any motion to vote at this time.

Chancellor recommendation: Increasing discussions between the meetings to help iron out issues prior to putting them in writing and bringing them before the Estates.

NB2. Removal of March IEM Discussion

(Discussion automatic. Requires 2/3 to consider. Requires 2/3 to approve.)

If passed, this proposal would remove the March IEM from the Imperial Estates Calendar, and move the required action items from March to the July meeting.

Authors' proposed verbiage:

Amendments to Lex Adria VI.E. "Official Meetings; Imperial Estates Calendar":

4. ~~(Removed) Meeting Date, March~~

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

- ~~a. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office. (The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.)~~
- ~~b. Elect standing members to the special panel defined in Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., Article III.A.4.b.~~

5. Meeting Date, July

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

- a. Qualify and determine acceptability of Imperial candidates
- b. Finalize enough data to prepare the corporation's tax returns (if necessary)
- c. Review (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown (see Article IX.E.)
- d. Elect Board of Directors Members per Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., Article V.B.
- e. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated,

irrespective of the length of such terms of office. (The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.)

f. Elect standing members to the special panel defined in Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., Article III.A.4.b.

Each Chapter's Crown shall present a copy of his or her Chapter's financial records at this meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory for at least one ruling Crown or representative from each Chapter.

Authors/Sponsors: HRM Tailan Bran McNeil; HIH Gabriele Silverhand; HG Anne Bryce of Kincaig; HG Uther von Hopf.

Authors' Commentary: With the increasing costs and difficulty of receiving bids and lack of business, it is time for the Empire to spend its resources and energy on playing the game rather than changing it.

Chancellor comment regarding the ability to electronically communicate. This option would require a space and bandwidth for over 150 people to be able to vote, may not yet be a viable, efficient option.

Discussion:

- Historically, the less face time the IEM nationally has in person results in more separation of the various regions. The face time IEM provides is a way to disseminate the common culture and guidelines of the empire. Wars are still regional, so without IEM it could create issues.
- By dissolving the March meeting, the dates of the other two meetings would probably have to change to allow an even amount of time between meetings.
- We elect new crowns in November which means the new crowns and populace would not have face time until July if the March meeting was removed.
- Question regarding the cost of IEMs: All together, the IEMs account for approximately 1/3 of the total expenses of the Empire yearly.
- Concern regarding with the limited meetings, how many emergency estates meetings would then need to take place to handle more immediate issues while waiting for a meeting.

NB3. Amending Rapier-Class Weapon Standards **Approved; Effective Now**
(Discussion automatic. Requires 2/3 to consider. Requires majority to approve.)

If passed, this proposal would amend IEW-17 (Combat Manual), III.G.1. "Rapier Blades," as follows:

1. RAPIER BLADES

- a. Nominal 1/2 to 1 inch width
- b. Blunted tips with dulled edges. (See Appendix B)

- c. Blades must be purchased from a reputable dealer or forge (for safety and breakage reasons). No homemade blades are allowed. Any modifications to the blade or hilt should maintain a period look and must be approved by the Crown Marshal or Minister of War and Joust.
- d. ~~The overall weight of the sword is not to exceed 2.5 pounds.~~ When possible the blade should be removed from the hilt and weighed separately. The weight of the blade itself is not to exceed 1.25 pounds. The overall weight of the sword is not to exceed 3.25 pounds. In cases where the blade cannot be removed (peened tag, etc.), the overall weight of the sword may not exceed 3.25 pounds and the balance point of the sword must be within 3.5 inches of the top of the guard.
- e. Metal swept hilts that protect the fingers from a slashing impact are highly recommended on rapiers and daggers.
- f. Blades must have a flex to them of at least four inches. No stiffer blades will be allowed. The acceptable method for testing flexibility is described in Appendix B. Any blade that retains a sharp bend after being flexed must be permanently removed from the field. A slight bend over the length of the blade is acceptable.
- g. Cup, bell, or shell style guards may not exceed 6 inches in diameter and must be properly attached to the hilt.

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Authors' Commentary: *With the increase in the number of commercially available Rapiers and Rapier parts on the market, options for the weapons used in Adria are growing. The above recommendations are being made in order to allow for more protective and elaborate hilt designs and larger pommels to allow for greater weapon control while still maintaining the safety of this combat style. Restricting the blades to a maximum weight as well as having a maximum weight for the overall weapon will allow for more options while still keeping the impact weight of strikes within acceptable limits. The relatively light blade will minimize the weight at the point of impact, while the heavier allowed hilt and pommel will allow for better hand protection and more control of the sword. It is also the goal of this proposal to ensure that any aftermarket changes or custom orders to the weapons are both safe and keeping within the realms of historical accuracy and the chivalric ideals of Adria.*

Discussion:

- Per licensed dealer for Hanwei, half of the stock is over the advertised weight listed on the website, taking it over the 2 lb. limit. The dealer reported due to handmade items there are bound to be differences.
- The effective force of the blow can change in terms of the weight of the gauntlet worn, etc.
- From author Sir Eric, Imperial Minister of War and Joust: At Banner War and Crown War all the rapiers were weighed. This is where the 3.25 total weight came from—most of the swords that were overweight were not overweight by much and generally it was noted that the majority of the extra weight was in the pommel. Belief is that the balance point of the blade and the flex of the blade is what keeps combatants safe

(believes deflection is more important than the weight of the blade). Authors kept the weight below what would be crossing into cut and thrust weights.

- No points of concern or dissention have been made to Sir Eric regarding this proposal
- 3.25 lb. weight was the weight in the middle "common ground number" of the data set gathered from all regions' Banner War; 85 blades were weighed just at SW Banner War.
- No data collection done on the balance point
- Suggestion of doing actual research on the balance points on more of the blades we already use. Also consider during the proposal and what will be put into practice- e.g. we do not have time to break down 80 plus rapiers to weigh them on the Banner War field
- In the future recommended Marshals/War and Joust to exert their authority on the field to uphold the laws we do have, so that we do not have to legislate more later. What use is writing more laws when we choose not to enforce the ones we have?
- Concern about an ingenious person putting too much weight in the blade and cheating the system
- Possibility of seeing longer blades in use now that there is more weight allowed
- As in law, must be made by a reputable dealer or forge; question as to what constitutes this

Motion to consider passed, 77-17.

Proposal passed, 77-22.

Motion to implement upon publication of the Minutes passed.

Approved; effective immediately upon publication of Minutes.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None received.

XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

To be held on the weekend of July 28, 2018.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

4:47 PM, March 24, 2018

APPENDIX A: PROPOSED MAP OF LANCASTER

The proposed amended territory is shaded green, orange, and pink/red. Lands shaded blue and purple would be released to the Empire. Lands shaded gray and green are currently Imperial lands.

