



**The Adrian Empire  
Imperial Estates Meeting  
March 30 and 31, 2019  
Agenda**

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## **GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION**

**Location:** Featherly Park, 24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim CA 92808

**Date and Time\*:**

Fri, 29 March:	7:30 pm	BoD Meeting
Sat, 30 March:	8:30 – 9:15	Sign In
	9:30 – 5:00	Imperial Estates Meeting
Sun, 31 March:	9:30 – 5:00	Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

**Airport:**

John Wayne Airport (SNA) or Ontario International Airport (ONT) are closest; Long Beach Airport (LGB) and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) are other options.

**Lodging:**

Camping On-Site

No reservations needed for tent camping. Setup opens on Friday, March 29, and we must vacate the site on the morning of Monday, April 1. For RV camping reservations, please call 714-637-0210.

Cabins On-Site

Contact Sir Rhys of Esperance ([rhysofthepieces@gmail.com](mailto:rhysofthepieces@gmail.com)) for availability information.

Hotel Off-Site

Ayres Suites-Yorba Linda, 22677 Oakcrest Cir., Yorba Linda, CA 92887

To reserve a room, please call 714-921-8688 and request the group rate for the Adrian Empire. If there are any questions or requests the front desk cannot accommodate, please feel free to ask for Lisa. Please do not wait to the last minute to make your reservation! **All reservations must be made by March 1, 2019.**

Room Rate: \$114/night

**\* - All times are local time (PDT)**

**Legend:**

~~Deleted or replaced text~~

Added or new text

*(Requirements for actions and approval)*

*Chancery notes, comments, and explanations.*

*Author's commentary*

*Imperial Crown commentary*

**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

## III. ROLL CALL

A. Seating of qualified members and written proxies

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

*(Requires 2/3 to approve.)*

## IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the November 2018 IEM

*(Requires majority to approve.)*

## V. REPORTS

A. Executive

1. Crown(s)
2. President and Board of Directors

B. Ministers

1. Archery
2. Arts and Sciences
3. Chancery
4. Hospitaler
5. Joust and War
6. Physicker
7. Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
8. Rolls and Lists
9. Sovereign of Arms
10. Steward
11. Other Officers

## VI. CROWN BUSINESS

### CRB1. Charter Amendments

*Chancery Note: These listings are based on the Membership Summary as of the date of publication.*

#### A. Consider reducing the following Chapters in status due to insufficient numbers:

*None.*

#### B. Elevate the following Chapters in status:

*(Requires majority to approve.)*

1. Shire of Wolfendorf  
Current membership: 21

### CRB2. July IEM 2019 Schedule

*(Requires 2/3 to approve.)*

Allow a one-time exception to law to move the July, 2019 Imperial Estates Meeting from the third weekend of July to another weekend in July. Also, limit the new weekend to be one other than the weekend of July 6, which can be considered the “July 4th weekend”.

*This is due to a scheduling conflict with San Diego Comic Con. The preferred weekend is July 27 and 28, 2019.*

### CRB3. Removing July IEM Schedule Restrictions

*(Requires 2/3 to approve.)*

Modify Lex Adria Imperium VI.A.1 as follows:

“1. Imperial Estates Meetings shall be held:

“a. The first Saturday (and the day after) of November

“b. During the month of March

“c. ~~The third Saturday (and the day after) of July~~ During the month of July, but not on the first weekend of July”

AND Modify Lex Adria Imperium VI.E.5 as follows:

“5. Meeting Date, July

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

**CRB4. CCW-6, Synthetic Wasters Weapon Standards, Augmented to Include Rules for Thrusting**

*(No action required. Requires majority to adopt as IEW; requires majority to reject modifications to ICW. With no action, item will remain ICW.)*

*Added text is as follows:*

Thrusting: If all participant combatants in a given round or melee of Knight's List Waster desire to allow thrusting, they shall notify the marshals prior to the start of combat. The marshals shall make sure all combatants in the round or melee have agreed to Thrusting and that each combatant's gorget is tucked under their gambeson or tabard in such a way that the waster blade cannot slide up under the gorget on a thrust to the chest. Thrusting is not permitted when any of the participant combatants in the round or melee are under the age of 18 years, or on the Sergeant List.

*Imperial Crown Writs, and amendments thereto, take effect immediately upon publication.*

**CRB5. Incorporation of CCW-6 into IEW-17: Combat Manual**

*(Requires majority.)*

*This will amend the Combat Manual to incorporate the Synthetic Wasters Weapon Standards and other rules set forth in CCW-6.*

## **VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS**

**CHB1. Court Reports**

**A. Judicial Courts**

1. The Adrian Empire vs. Sir Sivax Wartongue, 2/9/2019

*Outcome will be published as Appendix A upon receipt.*

**B. Civil Courts**

*None.*

**CHB2. Consideration of the Success of Reign of TIMs Desmond and Babette**

*(Requires majority.)*

**CHB3. Election of the 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.*

#### **CHB4. Updates and Corrections to Manuals and Documents**

*(Requires majority.)*

*Changes to manuals and documents published separately. Further revisions, limited in scope to formatting corrections only, are ongoing.*

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **OB1. Expenditure of Imperial Funds for Travel**

*(Requires majority to approve as IEW.)*

*This proposal was drafted at the request of the Board of Directors, to offer guidance on Imperial decision-making with respect to government travel.*

##### **I. Imperial Estates Meetings**

A. During planning of Imperial Estates Meetings, the following should be taken into consideration, in order of descending precedence:

1. Regional rotation set forth in Imperial Estates Writ 21
2. Bids received from chapters and members
3. Cost-effectiveness

##### **B. Cost-Effectiveness**

Both direct and indirect costs must be taken into account in evaluating bids and venues for Imperial Estates Meetings.

##### **1. Direct Costs**

These are the costs reimbursed or paid directly by the Adrian Empire.

##### **2. Indirect Costs**

These are the costs incurred by individual chapters and members. While chapter expenses are not directly taken from the national bank account, their funds are ultimately Imperial funds and should be afforded the same consideration.

##### **II. Other Travel**

Periodically, the Imperial Crowns and/or their representatives may be called upon to travel throughout the Empire, independent of Imperial Estates Meetings.

##### **A. Reasons for Travel**

1. Attendance of Imperial Crown Wars outside the region of residence, when in-region participation is restricted by Imperial Law.
2. Arbitration/mediation of disputes, where telephonic or other remote intervention has been attempted and failed.
3. Chapter support

##### **B. Frequency of Travel**

1. It is anticipated that the Imperial Crowns and/or their representatives may need to undertake a total of up to 5 trips per regnal year, in addition to the Imperial Estates Meetings.
2. Additional travel must be approved in advance by a majority vote of the Imperial Estates.

*Author: HG Edelinne d’Orsay, on behalf of the Board of Directors*

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

### NB1. Revision of the Imperial Calendar

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

*This item was tabled in November for further discussion. Several alternatives to the current Imperial Calendar have been proposed, and are illustrated in Appendix B.*

#### Option 1:

- In-Person Imperial Estates Meetings in January and July
- Imperial Wars on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends

#### Option 2:

- In-Person Imperial Estates Meetings in April and November
- GoToMeeting Imperial Estates Meeting in August
- Imperial Wars on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends

#### Option 3:

- In-Person Imperial Estates Meetings in March and November
- GoToMeeting Imperial Estates Meeting in July
- Imperial Wars on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends

*Authors’ commentary: A Facebook poll indicated that the majority of members prefer keeping the Imperial Wars on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. The Option 1 calendar keeps the July IEM, although the dates for this meeting can be fluid within the month to adjust for conflicts with large local demos. The Option 2 calendar moves the IEM out of March, which is traditionally a terrible traveling month for all areas weather-wise, and removes the summer IEM in favor of a GoToMeeting IEM. The Option 3 calendar is the current calendar but with the substitution of a GoToMeeting for the July IEM.*

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

### NB2. Amend November IEM Schedule

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

Modify Lex Adria Imperium VI.A.1 as follows:

“1. Imperial Estates Meetings shall be held:

- “a. The ~~first~~ second Saturday (and the day after) of November
- “b. During the month of March
- “c. The third Saturday (and the day after) of July”

AND Modify Lex Adria Imperium VI.E.3. as follows:

“3. Meeting Date, November

“The Imperial Estates shall meet on the ~~first~~ second Saturday of November (and the following day), at which time they shall conduct appropriate business including but not limited to: ...”

*Authors’ commentary: This will ensure that the November IEM will no longer conflict with Halloween.*

*Authors/Sponsors: HIH Gabriele Silverhand; HG Edelinne d’Orsay*

**NB3. Standardize the Lengths of BoD Terms of Office**  
*(Discussion automatic. Requires 2/3 to consider and 2/3 to approve.)*

Modify Bylaws Article V. as follows:

“A. Number of Directors

“The number of Directors shall be nine. Two shall be at-large Directors, who shall be elected annually by the Imperial Estates from the membership at large for 1-year terms. ~~Each may be reelected to one successive term.~~ The Imperial Steward shall serve as Treasurer and may serve successive terms (as this is an appointed position by the Imperial Crown).

“... ”

“B. Term of Office

“... Directors shall be elected at the same meeting designated for determination of qualification and acceptability of Imperial Candidates (July). ~~Directors may succeed themselves once.~~ A Director may be removed prematurely by action of the Imperial Estates, the action of a duly convened Imperial Court of Justice, or by a unanimous vote of all other Directors (so long as the Board has more than two members). ... ”

“... ”

“Directors may serve for a total of 4 consecutive years, regardless of whether this is as a Regional Director, or a Director-at-large. The Imperial Chancery shall ensure that members nominated for a position on the Board of Directors shall fit

into this restriction (i.e.: a member who has served for three consecutive years is not nominated for a 2-year Regional Director seat).”

*Authors’ commentary: Because BoD terms are currently limited by a number of terms, a Director-at-large is limited to a maximum of two years on the BoD, while a Regional Director is able to serve for four years. An alternate interpretation of the current law would enable a member to serve on the BoD continuously, alternating between Regional Director and Director-at-large every two terms, since the two positions are defined differently. This is because of the verbiage used: "successive term" and "may succeed themselves". This modification removes the ambiguity and limits directors to a total of four contiguous years on the BoD, followed by at least one year off of the BoD.*

*Authors/Sponsors: HG Callon Bryncorey; HIM Babette Bryncorey; HIH Gabriele Silverhand; HRM Faye O’Draig*

#### **NB4. Remove Requirement for Written Proxies**

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

Amend Lex Adria Imperium VI.H. Proxies as follows:

“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~~ notify 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.

“4. The Chancellor may still require written proxies for members who are asking the Chancery to carry their proxy vote.”

*Authors’ commentary: The Empire of Adria is an honorable society. Members of the Imperial Estates are the embodiment of the Empire and its honor. A Knight of the Empire who says she or he is holding a proxy vote for a member estate should be taken at their word.*

*Authors/Sponsors: HG Callon Bryncorey; HIM Babette Bryncorey; HIH Gabriele Silverhand; HRM Faye O’Draig; HG Tailan Bran McNeil*

#### **NB5. Standardize Requirements for Knight’s and Journeyman’s Judges**

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

Amend IEW-1: Manual of Arts and Sciences, I.E.2, as follows:

“2. Requirements:

“All shall participate and be qualified at a judging collegium for the current version of the Arts and Sciences Manual. When a member has not entered an art or judged an art for one full year, the member will re-qualify themselves with the Minister or Deputy of Arts and Sciences before judging at tourney or war. A judge may be authorized to judge by the MA&S based on experience outside the Adrian Empire. The MA&S must inform them of the basic rules and procedures described herein prior to judging.

~~“a. Knights' List:~~

~~“i. Knight Robe or higher or~~

~~“ii. Experience judging at least three Journeymans' List tournaments~~

~~“b. Journeymans' List:~~

~~“i. • Expert (who has a masterwork or makes a living or as a degree with an art) or higher, or~~

~~“ii. • Master with experience scribing at least three tournaments, or~~

~~“iii. • Member of the chivalry/Royal Crown who has been qualified by the MA&S to judge”~~

*Authors' commentary: There should be no difference in judges between the two lists because there is no difference in judging the two lists (remember, the Journeyman's list has a lower total score to garner a tourney win). Once a prospective judge takes the collegium, which is still required by Article I.E.2, that judge is qualified to judge both lists. Article VII.B.11 states that serving as scribe for three qualified arts judges shall replace the requirement for taking the judging collegium. This change is not intended to replace that.*

*Authors/Sponsors: HG Callon Bryncorey; HIM Babette Bryncorey; HIIH Gabriele Silverhand; HRM Faye O'Draig*

## **NB6. Clarify the Scoring of Arts Entries**

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

Replace IEW-1: Manual of Arts and Sciences, IV.C.8, with one of the following options:

Option 1:

“The three scores closest to the median score shall be averaged to arrive at the final score. In the case where two outlying scores are equidistant from the average score, the lower of the two scores shall be thrown out and the remaining scores averaged to arrive at the final score.

“Examples:

“28, 29, 30, 31 > drop the 28, average score is 30

“29, 29, 32, 32 > drop a 29, average score is 31”

Option 2:

“The three scores closest to the median score shall be averaged to arrive at the final score. In the case where two outlying scores are equidistant from the average score, the higher of the two scores shall be thrown out and the remaining scores averaged to arrive at the final score.”

“Examples:

“28, 29, 30, 31 > drop the 31, average score is 29

“29, 29, 32, 32 > drop a 32, average score is 30”

*Authors’ commentary: There is currently no guideline on what to do in this case, so this is open to Interpretation by the Imperial or local Crown, Imperial or local Minister of Arts and Sciences, and the person running the Arts at a Tourney or War. This ambiguity could also result in projects at the same tourney or war being scored differently. This ambiguity should be clarified one way or the other so that projects are scored the same. At this time, the Ministry of Arts and Sciences prefers Option 1.*

*Authors/Sponsors: HG Callon Bryncorey; HIM Babette Bryncorey; HIH William Baine; HG Edelinne d’Orsay*

*Chancery note: Other applicable sections of the Arts and Sciences Manual, such as V.D.10, will also be updated to reflect this change.*

## **NB7. Clarify or Amend the Requirements for Garnering a Masterwork**

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

Replace IEW-1: Manual of Arts and Sciences, III.C.1.a.ii, with one of the following options:

Option 1:

The entry receives an average score of 30 or higher with at least three scores equal to 30 or higher.

Option 2:

The entry receives an average score of 30 or higher with at least two scores equal to 30 or higher.

Option 3:

The entry receives an average score of 30 or higher with at least one score equal to 30 or higher.

*Original text to be replaced indicated in red:*

“1. A Masterwork is awarded under two conditions:

“a. In tournament an artisan’s entry may be awarded a masterwork if:

“i. The entry fulfills all of the requirements.

~~“ii. The entry receives a 30 or higher by three or more judges.~~

“b. An artisan successfully completes a Masterwork project.”

*Authors’ commentary: This should remove any ambiguity in how Masterworks are awarded. These three options cover all possible ways that a Masterwork can score over 30. Option 1 is the most restrictive and Option 3 is the least restrictive (32 + 29 + 29 = 90, which is an average of 30). At this time, the Ministry of Arts and Sciences prefers Option 2.*

*Authors/Sponsors: HG Callon Bryncorey; HIM Babette Bryncorey; HIH Gabriele Silverhand; HRM Faye O’Draig; HG Tailan Bran McNeil*

## **NB8. Further Clarify the Awarding of a Masterwork in Tournament and/or War**

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

Amend IEW-1: Manual of Arts and Sciences, III.C.1.a, to add the following:

“iii. A project shall be determined to be a Masterwork (or not) before applying Article V.D.10.”

*Authors’ commentary: If a project is judged by four judges and receives these scores (29, 30, 30, 36), current rules dictate that the 36 is thrown out, and project receives a 29.67 as its final score, which is not a Masterwork. With this modification of the rules, the 29 would be thrown out and these scores would result in an average score of 32 (30+30+36=96, 96/3=32), which is a Masterwork. The rules already state that if a project is awarded a score of 30 or greater by 3 or more judges, then it is a Masterwork. This clarification merely brings the Masterwork decision to have precedence over the “all scores within 5 points and the three closest scores averaged” decision.*

*Authors/Sponsors: HG Callon Bryncorey; HIM Babette Bryncorey; HRM Faye O’Draig*

*Chancery note: Other applicable sections of the Arts Manual will also be updated to reflect this addition.*

## **NB9. Reference Rather than Restate Masterwork Requirements**

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

Amend IEW-1: Manual of Arts and Sciences, IV.E.3:

“3. Masterwork

“A Masterwork is awarded ~~for those pieces that score 30 or higher by three or more judges~~ in accordance with Article III.C.1.a.”

*Authors’ commentary: Instead of restating the Masterwork requirements, this section should reference the earlier section that states what the requirements are.*

*Authors/Sponsors: HG Callon Bryncorey; HIM Babette Bryncorey; HIH Gabriele Silverhand; HRM Faye O’Draig*

*Chancery note: Other applicable sections will be incorporated by reference as they are identified.*

## **NB10. Clarify the Requirements for a Successful Arts Entry**

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

Amend IEW-1: Manual of Arts and Sciences, Article V: Contested Wars:

### “E. AWARDING WAR POINTS

“1. War points will be awarded in accordance with the scenario and Lex Adria.

“2. ~~All entries in the Journeyman’s List with a final entry score less than ten (10) will be removed from the lists.~~ All entries in either list that receive an Authenticity score of zero (0) will be removed from the lists in accordance with Article II.A.2. All entries in the Knight’s List with a final entry score less than fifteen (15) will be removed from the lists. These entries will not count in the point totals for the contenders. Any list with all entries removed will result in no war point being awarded.

“3. Group entries count only as one entry in the point totals.

“4. There will be no points awarded if there are none to award.

“5. If there is a tie, the point will be split.

“...

### “G. ARTISAN AWARDS AT WARS

“1. ~~All apprentices and journeyman, who compete upon a list, and whose entry receives a final entry score above 10 shall receive one war participation point.~~ All entrants who compete on a list, and whose entry receives an Authenticity score greater than zero (0), shall receive one war point.

“2. ~~All masters and Knights, who compete upon a list, and whose entry receives a final entry score 15 and greater, shall receive one war participation point~~ (Repealed)

“3. All artisans who compete upon a list shall receive a maximum of one war participation point (which is a not the same a monthly participation point).

“4. A masterwork can be awarded for each entry.”

*Authors’ commentary: The artisan is currently subjected to two litmus tests for a successful entry, authenticity greater than 0 and a minimum final score (10 or 15, depending on the list).*



*This item removes the need for a minimum entry score, and relies solely on the Authenticity score to determine if the project should be judged. A simple project with minimal documentation could potentially receive a score that is less than the current "minimum scores" but as long as the project is authentic, it should still be allowed to contribute to the overall war score. Also, with the introduction of non-judged arts, which does not require judging in the first place, there should not be a minimum score placed on the entry in the second place, other than the Authenticity score, of course. Also, the local Crowns, in conjunction with the local Minister of Arts and Sciences, determine if a non-judged entry meets the authenticity requirement.*

**Authors/Sponsors:** HG Callon Bryncorey; HIM Babette Bryncorey; HIH Gabriele Silverhand; HRM Faye O’Draig

**NB11. Expand Arts Manual Article V to Include Uncontested Wars**

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

Amend IEW-1: Manual of Arts and Sciences, Article V: Contested Wars:

“V. ~~Contested~~ Wars”

*Authors’ commentary: These requirements should apply to all wars, not just contested wars. As an alternative, I would cooperate with a request to add a note that uncontested wars can be run a bit more “loosely”*

**Authors/Sponsors:** HG Callon Bryncorey; HIH Gabriele Silverhand; HRM Faye O’Draig

**NB12. Clarify War Judging Procedures**

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

Amend IEW-1: Manual of Arts and Sciences, Article V: Contested Wars:

“D. War Judging

“... ”

“10. The three closest scores will be used for average and the fourth score will not be used.

“11. The MA&S shall discuss with the judge any score that differs by more than five from the ~~other average~~ score ~~used with the judge, who.~~ The judge 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.~~

“12. If the 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.

~~“13. Neither the MA&S nor the Crown~~ No one, other than the original judge, may change or “adjust” arts scores.

~~“11.~~ 14. Any changes to a score must be initialed by the judge and a notation of the reason for the change shall be made.”

*Authors’ commentary: The existing Article V.D.10 contains several items that are not related and should be separated into their own bullet points.*

*Bullet 10: This line is subject to change by an item of business in the March, 2019 IEM Agenda.*

*Bullet 11: Rearranging some words in the first sentence. I am also suggesting that the last half of sentence 2 in new bullet #11 is redundant. Just because a judge refuses to modify a score does not mean that judge is biased or unreasonable. If the judge can back up the reasons for the difference in score, then that score should stand on its own without being re-judged, especially if there are more than three judges. However, Bullet #12 states that an unreasonable or biased judge can be replaced by two new judges. If a judge is unable or unwilling to provide valid reasons for the difference, I would call that unreasonable and/or biased.*

*Bullet 13: I realize that no one other than the MA&S or the Crown would likely attempt to modify scores, but the reality is that no one except the judge should modify scores, and this bullet should reflect that. Otherwise, should we have to say “... MA&S, IMA&S, Crown or Imperial Crown...”? This small change covers everyone that can now or will in the future think they have a right to change a score.*

*Bullet 14: This is the existing Bullet 11, renumbered to fit in the new list.*

*Authors/Sponsors: HG Callon Bryncorey; HG Edelinne d’Orsay*

### **NB13. Reduce Minimum Age for Rapier Participation**

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

If passed, this proposal will amend IEW-17 Combat Manual to reduce the minimum age for participation in rapier combat to 13 years.

Option: The authors request immediate implementation upon approval.

*Authors’ commentary: At this time, the minimum age for combat is 12 for shinai. With Rapier being a minimum of 14, the member has no room for advancement or improvement of skill for a two year period. It is discouraging for the new young members to be stalled at this point. After speaking with other combatants as well as several parents, we believe with proper training, equipment inspection and proper adherence to the rules of combat this would not be detrimental.*

*Authors/Sponsors: Dame Katelyn, KPr; Sir Alaric Thorne, KCh*

## **X. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **D1. Structure of the Governing Body**

Interest has been expressed in restructuring the makeup of the Estates. Examples of options include:

- Weighting the Estates Minor representation according to Chapter level.
  - Example: Removal of 2 senior Estates Minor votes from Shires; retention of 2 senior Estates Minor from each Duchy; augmentation to 3 from each Archduchy; and augmentation to 5 from each Kingdom
- Elevating Count/Countess (landed) from Estates Minor to Estates Major
- Reduction of Count/Countess Royal and K3 from Estates Major to Estates Minor

## **XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES**

TBD

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**APPENDIX A**  
**CHB1.A. Judicial Courts**

