



# **NOVEMBER 2010 IMPERIAL ESTATES AGENDA**

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## **GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION**

### **Date and Time for the July 2010 Imperial Estates Meeting:**

Saturday, November 6, 2010 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday, November 7, 2010 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Quality Suites I-15 Miramar (CA122)  
9880 Mira Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA, US, 92131  
Phone: (858) 530-2000 Fax: (858) 530-0202

Room rate of \$69 (+12.5% tax) per night (Thurs thru Sunday). You call the hotel directly to make room reservations. All rooms are suites and have both a bedroom and living room area. Internet and breakfast is included.

The distance from Airport to Hotel is about 18 miles. There is no free airport shuttle. Taxi cost is \$75. Shuttle is \$25 per person. We have volunteers that will make airport runs. If you need a ride to or from the airport for the meeting please let HIM Jason know your itinerary.

When making your travel arrangements, please schedule your departure after 3pm on Sunday. We are looking to make group airport drop offs at 1pm and 4pm on Sunday. If later ones are needed, please advise.

Meeting and Dinner will be held in the same room.

### **Disqualification (Article VI.E.6)**

Members entitled to a seat by virtue of rank or office whose dues are not current, are under judicial ban, or have not attended at least (2) official events in any chapter within the previous six (6) months will be denied a seat.

The membership entitled to vote at a meeting of a given body is fixed as of the summoning of the meeting. It may not be subsequently altered by any means (including expiration of dues, non-participation formation of a new Estates or change in Estate held by a given member) until the meeting is concluded with these exceptions:

- Resignation of a given member
  - Judicial Ban
  - Creation of a greater estate that does not reduce another greater estate below minimum membership (subject to 2/3 approval of the Estates to waive notice and seat the Estate.)
- The Crown, if available, will convene the summoned Estates at the appointed time and place and the meeting will be presided over by the Chancellor, if available.

# AGENDA

## I. CALL TO ORDER

## II. ROLL CALL

- Seating of qualified members
- Petitions to waive as per Article VI.E.6. Disqualifications

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the minutes of the July 2010 Imperial Estates Meeting

## IV. REPORTS

- President and Board of Directors
- Chancery
- Rolls
- Steward
- Sovereign of Arms
- Joust and War
- Arts and Sciences
- Archery
- Physics
- Office of Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
- Other Officers

## V. CROWN BUSINESS

### CRB1. Charter Amendments

### CRB2. Proposal: Change Imperial Estates Writ I, Arts and Sciences manual, III.B.2 ("The Masterwork"):

*Original text:*

A primary source is:

- An untranslated publication from the period
- A photograph or photocopy of an actual publication, manuscript, quote, item, portrait or picture from the period

A secondary source is:

- An entry or description in dictionaries, encyclopedias, books, and articles that interpret or review research works

*Change to read (changes in red):*

A primary source is:

- The thing itself, existing since our time period
- An exact and faithful reproduction of the thing itself, e.g. an unaltered photograph or scan

- An exact and faithful transliteration or transcription of a document from the period, depending on intent of documentation
- An exact and faithful translation of a document from the period, depending on intent of documentation

A secondary source is:

- A description, explanation or discussion based on interaction with the primary source

A tertiary source is:

- A compilation, description or discussion based on secondary sources. Dictionary and Encyclopedia articles (including Wikipedia) are nearly always considered tertiary sources unless they include a picture or exact period translation of the surviving period thing itself.

N.B.: Depending on the purpose, even a photograph could be secondary or of no use at all; e.g. a photograph of a painting is primary for content, possibly secondary for technique and color, and of no value for equipment and materials used to paint. Transcriptions and translations have similar limitations. A redaction can be a secondary source, at best.

*Commentary:*

*The proposed change is a refining of the current manual's definition of primary/secondary/tertiary source material. The changes bring the manual closer to mundane standards for primary/secondary/tertiary source material and should be attainable by most, if not all, artisans. The proposed change also clears up ambiguities regarding translations, transcriptions, and redactions*

### **CRB3. Ratify the Appeal of the membership revocation of Sir Santos (Sam Cessario)**

*(Chancellery Note: Business proposed on the floor by Their Imperial Majesties, will need to be ratified at next scheduled IEM)*

Motion to vote for serve a one year banishment to be allowed to return in March 2011 if there are no known further offenses, with loss of All knighthoods for one year, upon return is only allowed to go to the Main Crown Event (capital event) in Albion for one year, pay penance to the Albion Crown upon return at the crowns discretion, seconded. 84 Ayes, 48 Nays, Motion Passes

Motion by Prince Nikkolai: That Sam Cessario attends 52 weeks of anger management, letter from licensed mental health professional stating that he is a low risk for re-offense. Seconded. Passes by visual vote.

### **CRB 4. Amended Changes to Rolls Manual**

**(See Attached – Changes in Red)**

### **CRB 5. Requirement for Written Proxies.**

Emailed written proxies must be received by the Imperial Chancellery Office by Friday evening prior the Imperial Estates Meeting, and/or presented to the Imperial Chancellor at Roll Call. If a proxy is not presented to the Chancellery Office by the end of Roll Call, the vote will not be counted.

*Commentary:*

*It has been noticed over the years that several who do not send written proxies whether it be Chapter or personal, are grabbed up, (for lack of a better term) by voting members present, or as seen in the past, assigned by the Imperial Crown to a present vote holder. It is the Chapter's*

*and member's responsibility to ensure their voice/vote is represented. This is already in effect in some chapters.*

## **VI. CHANCERY BUSINESS**

### **CH1. Judicial Decisions**

(No action required)

Note: Will be published separately.

In accordance with Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12, Codex Adjudicata Article IV.8.

Posted on the [adrianempire.org](http://www.adrianempire.org) Departments Chancellory.

<http://www.adrianempire.org/chancellor-justice.php>

### **CH2. Ratify past Civil Courts.**

See attached past Civil Court PDF's.

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

The following nominees have submitted letters of declaration:

#### **Region 1 (One Seat Open)**

[Jason Holm \(Sir Jason Barca\)](#)

#### **Region 2 (One Seat Open)**

[James Sheppard \(Sir Puck\)](#)

[Rita Torres \(Dame Margarita\)](#)

#### **Region 3 (One Seat Open)**

[Tom Cottone \(Sir Thomas Weimar\)](#)

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **OB1. Signatories**

No officer or member of the Adrian Empire Inc. who is signatory on an Adrian checking, savings or other account at a financial institution shall be related by marriage to or live in the same mundane household as any other person who either authorizes expenditures from that account or is also a signatory on that account. This shall apply at all levels of the organization. Shires \*\*\*, Duchies and Archduchies\*\*\* may be exempted from this requirement by the Imperial Crown, in which case the Imperial Crown assumes responsibility for oversight of the Shire's financial practices. If this law is violated, all parties in violation shall be placed on immediate Judicial Ban and disqualified from either authorizing or signing for disbursement of funds.

**Option 1:** The original wording of OB13 - "Shires may be exempted . . ."

**Option 2:** Include Duchies only - "Shires and Duchies may be exempted . . ."

**Option 3:** As amended - "Shires, Duchies and Archduchies may be exempted . . ."

*Commentary:*

*At the November 2009 Imperial Estates Meeting this motion was amended to include Duchies and Archduchies in the exemption. (See text above; the words between asterisks \*\*\* \*\*\*) were inserted by the amendment.) Then it was tabled until the next meeting. At the Imperial Estates Meeting in March 2010 it was not on the agenda, possibly because the tabling was perceived as a referral for re-write. Assuming that this was the case and my notes are in error, I as the original author am resubmitting the legislation for the July 2010 Imperial Estates Meeting. I and the original co-sponsors believe that this guideline needs to be codified in law as a clear statement of the Adrian Empire's commitment to good banking and financial practices. It does not solve all problems but does help establish a system of checks and balances. Had this been in place years ago some accusations of irregularities and consequent repayments of funds would have been avoided. Based on discussions at Imperial Estates Meetings and on the Yahoo groups, I have included three options. As originally written, there were no exemptions. Discussion at the July 2009 Imperial Estates Meeting convinced me of the wisdom of exempting Shires. That is Option 1. The Imperial Crown has general oversight of Shires, Duchies and Archduchies, so it was thought that grouping these together made sense. That was the amendment made in November 2009 and is represented by Option 3.*

*Option 2 is the middle way between the two. Archduchies should be so close to functioning as a Kingdom that they do not need the exemption, but Duchies may need to have the exemption because their ministries are not as fully developed. I firmly believe that both Kingdoms and the Empire are large enough to need no exemption. I can see arguments both ways for Duchies and Archduchies. My personal opinion is that Option 2 represents the most equitable expression of the intent of the legislation.*

Serving the Good,  
Sir Jehan  
Imperial Prince

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **NB 1. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 1, III. B.2. (Requires a Simple Majority)**

For the purposes of the Adrian Empire a primary source is:

- An un-translated publication from the period.
- A photograph or photocopy of an actual publication, manuscript, quote, item or picture from the Period.
- Transcriptions or translations from a published authoritative source.

Comment: Passing this amendment will also include updating IEW 37 judging guidelines, terms section. IEW 37 defines an authoritative source as; "An authoritative/reliable/credible source is one that is reviewed and reputable. Publishing does not make something authoritative; the Internet does not make something non-authoritative. Look at the academic and background credentials of the author to help gauge the authority of the item. Look at Authority as independent of primary, secondary, and tertiary sources. A primary source can be non-authoritative; a secondary or tertiary source can be authoritative. Use caution when reading the

Works Cited page; a primary source such as a picture may have been found within a non-authoritative source.”

*Commentary: When putting forth the Judging guidelines and incorporating transcriptions and translations as a non- Primary source we did our best to hold true to what a Primary source truly is in the mundane world. I do not dispute that many great institutions “Allow” them as such. Such an Allowance still does not make them a defined Primary Source. Yet this ongoing debate has been very non productive and I am sure feeding into it will be the same result. The true question is what does Adria want a Primary source to be? I had hoped that after close to two years the protagonist during my experience would step up like was stated. So based on what I have heard and read from the membership I present this proposal. I have never been personally tied to either option. I just want to see the arts moving forward with clarity and unity, instead of conjecture and hearsay.*

Prince L’Bet’e deAcmd

## **NB 2. Amend Article VI. A of Lex Adria (Requires a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>)**

### ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

#### A. IMPERIAL GOVERNING BODIES; SUMMONING MEETINGS

The governing body of the Adrian Empire is the Imperial Estates General (Which consists of: the Imperial Crown and the self governed Chapters of the Empire being Kingdoms, Archduchies and Duchies. As a member of the Estates each shall maintain one representative vote within the governing body. Shires being entry level chapters do not have votes; such are represented by the Imperial Crown. Imperial Peers shall be considered non-voting members of the Imperial Estates, having a voice and the ability to present items to the Estates for consideration.

Comment: 1. this is not intended to change the Estate General of Chapters. What is Law could still stand.

2. Imperial Estates Writ#18 may need to be amended to reflect change
3. Other sections under Article VI may net to be clarified a little more specific between Imperial Estates and Estates General.

*Commentary: I could fill this agenda with at least five pages on this one topic. Instead I will just list a few of the “Why” in what I am proposing and will be more than happy to discuss in more detail on the Imperial Estates Board.*

1. *I do not believe our current structure will sustain positive growth. I believe we are around 150+ votes with around a 1200 membership (average) if over the next five years we grew 1200 hundred more, we could easily be looking at 300 votes.*
2. *Aside from personal vote participation tracking. We have no way to verify the population of Estates. Example: a March which has 50 members. Do we truly know that fifty members are freely a part of this estate? Or are we just assuming so because the chapter may have 50 members, so it is possible.*
3. *The desires of the few are out weighing the needs of the many. I believe the personal votes are currently starting to exceed the estates votes. While it is wonderful to see such accomplishment and longevity of membership rise. If such continues (which I am sure we all want members to stay) The individual vote s will overwhelm the estates to such a point that Kingdom, Duchies, estates ect... will have no importance among the Estates. Example: My Lady and I are both K3s, our support or opposition is equal to that of two marches representing 100 people. So*



*theoretically at today's membership, the opinion of 20 k3's is equal to 983 members. If we do grow and manage to retain members, we are going to need an auditorium to hold our meetings. I will stop here with one last thing as it is getting lengthy. I was talking to a fellow knight about this proposal. He said to me "Even if it is a good idea. You don't think people are really willing to give up their person votes and powers do you?"*

*I replied "I am willing."*

Prince L'Bet'e deAcmd

### **NB 3. Proposal to Freeze Memberships of Military members who are deployed or stationed overseas (Requires a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>)**

Members of the Military that are Active Duty or Called into Active Duty that are deployed or stationed overseas may have their memberships frozen at the date of their deployment or reassignment of duty stations. If a member wishes to have their membership frozen, they will need to provide a copy of their Orders to the Local Steward for verification. The local steward will then forward the information to the Imperial Steward.

Upon returning stateside their membership shall be reinstated with their dues being prorated for the time that was not used based on the prorated amounts on the membership form.

*Commentary:*

*Those who serve our Country should not be penalized for missed time when they are sent overseas. This is an option for those that are overseas to be able to return home and know that their membership within the Adrian Empire is still there and they are not having to pay for a membership that they will not be able to use.*

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**Sponsors:** HIM Dame Shahara, HG Dame Cocah, HG Sir Liam, HG Sir James the Red, HG Sir Cameron

### **NB 4. Change Imperial Estates Writ 6e: Demonstration Initiations**

#### **Current Law:**

The relevant Crown will determine if the service was acceptable and useful. In the case of Subdivision Rulers and Imperial Ministers, it will be determined by the Imperial Crown. In the case of Imperial Crown, it will be determined by the Imperial Estates General. Shire Viceroys and Vicerines may award these points if each award is accepted by the Imperial Crown. DIs are granted at the discretion of the Crown and are never automatic.

#### **Proposed Changes:**

The relevant Crown will determine if the service was acceptable and useful. In the case of **Kingdom Crowns, the determination will be made by the Royal Estates. In the case of all other Chapter** Rulers and Imperial Ministers, it will be determined by the Imperial Crown. In the case of Imperial Crown, it will be determined by the Imperial Estates General. Shire Viceroys and Vicerines may award these points if each award is accepted by the Imperial Crown. DIs are granted at the discretion of the Crown and are never automatic.

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***Author Commentary:** When a Kingdom Crown autocrats a war or a feast, the Kingdom Estates is the body most likely to know if the event was a success or not. The Imperial Crowns may attend the event, but more likely they will not, but even then, they may not be aware of any issues that occurred during the event. However, if any one particular body of people is likely to know, it is the Kingdom Estates. This is also true for the Service DIs that are covered in Imperial Estates Writ 6. Additionally, this leads directly to the Sovereignty of Kingdoms. Kingdoms should be allowed to manage themselves as they see fit. The Kingdom entity that has oversight of the Crowns is the Kingdom Estates.*

**NB 5. Add to Article VI.F.1.d: Rights of the Estates General – The Imperial Estates General –  
(Requires a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>)**

- v. Approve changing from one software package for any Imperial computer database system to another to include:
- a. Rolls Database
  - b. Stewards Database
  - c. Heraldry Database
  - d. Any other software database system that may enter the service of the Empire.
  - e. This should not be construed as requiring permission for system upgrades and/or bug fixes. This is only to change the actual system itself.

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***Author Commentary:** Theoretically, the Imperial Crown could change every database currently in use to be whatever they wanted. They could even abolish the practice of using computer systems in general for database purposes. This law would prevent that and would transfer guardianship of all database systems to the Imperial Estates. Any change, other than normal periodic maintenance and software upgrades to the EXISTING software would require the approval of these Estates. Let's take the Rolls database as an example. When a new version of the client is published or the database itself is upgraded for bug fixes, that would not require approval. However, if Sir Terrin no longer wanted to perform this valuable service, the Imperial Estates would need to approve changing the Rolls Database system to Sir Madoc's database.*

*If this item is approved, we, the Estates, will essentially be issuing an Imperial Estates Writ that authorizes a software package for Imperial Use.*

**NB 6. Modify Imperial Estates Writ 33 to Remove the Limitation on Using Non-Judged Arts for Event Participations**

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*Author Commentary: Currently, artisans are able to submit just over half (37/72 for Knight Doctor) non-judged (NJ) arts entries for EPs, with Crown and MA&S approval. I see no reason to limit this at all. There are several reasons for this and I shall endeavor to touch them all.*

- a) *Terre Neuve has had great success in using non-judged arts at events. We have had sewing, black work, embroidery, spinning, knitting, singing and several other types of non-judged arts performed at events. This is a great way to bring the Arts to the populace. Instead of doing all the work at home, the populace gets to see the work in progress.*
- b) *Even if someone should happen to use NJ Arts for all of their EPs, they cannot receive a Tourney Win or a Master Work for NJ entries. They will still have to submit at least the number of TWs in actual judged arts activities to progress up the ranks in Arts. Participation at a War is only via a judged entry as well.*
- c) *A prospective Knight Combatant can theoretically show up to each event with armor in hand and receive an EP without even having to don the armor. (Only if there aren't enough people for a list, but it's possible.) This is true all the way through the Combatant Path. However, this same prospective Knight Combatant cannot gain the rank of Knight Bachelor until two tourneys are won. At least for NJ Arts, the artisan must perform at least 30 minutes of work at each event.*
- d) *The current Rolls Database of the Adrian Empire does not have any way to distinguish between Judged Arts and Non-Judged Arts EPs. Non-judged arts have been authorized for several years now and if someone wants to challenge whether the limitation on NJ Arts has been observed for a particular person that would cause a major upheaval in the Rolls system. Even should the Adrian Rolls Database be updated to account for non-judged arts, the amount of labor required to go back and update all of the old records would be practically prohibitive.*
- e) *Non-judged arts bring the arts back out to the people. Questions are asked of the artisan, so there is also the potential for a mini-collegium at that same event.*

**NB 7. ESTATES RESOULTION:** All Old Business agenda item rewrites are to be resubmitted as New Business

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Dame Cocah, Countess Royal of Umbria, Knight Premier

*Author Commentary: The Chancellor currently is able to quash an agenda item if it is referred (or tabled) for a rewrite and the rewrite is never submitted back to the Chancellor. This is good as it creates a positive incentive for rewrites to occur and be properly submitted. However, when that rewrite does occur, it can be placed on the agenda with a minimum of time for the Imperial Estates to review and discuss it on the Imperial Estates Board. Additionally, the rewrite has not been placed through the Discussion Ringer that is New Business as is every other new item. The*

*new proposal can even include additional options that have not been discussed at all. If an item is important enough for a rewrite to occur, as opposed to voting it down and resubmitting, then the Imperial Estates should have enough time to discuss it based on the new proposal, which can be entirely different than the original.*

**NB 8. Amend Associates Membership to include the following conditions:**

1. Associates should be restricted from holding positions at any level.
2. Associate members do not have the same rights as Primary or Family members of the Adrian Empire, Inc.
3. Associates can only use their Associates Status and membership discount for (1) one year and then they have to decide at that point if they want to stay in Adria.
4. Associate Members may only use their membership from another game ONCE. If membership is submitted for more than one year, it will be returned for additional money owed.
5. If an Associate Member decides to stay in Adria they have (6) six months following their initial year as an associate member to convert any points from SCA, ECS, etc. and register their heraldry.
6. Associate Members may **only** convert points in Adria up to First Level in each discipline.

**Authors:** HG Dame Lenora and HG Dame Etaine

*Commentary:*

*There has been abuse by Associate Members from other organizations who feel that they can come and play with Adria, under the Associate Membership forever and ever. Many who have come to Adria from another organization have become knights and no longer use the Associate Membership rate. Associate Memberships should be limited in scope and limited in length as they are paying a much lower rate than the Members of Adria as a “try me” membership.*

*Additionally, there have been abuses of the Rolls System from members in Adria who have wanted to convert their points from another group after they have been playing in Adria for many years and just want to “level up”. If members have been in Adria for many years, they should NOT NEED these points.*

*We agree that other organizations information and length of years in medievalism are of benefit to Adria but we should not be giving away titles, points, knighthoods and such to people who have just joined Adria to see how things are in our organization. We do not receive the same in any other organization and we should limit it here in Adria so that we may retain our own culture and allow members from within to have the dignity they deserve.*

**NB 9.**

Appeal on behalf of Sir Santo (mka Sam Ceasario).

We wish to appeal to the body for mercy and a reduction of penalties and remediation, to allow the member to return to local participation immediately, and for such other reduction as the Estates will accept. The member will attend and answer the Estates' questions.

*Explanation: We simply feel that the present measures are excessive.*

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**Sponsors:** Dame Bella Nicotra, KPr

Sir Gregor Pente, CR

Dame Margarita DuBois, KWr, KPr

Dame Marion Durial, KPr

**NB 10.** Estates Directive

We direct His Imperial Majesty to explain His comments, when He was asked about banking business issues, He indicated that he knew it is broken, He wanted it to fail, and didn't want to fix it, because everyone should take back their bank accounts.

**Author/Sponsor:** Sir Wm. Baine, CR of Albion, KPr, KCh, etc.

**Co-Sponsors:** Dame Marion Durius, Regina Esperance, KPr

Sir Angus Kishannig, Duke of Cypress, KPr

Dame Margarita DuBois, Duchess of Cypress, KW, KPr

Dame Katherine Marshal, Princess, CR, KPr

**NB 11.** Estates Directives in regards to Reports.

(it shall fall to the body, whom to direct and the deadline for each report, provided these issues are not fully addressed by this administration at this meeting)

- 1). An Internal Audit, shall be performed by a competent member who is not an incoming or outgoing Imperial Minister or Board member, nor tied to one by family or personal fealty.
- 2) An actual budget for this year, 09-10, shall be published. It shall clearly indicate what was budgeted for and what was actually spent, and shall include authorization for necessary amendments.
- 3) The banking issues shall be fully explained. Why did we have such difficulty executing signature cards with BoA, how has the situation changed with the new bank (Chase)? Have all funds been transferred from all BoA accounts to the new bank, if not, why not, and when will the situation be resolved?
- 4) The status of all in-state registrations shall be fully explained. Which states, territories, or province of Canada, are we currently operating in? Which require us to register in any manner to operate legally? Are those registrations current, if not, why not?
- 5) The status of the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., the Law of the Empire (Lex Adria, Lex Adrianus, etc.), the Crown and Imperial Estates Writs, and all Manuals, shall be reported. Are they current and available to the members, if not, why not?
- 6) The status of the archives and chattel property of the Adrian Empire shall be reported. Where is it, what condition is it in, what records have been lost or destroyed, whose custody is it in?

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**NB 12.**

- 1) Amend the Imperial Estates rules of procedure to subject Their Imperial Majesties to the same rules pertaining to speaking and debate as all other members of the Imperial Estates. They shall raise Their hands, or cite a privileged motion, and wait to be recognized by the Chancellor. They

shall be offered the privilege of speaking first or last on any item of business or following any report They are not giving Themselves. Otherwise, Their Imperial Majesties shall speak for the same amount of time and volume permitted any other member of the Imperial Estates.

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### **NB 13.**

Amend the Imperial Estates rules of procedure to limit Imperial Estates meetings to Saturday, between the hours of 9 AM and 6 PM, and Sunday, between the hours of 9 AM and 12 noon. Non-Estates business and social activities may be conducted Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday after noon. The Imperial Estates must vote by a majority to waive this rule, to recess for more than 15 minutes or one hour for lunch.

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### **NB 14.**

We the Imperial Estates of the Adrian Empire call upon our Crowns to sanction one national single site event each year. We recommend this event be held in either a central geographic region or the location most affordable to the greatest number of members--as Their Imperial Majesties determine. Such event should include War, Tournament, and Collegia. A true Imperial event can help re-establish a common culture and identity, as well as training for new chapters and ministers.

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**NB 15.** Amend existing Writ, manual, etc.

No Crown, nor Chancellor, nor their family members, nor their housemates, shall be a signatory on any bank account of the Adrian Empire.

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### **NB 16.**

Amend Bylaw and Lex Adria, and all lesser rules Repeal and remove all open proxies and the authority to grant them. All proxies must be written and address each issue appearing on the

agenda. Explanation: by definition, proxy grantors are unable to fully participate and this is inconsistent with the increased responsibility on the body.

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### **NB 17.** Amend Lex Adria

Amend the minimum time for reporting and turnover following an Imperial reign from March to July to consider the success of that reign and the award of a retiring title.

Explanation: it simply takes more than four months to evaluate the success of a reign.

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### **NB 18.** Proposal to decentralize the Empire and fully establish chapter sovereignty.

Investigate incorporation of each Kingdom, permitting smaller chapters to unite to form Kingdoms for this purpose; transferring all assets, mundane reporting, recording duties, and other responsibilities to the Kingdoms; and dissolving the A.E., Inc. while keeping the Adrian Empire and Imperial Estates to maintain a common set of rules, Crown, and archive.

Investigate the advantages and disadvantages of maintaining a national insurance policy or of each Kingdom maintaining its own policy.

Investigate the advantages and disadvantages of maintaining a national banking system or each Kingdom maintaining its own bank account.

Explanation: For many years Adria has wrestled with two competing and seemingly virtually mutually exclusive organizational goals. One, uniformity, meeting all our legal obligations, and limiting liability. Two, chapter sovereignty, protecting autonomy and regional variation. Corporate efficiency, cost efficiency, and protecting all chapters assets from error or negligence in any one chapter or the national organization, all argue for centralized authority. But the reality to membership and chapter administration is that the national organization is seen to obstruct rather than facilitate their needs. Over the years there has been a debate over whether a "federal" or "confederal" model best suits us.

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## **Discussion Item's**

**DS1.** Discuss whether a "federal" or "confederal" model best suits us. – Sir Wm Baine

## **Next Meeting of the Imperial Estates**

## **Adjournment**