



# **NOVEMBER 2007 IMPERIAL ESTATES AGENDA**

## **REVISED TO INCLUDE CH8 AND CH9**

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# GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

## Date and Time

### Estates Meeting

November 3, 2007 – 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

November 4, 2007 – 9 a.m. until all agenda items have been addressed

### Location

The November 2007 meeting of the Imperial Estates will be held in the Duchy of Gloucester.

#### Red Lion Hotel

1021 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97232  
Phone: 503-235-2100

Room Rates & Accommodations:

Rooms either 1 King or 2 Doubles

\$ 79.00 per night + 12.5% Tax (subject to change)

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### Local Attractions

- Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
- Portland Art Museum
- Chinese Gardens
- Portland State University
- Seasonal festivals at the waterfront park
- Saturday market
- Within walking distance of Lloyd Center Mall
- Pioneer Place Mall Movies
- Variety of restaurants and entertainment.

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# AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the July 2007 Imperial Estates Meeting.

- V. **REPORTS**

**Minister reports** will all be posted, except for the Crown Report/Pres/V.P. Report. All other Ministers must submit written reports. Any Minister who does not submit written reports will not be awarded Ministry Points. If the same Minister did not submit reports for the previous meeting, they will be replaced.

- VI. **CROWN BUSINESS**

- CRB1. **Charters**

All Subdivisions who have not reported in a timely manner, and are not in communication to correct their deficits, and all Subdivisions who do not maintain the numbers for their status will be placed on the November Imperial Agenda for voluntary reduction in status. Reporting is required and not doing so makes it difficult to determine the status of the Empire. Additionally, all Subdivisions are required to maintain a specific number of members to establish and retain their status within Adria. This is in accordance with Imperial Bylaws. We also request that all Subdivisions submit, to Us directly, a copy of their Writs and Codicils for review. Once approved, the Crown of the subdivision will be notified and the documentation placed under their region on the Imperial Website. Additionally, if your current Charter does not appear on the Website, you are responsible for contacting us, in writing, to ensure that is corrected.

- a. **Place shires on inactive list**

- The following shires have zero membership and have been suspended:

- None

- b. **Reactivate inactive shire**

- The following shires have membership and their charters have been reactivated:

- None

- c. **Recognize new shire**

- The following shires have membership and their charter will be issued:

- None

## d. Charter Reductions

*No action required.*

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

- Archduchy of Kinkora (reduction to Duchy)
- Duchy of Cambridge (reduction to Shire)
- Duchy of Ekaterinegorod (reduction to Shire)
- Duchy of Ravenna (reduction to Shire)
- Duchy of Sangrael (reduction to Shire)

## e. Charter Elevations

*Requires majority to approve.*

The following subdivisions are recommended for elevation to Duchy status:

- Shire of Bisqaia
- Shire of New Exeter
- Shire of Constantinople (requires 2/3rds to waive the 6-month requirement)

## f. Amend Charter of the Kingdom of York

*Requires 2/3rds to approve exception to Article VIII.F.1.; 2/3rds to approve.*

Amend the Charter of York to remove the remaining portion of Broward County, Florida so that the geographic region formerly known as the Canton of Pembroke may be created as a Duchy.

The lands to be released are the mundane cities known as Parkland, Weston, South West Ranches, and part of Pembroke Pines. This proposal also includes Marhkam Park. This proposal excludes Deerfield Beach, Florida, including Quiet Waters Park.

*Commentary: Pembroke has long been the only place where everyone for all the subdivisions in South Florida can play together peacefully. With 25 committed people from York and Castilles and a history of cooperation we, on bended knee ask for our independence. We have gone to great lengths not to offend our neighbors, and our Kingdom in the process and hope that our honorable endeavor will be approved by all.*

*Author: Sir Alaric Thorne (Knight Champion)*

*Co-Sponsor: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)*

## CRB2. Amend Article VIII. Subdivision of the Empire

*Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

**Amend Article VIII.D.1.a.i. to read:**

A chartered subdivision must be chartered as **an Archduchy or a Duchy for at least 6 months** before it can become a Kingdom. ~~This requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Estates General.~~

**Repeal Article VIII.D.2.a.i. in its entirety.**

## VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

### CH1. Review Imperial Budget

Pursuant to Article VI.E.3, the estates shall review the Imperial budget.

### CH2. Review Associate Memberships

Pursuant to Article III.B.4, the Imperial Estates shall review the dues per member for Associate Members, at which time the level of dues may be approved or modified. Currently, the recognized associate memberships are:

- RMS: 100 members at \$15.00/member
- SCA: unlimited members at \$15.00/member
- ECS: unlimited members at \$15.00/member

### CH3. Elect Members to the Board of Directors

Pursuant to Estates Writ 14, elect the Board of Directors for a 2-year term. Arizona Corporate Law requires President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer to be on the Board of Directors. Membership on the Board requires limited disclosure to the State of Arizona regarding your personal financial and legal history. Copies of the form will be available at the meeting to review.

- President: Honey Ann Westfall-Lounds (HIM Dame Ashlinn Tiernan)
- Vice-President: John Agee-Ross (HIM Sir Pavo Rosalia)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Ann Coe (Dame Marion Leal Durius)
- Member-at-large: Christine N. Agee-Ross (HG Dame Nisha) – 1 year remaining
- 2 members-at-large will be elected to 2-year terms
- 1 member-at-large will be elected to a 1-year term

The following nominees have submitted letters of declaration pursuant to Estates Writ 14:

- Anthony DeRivi (HG Sir L' Beté deAcmd)
- Clyde Games (HG Sir Angus Kilshannig)
- Rita Torres (HG Dame Margarita DuBois)
- Victor Grady (HG Sir Philippe DuBois Guilbert) – consider only for the 1-year seat
- Janna Wince (Dame Ariana RuddCatha)
- Randy Allison (HIG Sir Winfred)
- Kevin Plummer (Sir Rhydderch)
- Beth Crousore (HRM Dame Katriana MacBrus)

In accordance with the Estates Writ, the letters submitted for declaration of intent appear in Appendix 1.

### CH4. Judicial Decisions

In accordance with Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12, Codex Adjudicata Article IV.8., judicial decisions made between July 2007 and September 2007 are available in Appendix 2.

### CH5. Amend Article III.D. Membership Terms

*Was introduced during CH6. Requires majority to take from the table; 2/3rds to approve.*

**Amend Article III.D. to read:**

Memberships are not refundable, but are transferable or assignable. **Lifetime memberships are not transferable.**

For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period July 1 to June 30. Annual memberships are due on July 1 of each year. The Imperial Steward shall determine a schedule for prorating dues.

Members who have not renewed their memberships by July 1 are considered to be under an administrative judicial ban; they will not be able to hold office or exercise any voting privilege or carry proxies. This judicial ban will be automatically lifted upon renewal.

**CH6. Amend Article VI.H. to eliminate verbal proxies**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

**Amend to read:**

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting. ~~A proxy may be verbal unless otherwise prohibited by the corresponding body.~~ A written proxy must indicate whether they are open or directed. A copy of the written proxy must be presented to the Chancellor prior to voting.

*Sponsors: Sir Warren Anthony (Count Royal, Kingdom of Albion); Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)*

**CH7. Amend Article VI.F. Rights of the Imperial Estates General**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

**Amend Article VI.F.1.a. to read:**

~~Elect from its body a Board of Directors:~~

~~Elect a Board of Directors from the membership of the Adrian Empire:~~

*B In November 2002, the Imperial Estates General amended Imperial Estates Writ 14 to remove the requirement that a nominee be a member of the Imperial Estates General in order to expand the pool of potential candidates (see Item CH5 in the November 2002 Imperial Estates Meeting Minutes). This was passed well above the 2/3rds threshold to affect Imperial Bylaw.*

*Since November 2002, the Imperial Estates Writ detailing the election process was elevated to Imperial Bylaw (CRB6 – March 2007). Approving this item will not change the current practice of elections. It will merely make the language consistent with the current procedures.*

**CH8. Replace Rolls and Lists Manual**

*Requires majority to approve.*

Replace the current version of the Rolls and Lists Manual with the version introduced as Appendix 3.

*Author: HIH Sir Terrin Greyphis*

**CH9. Replace IEW 18: Armigerous Rights with new version**

*Requires majority to approve.*

Replace the current version of the Armigerous Rights Manual with the version introduced as Appendix 4.

*Author: HG Sir Coda*

*Sponsor: HIM Sir Pavo*

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### OB1. Amend Continuing Crown Writ 2 Missile Weapons Manual IV.B.3. Siege Weapons

*Was OB2. Requires majority to take from the table; majority to approve.*

#### **Current Writ:**

For the sake of simplicity of simulation, Adria has divided siege weapons into two classes, small and large. Small siege weapons have a greater effect than arrows, but a lesser effect than large siege weapons. The effects may vary based on the scenario in which they are used. Siege weapons shall be constructed as described in this manual.

- Small siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that are intended to be fired from a static location and fire/throw a missile simulating a 50 to 100 pound projectile. These include, but are not limited to, mangonels, ballistas and onagers.
- Large siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that throw a "rock" simulating a 250 pound sandstone ball.

#### **Amend to read:**

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#### **All siege weapons fire large missiles or extra large missiles.**

- Small siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that are ~~intended to be~~ fired from a static location and fire/throw a missile simulating a **20 to 70** pound projectile. These include, but are not limited to, mangonels, ballistas and onagers.
- Large siege weapons are defined as missile weapons **having a throwing beam 6' or greater in length designed to throw** missiles simulating a **100 to 250** pound sandstone ball. **These include, but are not limited to, trebuchets and catapults. A large Ballista would have a minimum uncocked width of 6'.**



## OB2. Amend Missile Weapon Construction Manual: Siege Weapon B. Ammunition Construction

*Was OB3. Requires majority to take from the table; majority to approve.*

### Amend to read:

#### 1. Large Rocks **and Extra Large Rocks**

Shinai/Renaissance combat:

- Shall not weigh more than one-half pound
- Shall not be smaller than five (5) inches in diameter
- May be hollow rubber balls or constructed of foam covered with duct or fiber-reinforced tape
- **Large rocks must be red. Extra large rocks must be yellow.**

#### 2. Ballista Bolts

Bolts shall be made of golf club tube shafts with a tennis ball taped onto the tube with no less than 2 layers of duct or fiber-reinforced tape (one layer completely covering the ball and four inches of shaft, followed by a second layer). PVC pipe is not approved as it is not shatter resistant. **May also be made of pool noodles or other closed cell foam material with any suitable ball properly affixed.**

- The tubes may be reinforced with medium density foam (e.g. pipe insulation) to make them more resistant to crushing damage.
- "Fletchings" may be added so long as they are not of a rigid material or have sharp edges. Edges of plastic fletchings may be covered with duct tape to dull them.
- **Large bolts must be red. Extra large bolts must be yellow.**

Shinai/Renaissance combat:

- The overall length of the bolt must be no less than 24 inches and no more than ~~36~~ **48** inches.
- The overall weight of the bolt must be no more than 1/2 pound.

## OB3. Amend Combat Manual I.G.6 Missile Weapons

*Was OB4. Requires majority to take from the table; majority to approve.*

### Amend to read:

#### 6. ~~Missile Weapons~~ **Small Missiles**

- Arrows and other small missiles, such as javelins and throwing axes, are assumed to be moving too fast to be blocked by hand-held weapons.
- Any combatant **actively** blocking a small missile with a weapon will be assumed to have been hit and shall be called dead.
- ~~Arrows and other small missiles, such as javelins and throwing axes, are assumed to be moving too fast to be blocked by hand-held weapons.~~
- Small missiles can be blocked with shields. If a small missile inadvertently strikes a weapon, that missile is assumed to have missed. It does not destroy the weapon.
- Once an arrow or other small missile has made contact with anything (e.g. weapon, shield, body), it is spent and may not cause further damage. The golf-tube missile is considered a javelin and may be thrown during melees.
- Small missiles, with the exception of combat arrows, may be any color other than red. They may not have any red tape, paint, etc. on them.
- Missiles are considered dead after first use. Dead missiles may be gleaned from the combat field for re-use during melee if the scenario is expressly written to allow it.

**OB4. Amend Combat Manual I.G.7 Large Missiles**

*Was OB5. Requires majority to take from the table; majority to approve.*

**Current Writ:****7. Large Missiles**

- Large missiles launched from siege engines are currently in the experimental stage and are approved for limited play-testing in certain areas of the Empire.
- In areas approved for siege engine play-test, rocks and ballista bolts are approved large missiles. These large missiles must be constructed in strict accordance with published guidelines and be inspected and approved by field marshals prior to each use. Construction of rocks and ballista bolts is described in the Missile Construction Manual.
- All blows delivered by large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent.
- Ballista bolts cannot be blocked with shields and are considered spent only after they stop moving, or hit the ground or a fixed obstacle (e.g. tree, hay bale, etc.).
- All blows delivered by the head of a ballista bolt (even deflected ones) are considered unobstructed until the bolt is spent.
- "Rocks" cannot be blocked with shields.

Any combatant hit by a rock on any part of the body or shield is considered killed. If a rock inadvertently hits a weapon, that weapon is considered destroyed and must be taken off the field. All blows delivered by a rock (even deflected ones) are considered lethal until the rock stops moving.

**Amend to read:****7. Large Missiles**

- "Rocks" and "ballista bolts" are approved large missiles. These large missiles must be constructed in strict accordance with published guidelines and be inspected and approved by field marshals prior to each use. Construction of rocks and ballista bolts is described in the Missile Construction Manual.
- **Small siege weapons fire large missiles. These are considered to be a 20 to 70 pound projectiles.**
- **All large missiles must be red.**
- All blows delivered by large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent. **All blows delivered by the head of a ballista bolt (even deflected ones) are considered unobstructed until the bolt is spent.**
- Ballista bolts cannot be blocked with shields (**up to and including pavises**) and are considered spent only after they stop moving. **Three hits from a ballista bolt disable a manlet and it may not move after that. It does not need to be laid down or removed from field.**
- "Rocks" cannot be blocked with shields (**up to and including pavises**). **One hit from a large missile (rock) disables a manlet, three hits destroys a manlet and it must be removed from the field.**
- Any combatant hit by a rock on any part of the body or shield is considered killed. If a rock inadvertently hits a weapon, that weapon is considered destroyed and must be taken off the field. All blows delivered by a rock (even deflected ones) are considered lethal until the rock stops moving.

**8. Extra Large Missiles**

- Large siege weapons fire extra large missiles. These are considered to be 100 to 250 pound projectiles.
- All extra large missiles must be yellow.
- Extra large missiles (rocks) destroy manlets and kill all persons within 3' behind the manlet. It must be removed from field when destroyed.
- All blows delivered by extra large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent.

## **OB5. Amend Article VIII.D.3.a.iv and VIII.F.1. to remove overlapping border restriction for subdivisions**

*Was OB6. Requires majority to take from the table; 2/3rds to approve.*

### **Item 1: Article VIII.D.3.a.iv. Shires**

**Current Law:** A Shire must have a generally-defined territory of geographical jurisdiction which does not overlap with the borders of any other Chartered Subdivision or region.

**Amend to Read:** A Shire must have a generally-defined territory of geographical jurisdiction ~~which does not overlap with the borders of any other Chartered Subdivision or region.~~

### **Item 2: Article VIII.F.1. Chartered Subdivisions**

#### **Current Law:**

From time to time *chartered* subdivisions within the Adrian Empire may desire advancement. This is to be encouraged and permitted as long as the following standards and procedures are met:

- Prerequisite membership is achieved without reducing any other chartered subdivision below minimum standard
- The land the new subdivision to be chartered is claiming does not cross over or diminish the land of any other chartered subdivision not in the new subdivision. (*Note: An exception to law was approved Nov. 2003 to allow a second subdivision to be chartered within the same geographic boundaries in Nevada.*)
- In the case of an existing *chartered* subdivision, the estates general of the existing chartered subdivision must approve the change to their lands by a 2/3 majority, and presented to the Imperial Estates General for approval (by a simple majority). Upon such approval, there shall be new charters created for all subdivisions involved. (*Note: The alternative method is approval at the subdivision level with a simple majority, and by the Imperial Estates General with a 2/3 majority.*)

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## OB6. Amend Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12 Codex Adjudicata Article IV. Conduct of Judicial Courts

*Was OB8. Requires majority to take from the table; majority to approve.*

### Amend to Read:

Once complaints have been presented in writing to the appropriate Minister of Justice or Magistrate, the Minister of Justice shall have no more than 30 days to evaluate them and determine if they are legitimate charges and warrant trial, unless proper cause is submitted in writing to the Crown and Imperial Chancery that more time is necessary. If they are so determined, the following procedures shall be followed.

1. The Minister of Justice shall notify the named defendants in writing. This shall be done in any of the following methods
  - Hand delivered
  - Via fax
  - Via email
  - Via mail
  - Via phone conversation (In order to setup a meeting to hand deliver)

Notification of a vassal's Liege-Lord shall qualify as notification of the individual.

2. *Mediation must be attempted within 20 days of the date that the complaint was found to have merit. Either party may refuse mediation. Mediation may be conducted through electronic media (e-mail correspondence with known legal e-mail addresses), so long as all parties are involved and the Ministry of Justice maintains a written record. If mediation fails, or is refused by either party, the complaint shall become a set of charges.*
3. Once notified the defendant shall be informed that the date of the trial shall not be less than thirty days of this notification unless the defendant requests Immediate Justice. Immediate Justice shall be defined as within 30 days. If the trial is to be held concurrent to a sanctioned event, the trial shall not be conducted during any scheduled activities at an event, but shall occur during breaks, before, or after the event itself.
4. The Magistrate/Minister of Justice will then request the defendant to choose a date for their trial, *which must occur within one (1) year from the date the set of charges is filed.* This date must be acceptable to Magistrate/Minister of Justice, Crown and plaintiff as well as the defendant. *If the defendant has not set a date within 6 months from the date the set of charges is filed, the Magistrate/Minister of Justice has 30 days to set a trial date to occur within the remaining 6 months.*
5. The Magistrate/Minister of Justice shall select the time and place of the trial, provided Immediate Justice was not called for, in which case it will take place during the next Scheduled event. The Date, Time, and Place of this trial shall be published in the Adrian Herald as well as announced at the next Crown Event, unless Immediate Justice is demanded.
6. *If the defendant fails to appear at the prescribed time, date, and location of the trial, they may be tried in absentia, and the Magistrate/Minister of Justice will allow any of the trial attendees to speak on behalf of the defendant.*
7. The Defendant shall be afforded every opportunity to prepare a defense. This will include but not be limited to reviewing evidence and questioning witnesses. The plaintiff shall also be afforded this same opportunity to prepare their case. This "Period of Discovery" shall continue until forty-eight (48) hours prior to trial at which point all witness lists and evidence lists shall be frozen and reviewed by the Magistrate. This may be appealed ~~by~~ *to* the Magistrate during the trial, and the opposing ~~council~~ *Counsel* shall have an opportunity to argue against such an appeal, after which the Magistrate shall decide if the added testimony/evidence shall be heard.
8. All open Judicial Proceedings shall be videotaped, audio taped (or equivalent), and copies of the tape provided to the Imperial Chancery.

9. Lastly, it shall be understood throughout Adrian Courts that the primary responsibility of the Court is to determine the Truth of the Matter. ~~That this~~ This Search for the truth shall be the over-riding determinate in the process, and not procedure. Objections due to procedure should be discouraged if they may be used to hide or diffuse the truth.

10. All court decisions must be published as an appendix to the next Imperial Estates Agenda.

Additional Option #1

The above proposal is to be adopted retroactively.

## **OB7. Add Imperial Estates Writ: Manual of Siege**

*Was OB9. Requires majority to take from the table; majority to approve.*

The proposed Manual of Siege can be found on the Adrian Empire website titled "Siege Weapon Manual". If approved, the sections pertaining to Siege Weapon use in the Combat Manual will be removed.

## **OB8. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 2: Arts and Science Manual Article IV.B.7. Tournament Entries**

*Was OB10. Requires majority to take from the table; majority to approve.*

**Amend to read:**

The artisan shall be present when the item is judged, ~~unless the artisan lives more than 100 miles away from any other event. If the artisan lives outside the 100 mile radius of any tournament, they may mail there entries and documentation to the A&S Minister for entry into the next scheduled tournament. The Artisan must send return postage, or make arrangements to have the item picked up by the end of the month within 30 days.~~ If an item is judged outside a tournament or war, the artisan will gain the win, Masterwork, or participation point at the next event ~~attended by the artisan~~ after the entry. The hardcopy documentation for the entry will be available for display.

~~Only 6 entries may be made in this fashion. If you choose to use this method, you do so at your own risk and Adria has no liability for loss or damage. These entries are coordinated by the respective subdivision Minister of A&S, if you are a member at large, you must coordinate with the Imperial Minister of A&S.~~

## **OB9. Amend Debate Procedure**

*Was NB1. Requires majority to approve.*

Any new proposal that isn't genuinely unforeseen and urgent, scheduled by law, a clarification by the Chancery, or the province of the Crown, should be introduced as New Business.

New Business should be discussed at the meeting so every member knows what is intended. Members should go home and discuss it with their respective estates and participate in e-discussions, then when the items appear as Old Business, real debate will have already occurred.

Since proxies generally don't change, the Estates can simply vote on Old Business without wasted discussion. If there is a real development or new controversy-- a motion to table can be made instead. Tabled items can be discussed under Open Discussion, reexamined at home, and voted on at the next meeting.

*Commentary: I have heard a lot of frustration over real debate not taking place--there is never time to discuss new business and open discussion, the directed proxies can't be changed, the method of debate does not allow full discussion, often the greatest controversies are over simple misunderstandings. Our three meetings were intended to fully enfranchise those who can't attend in person--but haven't. I think this procedural change would better reflect our original intent.*

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## **OB10. Amend Method of Adopting and Amending Manuals**

*Was NB2. Requires majority to approve.*

All members of the Imperial Estates shall submit a list of committees they are interested in serving on, in order of preference. The Chancellor shall assign each member to one or two committees based on need, seniority, and preference. All members shall serve on at least one committee. The members of the committee shall elect their own chair who shall consult with the ministry, poll the committee members, and report to the Chancellor.

### **Option 1**

Just as the Crown appoints Ministries, the Estates shall appoint Standing Committees to work with each Ministry. Each will be responsible to advise the Ministry and may approve adoption or amendments to that ministry's manual. The Ministry shall propose changes and the Committee may approve the amendment, without altering it, by a majority.

### **Option 2**

Just as the Crown appoints Ministries, the Estates shall appoint Standing Committees to work with each Ministry. Each will be responsible to advise the Ministry and may approve adoption or amendments to that ministry's manual. The Ministry shall propose changes and the Committee may amend and approve the proposal, by 2/3rds.

### **Option 3**

Just as the Crown appoints Ministries, the Estates shall appoint Boards to work with each Ministry. Each will be responsible to advise the Ministry and may approve adoption or amendments to that ministry's manual. The Ministry shall propose changes and the Board may amend and approve the proposal, by 2/3rds. Manuals and amendments shall be considered Regulations, a level of law less than Writ and greater than Policy.

***Commentary:** Initially I considered Option 3 but believe the same effect could be accomplished by 1 or 2, since the Manuals and their amendments are still enacted under the authority of Estates Writ, they may generally be considered the same level of law, though any action of the Imperial Estates would control. By adopting 1, 2, or 3, instead of each manual amendment going through the Estates, the board or committee appointed by the Estates can review and approve manual changes proposed by the ministries. The Crown appoints the Ministry, the Estates can appoint the Committee or Board, in 1 or 2 the Manual remains writ, in 3 it becomes Regulation, still binding but a lower level of law than and subordinate to Writ.*

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**OB11. Amend Article V.B. Meetings of the Membership: Definition**

*Was NB3. Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

**Amend to read:**

An official event is any meeting of the membership that is held in an appropriate context, setting and style for the purpose of education, recreation, competition, or service, as long as the event is:

- Sanctioned by the Crown
- Sponsored by a subdivision, **Canton, or chartered subdivision**
- Announced thirty (30) days in advance to the membership through official channels
- Presided over by the Crown, **a Ruling Noble, or the appointed Viceroy of the Canton**
- Attended by the ministry officials or their designated deputies responsible for the type of activity undertaken

Demonstrations and classes require Crown approval, and must be attended by ten (10) or more people. Crowns may waive the thirty (30) day notice for just and stated cause.

*Commentary: Cantons sponsoring events is already in practice in chartered subdivisions throughout the Empire. I have seen situations, because of current law, where cantons could not hold events unless subdivisions (Houses, Baronies, etc.) sponsored it. This needs to be defined in law. Also cleaning up the language a bit.*

*Chancery Note: This is merely a clarification of current law, as the Viceroy of a Canton sits as a direct representative of the local Crown in the absence of said Crown. In practice, the chartered subdivision serves as the default sponsor whenever the Crown of the chartered subdivision sanctions an event.*

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**OB12. Rename the terms “chartered subdivisions” and “subdivisions”**

*Was NB4. Requires 2/3rds to amend bylaw; majority to amend writ.*

**Current Definition (Glossary of Bylaws):**

Chartered Subdivision - This refers to a Kingdom, Archduchy, Duchy, or Shire.

Subdivision - This refers to a March, County, Barony or Household.

**Item 1: Rename the term “chartered subdivisions”**

Change all mention of “chartered subdivisions” in the bylaws and all manuals to a new term.

**Option 1:** Rename “chartered subdivisions” to “provinces”

**Option 2:** Rename “chartered subdivisions” to “territories”

**Item 2: Rename the term “subdivisions”**

Change all mention of “subdivisions” in the bylaws and all manuals to a new term.

**Option 1:** Rename “subdivisions” to “fief”

**Option 2:** Rename “subdivisions” to “fiefdom”

**Option 3:** Rename “subdivisions” to “boroughs”

*Commentary: I’m sure many of you have witnessed the confusion new members, and even many long-standing members, endure on this one. It would be far easier to just rename both terms to make it easier to follow. The names I chose were for their connotation in our period, but I welcome any additional period terms, if you feel they would suit better.*

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**OB13. Amend Article VI.G. Meetings of the Governing Body: Notice**

*Was NB5. Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

**Amend to read:**

The Crowns of all chartered subdivisions must be provided with sixty (60) days written notice of Imperial Estates meeting. The Crowns must notify all members entitled to a seat in their respective chartered subdivisions.

*At least 30 days in advance of any scheduled meeting of the Imperial Estates General, the Imperial Chancellor will ensure publication of the agenda through official channels, as defined in Article VI.C.*

The Crown must provide at least thirty (30) days written notice of any meeting of the estates of that chartered subdivision to all members who are entitled to a seat in their subdivision.

*At least 15 days in advance of any scheduled meeting of the Estates General of any chartered subdivision, the Chancellor of that chartered subdivision will ensure publication of the agenda through official channels, as defined in Article VI.C.*

Two-thirds of the members present at an estates meeting may waive notice pursuant to this section. Actions taken at a meeting at which notice was waived must be reconsidered at the next fully-noticed meeting, but shall be effective pending said reconsideration.

Any member may attend, regardless of notification.

*Commentary: I noticed that it is not set in law how soon, or how late, is considered acceptable for the publishing of an Estates General meeting agenda. I have seen cases, in chartered subdivisions, where an agenda was not published publicly, and the problems that resulted in those cases compelled me to write this proposal.*

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**OB14. Add Glossary definition for “just and stated cause”**

*Was NB6. Requires majority to approve.*

**Create Definition:**

Just and stated cause – A good, clearly stated, reason. (Note: “Because we feel like it” does not qualify.)

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**OB15. Repeal Article VI.F.1.d.ii of Rights of the Imperial Estates General**

*Was NB7. Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

**Delete:**

ii. Appoint a new member to the Order of the Fleur-de-lis.

*Commentary: As I understand, this order may have been closed at least a year ago.*

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**OB16. Amend Article VIII.B.8: Subdivision of the Empire**

*Was NB8. Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

**Amend Article VIII.B.8 to read:**

~~Their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year. (Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law).~~ Their term of office is defined in Article XIV.

**Amend Article XIV to read:****A. EMPEROR/EMPRESS**

The Emperor/Empress of the Empire shall rule from coronation (the first weekend of November of the year of ascent to the Throne) until the coronation of the Imperial Heirs Apparent (the first weekend of November in the following year), unless removed in an Interim Civil War as described below. The Emperor/Empress may succeed themselves, **but their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years.**

**B. KING/QUEEN**

Each term of office of the King/Queen shall not be more than one (1) year (measured from the date of coronation, or from the latest date coronation should have occurred pursuant to Article XIV.E: Coronations, whichever is earlier). The King/Queen may succeed themselves, **but their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year.** (Note: The term of office may only be altered by mutual agreement of the Crown and the Estates General.)

*Commentary: Language clean-up, and puts all the pertinent information in one section for ease of reading.*

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**OB17. Amend Article VIII.D.1.a.i: Subdivision of the Empire**

*Was NB9. Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

**Amend to read:**

A chartered subdivision must be chartered as **an Archduchy a Duchy** for at least 6 months before it can become a Kingdom. This requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Estates General.

*Commentary: I believe this law was left in from before Archduchies were created. This amendment will update it to current practices.*

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**OB18. Amend Article XIV.E: Subdivision of the Empire**

*Was NB10. Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

**Amend to read:****E. ALL OTHER RULING NOBLES**

All other Ruling Nobles shall rule until they resign or are removed. They may be removed:

- Through war; or,
- By a majority vote of the composite Estates of the respective non-chartered subdivisions which they rule.

**Note:** All Viceroys are ministers, not ruling nobles. Viceroys of Shires are considered Imperial ministers and may only be removed by the Imperial Crown(s). Viceroys of Cantons are considered chartered subdivision ministers, and may only be removed by the local Crown(s).

*Commentary:* Making it easier to find the pertinent information.

*Chancery Note:* This is a clarification; i.e., no change to law is being made.

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**OB19. Amend Estates Writ 8**

*Was NB11. Requires majority to approve.*

**Amend to read:****8. Classes**

- a. Notice must be published 30 days in advance.
- b. Whoever holds the class must provide the basic teaching material for the class.
- c. There must be at least 10 people attending the class. This can be cumulative.
- d. Each class a person gives within a twelve-month period must be on a different subject.
- e. A Crown must approve the documentation syllabus prior to the class.
- f. It is requested that all Knights hold one class per year. ~~This according to the oath they themselves give on their Blue Belt.~~
- g. Those holding the class will garner a demo-initiation point. Those attending will garner demo participation points. After all, we are working for a non-profit educational status.

*Commentary:* There is no standard knightly oath in use throughout the Empire...really...I'm serious. Therefore, this statement is invalid.

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**OB20. Amend Marshal's Manual Appendix A: Ministry Offices**

*Was NB12. Requires majority to approve.*

**Amend Marshal's Manual Appendix A.D. to read:****D. MINISTER OF JOUST AND WAR (CHARTERED SUBDIVISION)**

The Minister of Joust and War is responsible for running local tournaments, wars, demos.

1. Oversee and manage the local Office of Joust and War:
  - Develop tournament formats and war scenarios for Crown events
  - **In the event of a Civil War, plan, execute, and autocrat the War.**
  - Act as or assist the Marshal of the Field in running Crown events
2. On a monthly basis:
  - Report to the local ruling noble, and the Imperial Minister of Joust and War regarding the Office
3. Recommended qualifications:
  - Authorized marshal (required)
  - Knight Bachelor (or higher), or a Sergeant if there is no Knight Bachelor qualified and available

*Commentary: This is just to make the information easier to find.*

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**OB21. Amend Article XV.B.4 and Article XVI.A.1. to include notice of War Scenario Details**

*Was NB13. Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

**Option 1: All details are released.****Add to Article XV.B.4 and XVI.A.1:**

All war scenario details must be published through official channels, as defined in Imperial Bylaws Article VI.C., no less than 15 days before the event at which they are to be held.

**Option 2: Only release information regarding disallowed equipment****Add to Article XV.B.4 and XVI.A.1:**

Any war scenarios in which certain equipment (such as weapons or shields) are to be disallowed, a list of the disallowed equipment must be published through official channels, as defined in Imperial Bylaws Article VI.C., no less than 15 days before the event at which they are to be held.

*Commentary: How many times have you packed your car, or van, with all your gear, headed down to war, only to find out that you cannot use the combat arrows you brought...or the siege weapon...or your pole-arm? I'm not against such scenarios, but I, and others, feel it would be nice to have notice ahead of time that certain equipment isn't needed. When you're planning to camp, every bit of space in your trunk is a commodity.*

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**OB22. Adopt a Plain Language Version of the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire**

*Was NB14. Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

We the Estates hereby request the Chancery to prepare a plain language version of the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire for consideration at the November 2007 Imperial Estates Meeting.

*Commentary: we simply need to read through the rules and redraft to clearly say what they mean, remove ambiguity and resolve any inconsistency between what it says and what we actually do. First we agree what it is. Then we can discuss meaningful changes.*

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**OB23. Adopt Resolution to Define and Separate the Duties of the Empire and the Corporation**

*Was NB15. Requires majority to approve.*

We, the Estates, endorse greater separation of the governance of the Empire and the Corporation. We must review the various duties and determine which is "mundane" and therefore corporate, and which is "game" or otherwise properly Empire. We recognize that there will be overlap and we shall consider which duties must be shared. We remind our members that the Estates General approves candidates for President and Vice-president and elects all members at large of the Board of Directors.

*Commentary: It is simply time to do this, and it should be done by the Estates.*

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**OB24. Adopt Resolution**

*Was NB16. Requires majority to approve.*

In order to achieve greater continuity in the Imperial and Corporate governance; we, the Estates, support placing more decision making authority over rule and policy in the respective body; we support leadership that manages procedure and administers rules and policies adopted by those bodies.

*Commentary: we fret over continuity--but we shouldn't because **a body is more consistent than individuals**. The Crown should be our "adored figurehead" and executor of Imperial will (determined by deliberation of the Estates). The president is the agent and executor of the BoD. **Let the bodies devise policy, direction, and purpose. Let executives administer it.** Afterall, they are the procedural and administrative leaders, they have the "bully pulpit" and represent the cultural leadership--that is enough and then some.*

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## OB25. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 2, 12 Codex Adjudicata to Create an Independent Judiciary

*Was NB17. Requires majority to approve.*

### Option 1

For all Adrian Courts, Civil and Justice, Magistrates and Justices shall be selected randomly.

For Magistrates, annually, at each level and in all subdivisions, the Crown shall nominate candidates who are knowledgeable in Adrian Law; the Estates shall consider the nominees and may approve appointment by a majority to serve for two years. The process shall continue until three Magistrates are approved. A vacancy shall be filled by the same process to fill the term. Magistrates may be removed by a 2/3rds vote of the Estates, judicial sentence for conviction of Adrian or mundane crime, or revocation of membership. Magistrates shall be suspended during a limited judicial ban or suspension of membership. The process is repeated each year and may result in up to six Magistrates serving at any time.

For a Civil Court, the names of the former: Crowns, Chancellors, and MoJs, of the level or subdivision, shall be written on cards, shuffled and drawn by the magistrate. As each is drawn, he shall be called upon to serve, when three agree to serve impartially, they are empanelled. If three are not able or available to serve, the names of the landed Nobles of the rank of Baron or higher and the highest level of Knights available shall be added to the pool.

For a Court of Justice, the names of the landed Nobles of the level (rulers of Marches for an Imperial Court) or subdivision (of the rank of Baron or higher), shall be written on cards, shuffled and drawn by the magistrate. As each is drawn, he shall be called upon to serve, when three agree to serve impartially, they are empanelled. If three are not able or available to serve, the names of the landed Nobles of the next lower rank and all Knights shall be added to the pool.

For a Court of Chivalry, the names of all the Knights of the level (K3s for an Imperial Court) or subdivision shall be written on cards, shuffled and drawn by the magistrate. As each is drawn, he shall be called upon to serve, when three agree to serve impartially, they are empanelled. If three are not able or available to serve, the names of the Knights of the nearest chartered subdivisions shall be added to the pool.

### Option 2

Replace the current court structure with an investigating magistrate system. A panel of three magistrates is convened for each case to investigate, mediate, or adjudicate and sentence. Appeals would be made to the appropriate Crown or Estates.

Selection of Magistrates, annually, at each level and in all subdivisions, the Crown shall nominate candidates who are knowledgeable in Adrian Law; the Estates shall consider the nominees and may approve appointment by a majority to serve for two years. The process shall continue until three Magistrates are approved. A vacancy shall be filled by the same process to fill the term. Magistrates may be removed by a 2/3rds vote of the Estates, judicial sentence for conviction of Adrian or mundane crime, or revocation of membership. Magistrates shall be suspended during a limited judicial ban or suspension of membership. The process is repeated each year and may result in up to six Magistrates serving at any time.

**Commentary:** *in the status quo, all tryers of fact and law are ultimately appointed by the Crown without confirmation or review by the estates or anyone else. Justice, Chivalry or Civil Courts are the same, our Crowns have the authority to appoint the panel and therefore the outcome will reflect that. The most impartial body in Adria is the BoD panel convened for suspension or revocation of membership--the one I would choose (or force) if I personally ever require an impartial hearing.*

**Chancery Note:** *If approved, the language of the proposal shall be incorporated into the present Writs.*

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## OB26. Amend Article III.A. Number of Directors

*Was NB18. Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

### **Amend to read:**

The number of Directors shall be ~~seven (7)~~ **nine (9)**. The Emperor and the Empress shall always be President and Vice-President and serve a one-year term (may be extended in compliance with successive terms as Emperor and Empress). The Imperial Steward shall serve as Treasurer and may serve successive terms (as this is an appointed position by the Imperial Crown).

The Imperial Estates General will elect the remaining ~~four (4)~~ **six (6)** directors of the Board of Directors from among the paid membership of the Adrian Empire by a simple majority vote; those elected shall serve two-year terms. **The directors-at-large shall be comprised of two (2) members from each region (1, 2, and 3) as defined in Imperial Estates Writ 21a. ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) of these directors shall be elected each year, thus staggering the election.**

Directors elected by the Imperial Estates General that become President, Vice President, or Imperial Steward during the second year of their term vacate their seat; the remaining year of their term shall be filled by a one-year appointment, elected by the Imperial Estates General. Candidates may be self-nominated.

The retiring President and the Imperial Chancellor shall have non-voting, advisory memberships on the Board of Directors. They will not be considered as Directors.

### **Option 1**

Approve and enact now; applications for each unoccupied regional seat are due by September 5, 2008 for election and seating in November 2008.

### **Option 2**

Approve now and enact in November 2007; open nominations from the floor for each unoccupied regional seat and election to be held in March to fill terms will run to November of 2008 and 2009.

***Commentary:** The authors intend that the body be larger, more representative, capable of meeting more frequently, and performing more duties.*

***Chancery Note:** This article was created in March 2007 (see minutes). If approved, the Chancery shall announce which seats shall be one or two year terms, so members may apply for them.*

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## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **NB1. Reconsider outstanding Federal Income Tax Penalty regarding Chris Bagnall**

*Requires 2/3rds to consider.*

The authors wish the Imperial Estates to reconsider holding Chris Bagnall responsible for the IRS tax penalty of \$1227.04, which the BoD recommended to the Imperial Estates in March 2007 and Imperial Estates supported.

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### **NB2. Amend Article XVI.B. Conduct of Imperial Crown War**

*Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.*

**Amend Article XVI.B.1.a.i. to read:**

The Imperial Crown War shall be held every year on the ~~Labor Day Weekend~~ last weekend in September.

**Commentary:** *Due to the extreme heat at the last Imperial Crown War West, we should consider moving the date of Imperial Crown War to the last weekend in September, when the temperature is a bit cooler.*

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### **NB3. Adopt Resolution to move the location of Imperial Crown War West**

*Requires 2/3rds to consider; majority to approve.*

Move the location of the Imperial Crown War West from Featherly Park

**Commentary:** *Due to the extreme heat at the last Imperial Crown War West, we should consider moving the location of Imperial Crown War West from Featherly Park to a location which is more capable of providing protection from direct sunlight for the combat and archery fields.*

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## **X. DISCUSSION**

### **D1. Composition of the Imperial Estates**

Should future action be taken to amend Estates composition to reduce its numbers to become more efficient?

Should the voting makeup be amended to make the composition of the Estates more representative?

#### **Option 1**

Crowns of the subdivision could hold votes equal to his populace divided by 10--or those votes could be apportioned to the current representatives, such as greater and minor estates-- and the retired crowns and K3s enjoy only one vote each in their own right). The Imperial Estates would become significantly more "representative." The voices would remain, but the votes would reflect the membership. No one would be disenfranchised, and the body's efficiency should increase. The Estates may only need to meet twice per year.

#### **Option 2**

Repeal "One person two votes" each member would be able to exercise only one vote, personal or estate.

#### **Option 3**

We can also completely shift to a committee system, where Imperial Estate holders join or are assigned to working committees with authority to enact or amend rules governing their assignment.

*Commentary: there are three voting constituencies of Adria--*

- 1) *the populace, who are represented by Greater and Senior Minor Estates;*
- 2) *the subdivisions, represented by Crowns (which does not include Viceroy, who are Imperial Ministers); and,*
- 3) *the "game" or Adria itself, represented by retired Crowns (including Founders) and K3s.*

*Re 1), there are many other and probably more efficient ways to do this—and of the three, it is the easiest to amend. We can merely amend the law. Whether it stays the same, is converted to representative votes based on a population number (such as 10) and carried by the sovereign or another; or repealed--we only have to amend the bylaw.*

*Re 2), ok, technically this also could simply be amended but while merging 1 and 2 might be workable, I think it is politically impossible and undesirable to disenfranchise the Kingdoms and (Arch)Duchies.*

*Re 3), besides inviting a huge block of no votes, you would have to amend or suspend Article VI.J., a "sacred Adrian tradition" that no right or privilege, once earned, can be taken by legislation, nor by any means except as punishment for wrongdoing, unless voluntarily surrendered. I don't think that is going to happen, nor as most of us who earned it, do I think we should remove it. But we can affect it. For example: if merging 1 and 2 is acceptable, my (considerable) ego can accept my personal earned vote as the equal of 10 members (I don't need to think it is as important as a whole Kingdom's point of view.*

### **D2. Categories of Membership**

Should future action be taken to distinguish between paid, attending, and participating members?

Could our insurance be lower if we did? Who should count for estate and subdivision membership? How often should members need to attend or participate (once a year, twice per Imperial Estate cycle, other)?

### **D3. Balance Requirements for Knighthood**

Should future action be taken to better balance the requirements of the four orders of Knighthood?

Addressing the perception that Ministry is too easy, that Arts is too demanding, and Archery lags behind Combat because we have not yet implemented a second list (crossbow).



**D4. Criteria for Awarding Ministry DIs**

Should future action be taken to Address Ministry "DIs" and establishing more uniform criteria?

If we think of Ministry Services equal to list wins and masterworks--we wouldn't be so tempted to "cheapen" them. Do we require too many in number of too little in actual value. If the number required were equal to list wins, and the examples included "successful terms of office" (not merely months served); judged events, demos, and classes (like Arts projects, with scores to achieve); taking a manual from committee, through drafting, through approval; etc.

**D5. Defining geographic territory for Chartered Subdivisions**

Should future action be taken to replace or reduce geographical chartered subdivisions?

This will have major consequences for growth. Do more subdivisions increase or decrease membership and participation? Clearly, small numbers of members holding large areas have had little success building. Reducing subdivisions to where their members actually live or adopting the "Nevada Plan," allows existing groups to grow and new groups to be created.

Being in Nevada, I like the way our shared territory system works and welcome more subdivisions in the future to play with. I hope it allows us to develop the northern parts of our region. I don't know if it would work for everyone.

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

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**END OF AGENDA**