
WHAT IS A PROXY?

A proxy is a "stand-in" statement, to be used when you cannot be present to make those statements in person.

WHENARE THEY USED?

Most often, they are used in estates meetings. When an estate-holder cannot be present, they can provide their votes and opinions through a proxy (much like a real-life stockholders' meeting).

ARE THEY ONLY USED IN ESTATES MEETINGS?

No. A proxy is any "stand-in" statement. For instance, if you are being knighted, and the Rolls Minister is not present to verify your points, they can provide a proxy (someone else to swear to the facts as presented by the Rolls Minister).

ARE VERBAL PROXIES OKAY?

At Imperial Meetings and functions, verbal proxies are acceptable. The Adrian Empire is based on chivalry and honor, and to take the word of a knight is a fundamental concept. However, chartered subdivisions have some right to create writs or codicils that do not conflict with the bylaws. In this instance, some chartered subdivisions have chosen to limit themselves to written proxies, to eliminate confusion. Check with your local chancellor or Crown to see if verbal proxies are acceptable for local meetings.

WHAT IS A DIRECTED PROXY?

A directed proxy is one that says exactly how to vote on each agenda item. An undirected proxy just allows the proxy-holder to vote as they feel appropriate.

ARE THEY ONLY GOOD FOR ONE TIME?

It depends on how it is written. Sometimes people will provide a proxy for just that one day. Sometimes they provide one that lasts longer than that.

WHY WOULD ANYONE ISSUE A LONG-TERM PROXY?

Many people will issue a long-term proxy that says, "If for any reason I'm not present, then so-and-so will have my vote. If so-and-so is not present, then such-and-such will have my vote." That way, if there is a last-minute problem that prevents them from attending, then their voice is still heard. (Examples: traffic accident that blocks the freeway, food poisoning the night before, or the airport is fogged in.)

RELEVANT BYLAWS:

ARTICLE VI.H. MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY. PROXIES.

ARTICLE III.F.2. SUBDIVISION OF THE EMPIRE. RIGHTS OF THE ESTATES. THE ESTATES GENERAL OF A CHARTERED SUBDIVISIONS.

ARTICLE III.F.3. SUBDIVISION OF THE EMPIRE. RIGHTS OF THE ESTATES. THE CROWN.