



**Adrian Empire  
Imperial Estates Meeting  
Chattanooga, TN  
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Minutes**

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## GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

**Date and Time:**

Fri, 28 March: TBA, BoD Meeting

Sat, 29 March: 7:45 – 9:15 Sign In

9:30 – 6:00 Imperial Estates Meeting

Sun, 30 March: 9:00 – 5:00 Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

**Airport:**

Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (CHA)

Alternately: Memphis International (MEM) or Nashville International (BNA)

**Location:**

Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel

1400 Market Street, Chattanooga TN, 37402

Near the airport, convention center, University, regional history museum

**Reservations:**

Phone: (800)872-2529 you must mention the Adrian Empire when calling.

Rooms MUST be booked by March 7, 2014.

**Room Rates:**

\$99/day

Rollaway beds are available for \$10/night; refrigerators available for \$15/night; self parking \$6/night

**Amenities and Other Hotel Information**

2 outdoor pools, indoor pool, spa tub, fitness facility, free WiFi, business center, newspapers, coffee/tea, satellite TV

Check in: 3 pm, Check out: 11 am; credit card deposit required; self parking \$6/night

Additional information at [www.choochoo.com](http://www.choochoo.com)

**Local Transportation:**

Transportation from the Airport to the Hotel is provided for free, but you need to contact the hotel prior to arrival.

**Restaurant Information:**

Coffee shop/cafe, bar,

**Area Attractions:**

<http://www.chattanooga.com/attractions/members>

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**Authority:****As per Bylaws Article III.A.4.b, Membership Suspension (Special Panel):**

Upon notification of the above (a.), the Imperial Crown shall convene a special panel composed of the Crown(s) of the member's Chapter, and two Royal Crowns from a rotational list rotating each time the panel is used, and four members elected by the Imperial Estates to serve on the panel starting in March to serve for one year (at which time, new members would be elected). The Imperial Estates shall also elect two alternate panel members to serve in the stead of any elected panel members who be unavailable to serve. All members of the Panel must be at least 18 years of age, a member in good standing and a Knight.

**Lex Adria Article VI.E.4 Meeting Date, March**

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

- a. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office. (The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.)

**Lex Adria Article VI.E.6 Disqualification**

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 two official events in any Chapter within the previous six 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. The vote of an Estate is held by the Estate not a person; it is the right of the Estate to determine who represents it. (*Chancery Note: see March 2004 Civil Court decision, ratified July 2004, clarified that an Estate entitled to a vote may change its representative at any time.*) It may not be subsequently altered by any means (including non-participation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estate held by a given member) until the meeting is concluded, with these exceptions:

- a. Resignation of a given member
- b. Judicial ban
- c. 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)
- d. Expiration of dues

**Requirement for Written Proxies. (Lex Adria Article VI.H Ratified November, 2010)**

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting. Emailed written proxies must be received by the Imperial Chancellery Office by [the] Friday evening prior [to] 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.

**Legend:**

~~Deleted or replaced text~~

Added or new text

*Chancery Notes, comments, and explanations*

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

Present: 30      Proxy: 142      Total: 172

**QUORUM MET WITH 172**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS**

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Approval of the minutes of the Nov 2013 IEM and the 8 Feb 2014 Emergency IEM.

### REPORTS

#### A Executive

##### 1 Crown(s)

Expanding website re BoD. Minutes to be posted. Changing structure to reflect National org, not small, private org. Stopping the image that we are an organization of squabbles. Boards will be monitored to affect this; messages will be moved to the Imperial board as needed. People who are on the Imperial Estates [Yahoo] board who are not (currently) Estates holders should remove themselves from the board; otherwise they will be removed.

On the coup, initial complaints have been filed with the Minister of Justice against several coup members. We have encouraged that membership to come forward take responsibly for their actions and make amends for their individual parts. A few have done so; for the others we shall move forward with the courts. However, if they come forward as we ask we can provide mercy.

There will be fewer changes of agendas from the Chancellor's office.

Crowns will be given instructions on how to report to the Empire.

There is a new map of the Empire, showing states and capitals. It is "zoomable".

Picture pages will also be added, as well as a schedule of future Imperial travel and visits.

##### 2 President and Board of Directors

#### B Ministers

##### 1 Archery

##### 2 Arts and Sciences

##### 3 Chancery      Need all local Chancellors to CC Imperial Chancellor on all agendas, minutes and rulings.

##### 4 Hospitaler

##### 5 Joust and War      oral

##### 6 Physicker

##### 7 Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)

Chronicler:      see Knight's Tale, also oral

Webmaster      oral

##### 8 Rolls and Lists      Online, also: Please have local ministers resend records for all items not approved, there was a problem.

##### 9 Sovereign of Arms      see LoRRs

##### 10 Steward      to be posted. A second auditor is being appointed to assist with the scheduled audit.

##### 11 Other Officers

### CROWN BUSINESS

## CRB1. Charter Amendments

*Chancellor's Note: As per Lex Adria IV.F.1.d,iv, the Imperial Estates may "Approve writs and charters issued by the Imperial Crown ...". This approval raises the writ or Charter to the level of Imperial Estates Writ. The Estates also have the option to not address the writ/charter, thus leaving it at the level of a Crown Writ.*

- A Reduction in Status:** **York to Archduchy**  
*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*  
 York 117 – 44 **Passed**  
 Currently at 86 members  
*(Requires majority to approve)*  
 Gloucester **Withdrawn**
- B Elevate the following Chapter in status:** **Passed**  
*(Requires majority to approve)*  
 1. Wolfendorf to Duchy **Approved by acclamation**
- C Approve the Charter of New Chapter** **Passed**  
*(Requires majority to approve)*  
 1. Mann Abhainn **Approved by acclamation**
- D Other Amendments**
1. Amend Albion Charter to reflect currently approved status **Passed**  
*(Requires majority to approve)*  
 The current Charter for the Kingdom of Albion does not reflect the dissolution of the former Kingdom of Aragon, nor the addition of Southern Utah, Washington and Iron Counties.  
*Commentary: The Kingdoms of Aragon and Albion shared the mundane state of Nevada. Aragon has been dissolved, leaving Nevada to Albion. A treaty between Albion and Umbria shares Clark County, Nevada and Mohave County, Arizona with the exception of the lands of Auroch's Fyord. Later, the two counties in Utah were added to Albion.*  
**Passed by voice**
2. Amend Albion Charter to replace 1 Chapter with 2 **Withdrawn**  
*(Requires majority of the Chapter and 2/3 of the Imperial Estates OR 2/3 of the Chapter and majority of the Imperial Estates to approve)*  
*Commentary: As Albion approaches 200 members, a majority desires a division into two chapters and equitable distribution of monies and chattel goods. We expect the Albion Estates to fully address these questions before the March IEM. Further, we expect both chapters to have sufficient numbers to qualify as Kingdoms and don't wish either to be unfairly penalized by losing their hard earned Kingdom status, as would occur if a new Chapter was created.*
3. Amend Esperance Charter to release the land of the mundane City of Needles, CA and immediate surroundings (10 mi) in California **Withdrawn**  
*(Requires majority of the Chapter and 2/3 of the Imperial Estates OR 2/3 of the Chapter and majority of the Imperial Estates to approve)*  
*Commentary: The Canton of Daione Cailte has petitioned to leave the Kingdom of Esperance. At this time the 12 members are moving to the Kingdom of Albion. They are requesting the Kingdom of Esperance to release the mundane City of Needles, CA and immediate surroundings to enable them to form an Imperial Shire or Canton of Albion. If rejected, they ask the Kingdom of Esperance to permit the Kingdom of Albion to maintain a canton in their lands.*

4. Approval of the amended Charter for Drachetor **Passed**  
*(Requires majority of the Imperial Estates to approve)*  
*Commentary: The Shire of Drachetor has requested the additional land of the mundane counties of Alpine (where they hold the Kirkwood Faire), Tuolumne (home of the Celtic Fair) and Calaveras (where they have members). This request has been granted by TIMs, and is subject to review by the Estates.*  
**Passed by voice**

**CRB2. Review of Continuance of BoD Service by Scott Fitzgerald **Withdrawn****

*(IEW 3.II.G.1.iv requires majority, otherwise removal requires 2/3)*

*Commentary: The Codex Adjudicata has a section (III.G.1.iv.) about the BOD attempting to remove corporate authority from the Imperial Crown. It states the Board may do so by vote and Imperial Estates Ratification. It also states that if such a movement fails then any Board Member who voted for such must have their continued service reviewed and approved by a majority of the Imperial Estates. If this vote does not garner a majority vote then that Board Member is deemed to have resigned.*

*During the coup attempt, membership of the BOD revealed that in addition to the petition that was circulated a prior petition attempt was tried in secret. The above BOD members engaged in this vote and the vote failed. However, when the Pro Tem President did not record or report the process this member acted as if the vote never happened. We believe this in itself activates the law for review.*

*Additional Commentary: It is also our understanding that Cameron Fitzgerald had access to all the information concerning the chattel goods cases. Cameron Fitzgerald continues to promote that he did not and the reason for the Emergency meeting was to get the information "out there". All the chattel good files have been uploaded to the BOD groups which he is a member of and available for his consumption. Also the history of voting is available on the yahoo group, which he can view. Although, misrepresenting his position does not activate the automatic review we believe it is important for the Imperial Estates to know.*

**CRB3. Approval of \$1000 for the E-IEM (one time appropriation, not to be taken from or added to the budget) **Tabled****

*(Requires majority to approve)*

**Discussion:**

To cover airline tickets, cabin rentals, and hotel room.

Motion to table for itemized costs **Passed by acclamation**

**CHANCERY BUSINESS**

**CH1. Court Reports**

**A. Judicial Courts**

*(While no action is required, the Estates may review.)*

*(None received)*

**B. Civil Courts**

*(Requires majority to ratify)*

*(See Appendix A)*

- i. Civil Court re Sir Klaus' points issue **Passed**

**Discussion:**

Motion to discuss: **Passed by acclamation**



Sir Klaus provided proof that he had, indeed, earned the points he claimed, even though there were no official records of those points. We tell our members that they should track their points. Sir Klaus did. Points are not automatic, they must be awarded or approved by the Crown.

**Approved by voice with 11+ abstentions**

ii. Question: Does the attempt at petition activate the review process for the Board of Directors Membership or do they have to meet all the requirements and then fail at the Crown Suspension vote?

*Chancellor's Note: As this is a substantial question of law, an Imperial Civil Court shall be held 14 March, 2014, location and time tba.*

**Discussion:**

Court was not held at the time of initial presentation/discussion at the IEM. Currently scheduled for Sunday

**CH2. Election of the Article III Special Panel **Four members elected:**  
**Anthony Derivi, Steve Huizenga, Judith King, Steven Miller**  
**Alternates: Thomas Cottone, Edwina Delliner****

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Election of 4 members and 2 alternates for the Special Panel as defined and required in Article III.A.4.B of the Bylaws (q.v. Justifications above).

*Chancellor's Note: Procedurally, the body may elect each by a majority or do so by a plurality (accept nominations for 6 or more candidates, the four greatest votes received shall be the members, the next 2 greatest shall be the alternates). The procedure must be determined by the body.*

Discussion:

Nominations/Volunteers:

Sir Terrin Greyphus (Steve Huizenga) .....	114	Elected
Dame Ashlynn Tiernan (Honey Westfall) .....	Withdrawn	
Sir Gaetano Anatolii (Mathew Gibbons) .....	Withdrawn	
Sir LeBete D'Acmd (Anthony Derivi) .....	94	Elected
Sir Thomas Wiemar (Tom Cottone) .....	73	Alternate
Sir Thomas Sauvage of Wolfendorf (Steven Miller) .....	109	Elected
Chevalier Gabriele Silverhand (Judith King) .....	126	Elected
Dame Etaine Llewelyn (Edwina Delliner).....	48	Alternate
Sir Lawrence (Lawrence Moira).....	34	

Question: Why do we have the panel if the BoD is doing this?

Answer: The BoD is doing the research, but the duty and responsibility has been transferred to the panel.

**CH3. Consideration of the Success of the Reigns of TIMs Thomas Weimar and Etaine Llewelyn. **Tabled****

*(Requires majority to approve)*

*Chancellor's Note: There has been a request to divide the question.*

Discussion:

Move to table until July **Passed on a voice vote**

**CH4. Add Crown Justice to IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, IV.A **Tabled****  
*(Requires majority to approve)*

Add a second item to the Codex Adjudicata Royal Court Section IV. COURTS OF JUSTICE A. ROYAL COURT:

Option A:

2. The term "Crown Justice" is applied to those individuals who choose a Royal Court, and choose to plead guilty and waive the right of a trial. The sentence is determined by the Crowns. The Crowns may consult with both plaintiffs and defendants regarding the sentence.

Option B:

2. The term "Crown Justice" is applied to those individuals who choose a Royal Court, and choose to plead guilty, and waive the right of a trial. If the Crowns approve, a plea of "No Contest" may be entered in lieu of 'guilty', which does not require any admission of guilt from the defendant. The sentence is determined by the Crowns. The Crowns may consult with both plaintiffs and defendants regarding the sentence.

*Commentary: There have been complaints that the word "Crown Justice" is not clearly defined. The long time interpretation is that it is a plea of guilty to a Royal Court, waiving all rights to a trial. Option 2 officially adds a plea of "no contest".*

**Discussion:**

Motion to table until July for clarification of "no contest" and rewrite for additional information (HRM Ashlynn) **Passed on visual**

**CH5. Add Complaints and Charges to IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, IV.A **Option D Passed****

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Option A:

3. If the complainants who filed a complaint that has been found with merit willfully choose not to participate in the trial, all merit will be dismissed and the defendant found innocent of all wrongdoing.

*Commentary: This prevents people filing frivolous or harassing charges against members and then dropping out of the trial, such that the accusations are left hanging.*

Option B:

3. If the complainants who filed a complaint that has been found with merit willfully choose not to participate in the trial, all merit may be dismissed and the defendant may be found innocent of all wrongdoing.

*Commentary: This could be an option for the Crown but not an inflexible rule. Complainant may have second thoughts or become intimidated, but the Crown may determine that the case should be pursued anyway (truth must be more important than technical issues).*

Option C:

3. If the complainants who filed a complaint that has been found with merit willfully choose not to participate in the trial, all merit will be dismissed and the defendant found innocent of all wrongdoing, and the complainants will be immediately charged by the Ministry of Justice for harassment of a member and the government.

*Commentary: See the commentary for A, but this also adds a punishment.*

Option D (Counterproposal):

3. If the complainants who filed a complaint that has been found with merit willfully choose not to participate in the trial, all merit may be dismissed and the defendant found innocent of all wrongdoing, and the complainants may be immediately charged by the Ministry of Justice for harassment of a member and the government.

**Discussion:**

Motion to approve “any option”, then select an option if approved 118 – less

Passed

Motion to move to New Business and discuss only at this time: Failed on voice

Motion to select A or B, then C or D, then A/B or C/D: Approved on voice

Option Selection:

Option A or B 22 or 25

Option C or D >25

Motion for discussion Failed on voice

Option C 65

Option D 68 Passed

Motion to reconsider: Passed on voice

Motion to discuss Passed on voice

Removing the discretion from the Crown is improper.

Option C (Must) 63

Option D (Optional) 81 Passed

**CH6. Delete IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, Article IV.G.1.a.iii  
Judicial Ban Process, Imperial Crown, 28 member option Moved to NB13  
(Requires majority to approve)**

Delete

iii. Deleted. [~~Petition by 28 members of the Imperial Estates whose membership was established at the most recent meeting of the Imperial Estates from at least 3 Chapters (or all Chapters if there be fewer than 3 in existence).~~]

*Commentary: This removes the 28 member option but retains the option of 1/3 of the membership.*

**Discussion:**

Motion to move from Chancellor’s Business to New Business Passed on voice

Now NB13

**CH7. Amend IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, Article IV.G.3.b.  
Judicial Ban, Removal Moved to NB14  
(Requires majority to approve)**

Amend as follows:

b. In the case of a Crown, if the Judicial Ban (including corporate suspension) originated from a body of Estates, that body may remove the Judicial Ban by majority vote at any convened meeting or by Petition supported by [~~2/3~~] a majority of that body.

*Commentary: If half of the body is against the petition, the 2/3 majority required for conviction cannot be achieved.*

**Discussion::**

Motion to move from Chancellor’s Business to New Business Passed on voice

Now NB14

**CH8. Amend By Laws Article III.B to simplify the membership names** **Passed**  
*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

1. Participating [**Single**] Membership  
 The basic membership, conveying the right to earn knightly rank, receive precedence bearing awards, have arms registered, and the right to hold office in the Adrian Empire, serves as the primary point of contact for the purposes of notification and publications.
2. Participating Family Membership  
 This includes all legal dependents of the participant's immediate mundane family. The rights of participating [**single**] membership extend to family members.  
*(Chancery Note: This membership category shall be consistent with current IRS policy, which also includes a cohabitating couple.)*
3. Participating [**Single**] Life Membership  
 A member, who pays 10 times the current participating [single] membership fee, holds a participating [**single**] membership for life.
4. Associate Membership  
 A member of any Imperially approved organization (or a Chapter or equivalent thereof) with activities and goals parallel to the Adrian Empire, may qualify for associate membership. The rights of participating [**single**] membership extend to associate members.

**Discussion:**

Some people think that the removal of the word “single” will change the definition of the membership.

Motion to approve

Passed on voice

**CH9. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.H** **Passed**  
*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting. ~~[Emailed written proxies must be received by the Imperial Chancellery Office by Friday evening prior the Imperial Estates Meeting, 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.]~~

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.

**Commentary:** *The current rule states that the proxy must be received by the end of roll call to be counted. This is not practiced. Late members and the proxies they carry are signed in and allowed to participate. As our rule and practice should concur, we ask the Estates to amend the rule or direct the Chancery to enforce it as written.*

*The rule indicates that proxies must come directly from the Estate-holder (either if a co-ruler). Not spouses, friends, Crowns, or Chapter Chancellors, all of whom have been sending them in on someone else's behalf. We must ask the Estates to amend the law to allow it, or direct us to follow the law as written. The current method permits enforcement because the one claiming or passing the proxy is on record and the estate-holder may take action against them if it is misrepresented.*

**Minutes:**

Motion to approve Passed on voice

**CH10. Amend Lex Adria Article VI. Summoning Meetings **Moved to NB15****  
*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Article VI.A.2.b:

- b By ~~[any three members]~~ a petition of one-third of the membership of the body ~~[who must reside in different Chapters (the meeting must be for a location in a Chapter in which none of the summoning members resides.) If a Banner War is announced by March 1 as per Article XV.A., and a Civil War challenge is issued, members who reside in the Estate of the announced War site may still summon an Imperial Estates Meeting to void a challenge.]~~ presented to the Chancellor.
- i. The petition must set the date, location, and time of the meeting, and state the proposals to be considered.
  - ii. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the meeting.
  - iii. A majority of the membership of the body may reject the summoning of the meeting by submitting a counter-petition to the Chancellor.
  - iv. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the cancellation of the meeting.

And Article VI.D (CHAPTER GOVERNING BODY; SUMMONING MEETINGS), paragraph 3:

A Meeting of the Estates may also be summoned by ~~[three members]~~ a petition of one-third of the membership of that body presented to the Chancellor. ~~[The meeting must be summoned by unanimous agreement of the three summoning members for a time and location within the Chapter.]~~

1. The petition must set the date, location, and time of the meeting, and state the proposals to be considered.
2. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the meeting.
3. A majority of the membership of the body may reject the summoning of the meeting by submitting a counter-petition to the Chancellor.
4. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the cancellation of the meeting.

(Chancery Note: ~~[This meeting must meet all other requirements for an official event. See Article V.]~~ If the meeting is summoned, it must satisfy the notice requirements or the first item of business upon achieving quorum shall be to waive notice.)

**Discussion:**

Motion to move from Chancellor's Business to New Business Passed on voice  
 Now NB15

**CH11. Amend Lex Adria, Article XV.A Pax Regium **Moved to NB16****  
*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria XV.A. paragraph 2:

In any event, the Imperial Minister of War, ~~[shall advise the]~~ Imperial Chancellor, and the Imperial Crown~~[, and the Imperial Chronicler]~~ shall confer and the Crown shall determine and announce ~~[of]~~ the site or sites of the Memorial Day Imperial War no later than March 1 preceding the War. ~~[The Imperial Chronicler shall cause this information to be published well in advance of the war.]~~

*Chancellor's Note: The Imperial Crown is the agent of the Adrian Empire and must sanction and approve the contracts for any sites to be used. Further, the Crown has the sole right to determine the locations of the War sites.*

**Discussion:**

Motion to move from Chancellor's Business to New Business **Passed on voice**  
Now NB16

**CH12. Amend IEW 03, Steward's Manual, and Create a new IEW to change the issuance of membership cards **Moved to NB17****

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Amend IEW-3, IILC as follows:

... The only acceptable membership form is Imperially authorized. The Imperial Steward will issue membership numbers [~~and cards~~] for each member[; ~~the membership cards may be mailed~~] which will be provided to the Steward of the Chapter [~~or each member~~]. Members whose membership is up for renewal are given a 30 day grace period in which to pay their dues. ...

Create a new IEW (#45): Membership Cards:

A membership card form shall be authorized by the Steward. The card shall consist of 4 parts.

- I. The first part will provide space for
  - A. the member's name, persona and membership number to be completed by the Chapter Steward;
  - B. Archery authorization (Bowman, Huntsman, Rangemaster) to be completed by the Chapter Minister of Archery; and
  - C. Arts authorization (Journeyman, Knights' list, Scribe, Judge) to be completed by the Chapter Minister of Arts and Science.
- II. The second part shall be the liability waiver, which the member shall sign.
- III. The third part shall be the Combat qualification card, and the fourth part shall be the additional weapons qualifications; these sections shall be completed by the Chapter Ministry of War and Joust.
- IV. The cards will be bifold, the size of a business card when folded.

*Commentary: We have received concerns and questions regarding why membership cards are called for but not being issued. As a practical matter, a one-size-fits-all card, issued by the Chapter, is the best solution in our opinion.*

**Discussion:**

We have not been following the Law (IEW6) for several years.

This was previously removed.

When the Law was published at the beginning of last year, it was done with the acknowledgement that the published documents were the Law. Thus, since it was not removed at that time, it is the Law now.

Motion to approve: 88 – less **Passed**

Motion to reconsider **Passed on voice**

Motion to move to New Business **Passed on voice**

Now NB17

**CH13. Amend the quorum definition in Lex Adria Article VI.B **Passed****

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article VI.B

“The quorum requirements for the Imperial Estates shall be more than half of the members entitled to vote within the body (~~minus members who were entitled to a vote~~)”

~~but were absent last meeting~~) and represented, by presence or proxy, at the last regularly scheduled meeting.”

*Commentary:* The ongoing confusion created by the inexact use of the words “membership” and “members” requires clarification. This simpler language reflects our actual practice.

**Discussion:**

Motion to move to New Business Failed on voice

Motion to approve Passed on voice

**CH14. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.D for clarity Passed**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend article VI.D as follows:

~~[Meetings of the]~~ Estates of a Chapter may enact local codicils, which shall have force of law only within their own borders, so long as they do not conflict with the Imperial bylaws. All such local codicils and writs shall be submitted in writing to the Imperial Chancellor for conflict review within 30 days of enactment.

*Commentary:* This is a technical clarification as Estates enact codicils, not meetings.

**Discussion:**

Motion to approve Passed by voice

**CH15. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.F.3.b.iii for clarity Passed**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria, Article VI.F.3.b.iii as follows

iii. Make new ~~[law]~~ Crown Writ that does not alter the Imperial bylaws or local codicils until the next meeting of the Estates. (These ~~[laws]~~ writs must be submitted to the Imperial Chancery within 30 days of enactment, as described in Article VI.D.) A Crown Writ stands until voted on by the Chapter Estates, where it may be adopted as Estates Writ, rejected or left as Crown Writ. If it is not addressed by the Estates, it remains as Crown Writ until the end of the reign when it may be adopted by the incoming Crown.

*Commentary:* This change clarifies the type of “law” that Crowns may make and specifies the life cycle of Crown Writs.

**Minutes:**

Motion to approve Passed on voice

**CH16. Amend Lex Adria Article VIII.D.3.b.ii for clarity Passed**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Modify Lex Adria Article VIII.D.3.b.ii as follows:

ii. ... A shire of 10 or more members may have two votes on the Imperial Estates, if they ~~[form]~~ recognize at least two Estates Minor.

*Commentary:* This corrects the language to clarify that Shires (Chapters) don't form the Estates, they recognize them. Estates are formed by their members.

**Minutes:**

Motion to approve Passed on voice

**CH17. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI for clarity and simplification A.5 Passed**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Modify Lex Adria Article XVI.A.5.e as follows

e. The members of the eliminated armies must, prior to ~~[closing]~~ the close of interim

court, bind to a new army in order to participate the next day.

Reword Lex Adria XVI.B.6.a.iii as follows for simplification and clarity: **Moved to NB18**

iii. Determine the relative percentage to be assigned to each site.

As soon as possible after the conclusion of the War at each site, but no later than 7:00 am Pacific Time on Labor Day (or Memorial Day if an Imperial Civil War)

the Imperial Chancellor's representative at that site shall communicate the results to the Imperial Chancellor, [~~the results of the War. Results at each war site shall be communicated to the Imperial Chancellor or designated representative for tabulation no later than 7:00 a.m. Pacific Time on Labor Day (or Memorial Day if an Imperial Civil War).~~ Upon receiving all the points, the Imperial Chancellor] who shall tabulate the results and announce the winner of the Imperial Crown War.

*Commentary: Closing Court is held at the end of the war, not in the middle. That Court is called the Interim Court. The wording of XVI.B.6.a.iii is redundant and unnecessarily complex and wordy. This simplifies it.*

**Minutes:**

Motion to divide the question **Passed by acclamation**

Motion to approve the change to Lex Adria Article XVI.A.5. **Passed by acclamation**

Motion to move Lex Adria XVI.B.6.a.iii to New Business **Passed on voice**  
Now NB18

**CH18. Correct the definition of Writs in the Lex Adria Glossary** **Moved to NB19**  
*(Requires majority to approve)*

Modify the Glossary as follows

**Crown Writs** - The [~~written decisions~~] rules made by the Crown.

**Estates Writs** - The [~~written decisions~~] rules made by the Estates [~~General~~].

*Commentary: What to have for lunch, the outcome of a trial, a legal interpretation, a resolution, these are decisions. Writs are rules, they are to be followed, not just acknowledged. A simple majority is required as the Glossary is not law; it is guideline not rising to the level of law.*

**Minutes:**

Motion to move from Chancellor's Business to New Business **Passed on voice**  
Now NB19

**CH19. Amendments to IEW 18 to correct the term "Geographic Chapter" and include missing order information** **Moved to NB20**

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Modify IEW 18, Armigerous Rights, as follows:

Article II.B.4 Kingdom

[~~Geographic~~] Chapter[s] and Estate Royal, ruled by a King or Queen.

Article II.B.7 Archduchy

[~~Geographic~~] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by an Archduke or Archduchess.

Article II.B.8 Duchy

[~~Geographic~~] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Duke or a Duchess.

Article II.B.7 13 Shire

[~~Geographic~~] Chapter and Estate Minor, ruled by a Viceroy or Vicereine ...

Article II.B.22 Lord/Lady Protector

Temporary position, acting as the Crown of a [~~Geographic~~] Chapter for a period of less than 1 year.



1. Archduchy/Duchy  
 [~~Geographic~~] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by an Archduke or Archduchess or a Duke or a Duchess depending on the membership of the Chapter. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "*Your Royal Grace*" or "*Your Grace*". Ruler may be styled "*Archduke <name>*", "*Duke <name>*", "*Archduchess <name>*", or "*Duchess <name>*" according to gender and preference, or may use a non-English translation as "*Duc*".
  2. Deleted[Duchy  
~~Geographic Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Duke or a Duchess. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "*Your Royal Grace*" or "*Your Grace*". Ruler may be styled "*Duke <name>*" or "*Duchess <name>*" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation such as "*Duc*".]~~
- (See Appendix B for additional Orders)

**Discussion:**

Motion to move from Chancellor's Business to New Business Passed on voice  
 Now NB20

**CH20. Amend Lex Adria Article XIV.F.3 to remove parentheses Passed**  
*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article XIV.F.3 as follows:

1. Failure to Follow Timetable

If the Heirs Apparent, Crown, or other officers, fail to follow the timetable;  
~~[&]without reasonable cause[&]~~, a Lord/Lady Protector shall be appointed by the  
 Chancellor until the coronation takes place.

*Commentary: This is a requirement, not an explanation. Parentheses imply explanation or example rather than requirement.*

**Discussion:**

Motion to approve Passed by acclamation

**OLD BUSINESS****OB1. Proposal to change the wording of the Articles of Incorporation **Passed*****(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

(See Appendix C)

*Authors and Sponsors:* .HIH Jehan, et.al*Chancellor Note:* This item was posted as received. The Crown and Chancery are concerned that it does not reflect the advice of professional council. The Crown will make every effort to confer with the author to resolve the discrepancies before the meeting.**Question:** YIM, were you able to reconcile the proposal with the attorney's advice?**Answer:** No, I ran out of time, but the portion about the Adrian Empire being able to earn money may NOT be included. Other portions were stylized and may be allowed.Motion to approve and delegate to HIM Wright for rewrite to incorporate the attorney's recommendations **Passed on voice****OB2. Amend Lex Adria Article IX.C.3 and IX.D to Set Minimum Ages for Knighthoods **Option C Passed Immediately*****(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article IX.C.3

3. Any member may become a knight, [~~regardless of age (particularly in arts, archery, and ministry);~~] if that member has met the requirements. Members of all ages may participate.

Add the following to IX.D before D.1:

Option A:

The minimum age required to attain the Knightly Ranks are: 14 for First Level (Bachelor, Robe, Minister, Archer), 16 for Second Level (Bannerette, Master, Civil, Forrester), and 19 for Third Level (Champion, Doctor, Premier, Warden).

Option B:

The minimum age required to attain the Knightly Ranks are: 14 for First Level (Bachelor, Robe, Minister, Archer), 16 for Second Level (Bannerette, Master, Civil, Forrester) but no voting rights will be granted until the age of 18, and 19 for Third Level (Champion, Doctor, Premier, Warden).

Option C:

There is no minimum age for advancement but no voting rights will be granted until the age of 18.*Commentary:* Current rules limit a member to attaining Knighthood as well as advancing in Combat based age & participation. This would bring the other Rolls into those same standards*Current age requirements for combat:**Shinai – age 12**Rapier – age 14**Armor – age 16**Current participation requirements for combat:**Knight Bachelor**Sergeants List- 8EP (for this example shinai only)**Knights List- 10EP (for this example rapier only)**First level attainable as early as age 14*

*Knight Bannerette**Knights list- 18EP (of which 8 must be armored)**Second level attainable as early as age 16**Knight Champion**Knights List – 36EP**Third level attainable as early as age 19*

*Following the numbers set above, if a member fights in his first shinai tournament on his 12th Birthday he can earn his final EP required for Knight Champion on his 19th Birthday (assuming that he wins regularly so no additional tournaments are needed).*

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**Sponsors:** *HIM Etaine Llywelyn, Dietrich von Holstein KCh, Felicia der Schwarzen Rose KPr*

Motion to winnow first, then vote to approve Failed on voice

Motion to vote for approval then winnow Passed on voice

Motion to approve age limits 129 - less Passed

Motion to approve Option A 40

Motion to approve Option B 59

Motion to approve Option C 106 Approved

Motion to discuss immediate implementation (requires 2/3) Passed on voice vote

Motion to waive Lex Adria Article VI.J and suspend the voting rights of all knights below the age of 18 immediately pending attorney approval (requires 2/3)

Passed on voice vote

**Chancellor's Note:** The result of the approval of this item is that, as of today (30 March 2014), anyone may receive a Knighthood regardless of age, but if they are under the age of 18, they do not hold a vote in their own right until they are 18 years of age.

**OB3. Change the renewal date to 1 August Tabled for rewrite**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend ByLaws Article III.D as follows:

For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period [~~July 1 to June 30~~]August 1 to July 31. Annual memberships are due on [~~July~~]August 1 of each year. .

**Commentary:** *July is the month the Steward has to give a complete report of the finances. It is also the month he has to do renewals. There are the rosters to do. As it is now we have to check and see if they have paid, also take in renewals at the IEM. If the renewal was in August we wouldn't have to check to see if everyone had paid because if they hadn't paid they wouldn't show up on the board.*

**Author:** *HIM Etaine Llywelyn*

**Sponsors:** *HRG William Baine KPr*

Motion to amend to May 9 Passed on voice

Motion to table for rewrite Passed on voice

**OB4. Transfer Inactive Lifetime Members to Member At Large Failed***(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Modify ByLaws Article III.E as follows:

**E. MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENT TO CHAPTER**

1. Members may join or change their Chapter when they pay or renew their membership. Renewals are effective on July 1, and lifetime members can change their Chapter on July 1. Members can only form estates or be estate holders in the Chapter they have joined. If no choice is made, members will be subjects of the Chapter in which they reside (where the members physically live). Chapter re-assignment is also allowed for a change of physical residence. If members do not physically live within 200 miles of the requested Chapter, they must apply directly to that Chapter's Crown for approval. If the members' change of Chapter takes their former Chapter below numbers, the members must provide a written reason why they are requesting the change, and appeal directly to Imperial Crown for permission.
2. In the case where members may have multiple residences or special circumstances, the Imperial Crown shall decide which Chapter the members join.
3. Lifetime members who are inactive for 2 or more years shall be assigned as Imperial Members At Large.

*Commentary:* We have people who haven't played in years but because they paid a lifetime membership they must remain on the board. After two years they should be put on the Members at Large board. If they decide to come back they would need to fill out a new membership form with their current information. They should be put in members at large. They no longer play and should not be counted in the Chapters toward how many members they have. The members that count towards how many are in your Chapter should be playing members

**Authors:** HIM Etaine Llwelyn**Sponsors:** HRG William Baine KPrMotion to discuss Passed on voice voteMotion to amend to determine the intent of the lifetime member before making the change Failed on voice voteMotion to approve 45 – more Failed**OB5. Modify Lex Adria to Require Announcement of Proposed Ministers By Crown Contenders Prior to the Acceptability Vote Failed***(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Add the following between the first and second sentences of Article XVI.A.2.b:

Option A:

The contenders shall submit a list of proposed ministers to the Chancellor prior to the opening of the meeting of the Estates General.

Option B:

The contenders shall publish a list of proposed ministers 30 days prior to the opening of the meeting of the Estates General.

*Commentary:* It is not a law so if someone doesn't want to tell us their choice of ministers they don't have to. Some of us feel that this should be a rule because who the ministers are going to be might make a difference in who we fight for.

**Authors:** HIM Etaine Llwelyn HRG William Baine (KPr), HRG Gregor Pent (CtR)

Motion to approve any version 57 – 112 **Failed**

**OB6. Adopt the use of the Rawlings type synthetic sword for use in Shinai** **Tabled**  
*(Requires majority to approve)*

Modify IEW-17, the Combat Manual, to include the use of the Rawlings type synthetic sword in Shinai as an alternative to using shinais. Shinais and the synthetic swords may be used together.

*Commentary: Please review the playtest report (Appendix D) for full details and testing results.*

*Authors: HG Connor O'Readon CtR*

*Sponsors: Ritter Dietrich von Holstein KCh,  
 HG Hawthorne de Tallyrand Perigord KCh*

**Counterproposal:**

As the primary proposal but shinai and synthetic swords shall not be used together.

*Authors: HG William Baine, KCh*

*Sponsor: HIH Erik Harbinger, KCh, Ritter Dietrich von Holstein KCh*

Motion to discuss **Passed on voice**

**Discussion:**

In place of or additional track?

Needs more formal play testing, with reporting, at least one chapter per region.

Play test is to separate from standard shinai use. More experience is needed.

This will not affect advancement, nor will it require the purchase of a Rawlings type sword

May be adopted as a separate list like Cut & Thrust.

Authors wish to have combined testing, in melee.

Fighting with a Rawlings type sword gives you an advantage over traditional shinais

Motion to table until November and continue play testing **Passed on voice**

**OB7. Modify IEW 7 to Exclude Recreational Drugs** **Passed**  
*(Requires majority to approve)*

Modify IEW 7 as follows:

Mundane law establishes an age at which a person may use tobacco or alcohol. Adria's policy is that no under-age person may use tobacco, [or] alcohol, or recreational drugs (or be under the influence thereof) at an Adrian event site. No person shall use non-prescribed controlled substances or recreational drugs or be under the influence thereof at an Adrian event site. ...

*Commentary: At this time there are two States that allow recreational use of marijuana, affecting four Chapters on a monthly basis, and up to six at Imperial events. A third state will be voting on it soon, adding another Chapter being affected monthly.*

*Authors: Sir Dorn der Schwarzen Rose KPr*

*Sponsor: HRG Dame Margarita du Bois CtR*

Motion to approve **Passed on voice**

**OB8. Amend Lex Adria to Replace IEW 22 (Viable Army)** **Failed**  
*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Repeal Imperial Estates Writ 22 and add Article XVI.A.5.d: as follows:

*Note: These are separate matches, and must be competed in separately.*

d. All disciplines must be competed in separately, no contested war shall be determined based on the size of the army that signed in, but based on the actual participation in the discipline.

The nine combat points are to be determined based solely on participation  
The eight arts points must reflect verified entries for each level, as well as  
TW and MW. The four archery points must reflect verified scores for each  
level.

**Commentary:** *Imperial Estates Writ 22 was initiated 2003 based on the refusal of one set of contenders to cede war based on the size of the army for combat. In 2003, Adria had two Imperial War Sites. Today, at the discretion of the Imperial Crowns we may have up to six Imperial War sites. In addition, we now have a very strong precedence in Archery, as well as the Arts and therefore these disciplines must be determined on their own scores. In some cases, our archers outnumber our combatants.*

**Author:** *HG Marion Leal Durius (CtR)*

**Sponsors:** *HG Rosa Fiend CtR, HG Margarita Dubois CtR, Jarl Doom Solig, HG Dame Seraphine McLaren CtR; Ritter Dietrich von Holstein KCh*

**Crown Commentary:** *As author of the 2003 law it is important to note that the reason for this law was that members clinging to unrealistic hopes of victory made the war site contentious and ruined the fun for everyone else involved. When a contender is outnumbered by 5 to 1 clear intent of the majority of the populace's will is being shown. To attempt to use rules to alter that intent on the hopes that a small group of specialized members can change the outcome of the majority should be avoided..*

**Proposed Amendment:**

d. All disciplines must be competed in separately, no contested war *point* shall be determined based on the size of the army that signed in, but based on the actual participation in each ~~the~~ discipline and scenario for each war point.

The nine combat points are to be determined based solely on participation in each scenario. To be awarded a war point, the contender's army must take the field. There must be at least one qualified member who can suit up and pass inspection, including weapons, to be a considered a viable fielded army for that contender. The eight arts points must reflect verified judged entries for each level per Article XVI,A.6.b. The judges' scores for each entry will be used to determine appropriate point totals, averages, wins and masterworks for each army. ~~[-as well as TW and MW].~~ The four archery points must reflect verified scores of each army's participants for each level.

**Commentary:** *If you bring your toys to play, you should have the chance no matter how big the other army. Some clarifying language as to what makes an army viable for each discipline.*

**Author:** *Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR*

**Sponsor:** *Sir Fredrick KCh*

Motion to approve

Failed on voice

**OB9. Modify Lex Adria to prohibit mercenaries in contested Crown Wars** **Failed**  
*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Add the following to Lex Adria Article XVI.B.3:

d. Recruitment of mercenaries for contested Imperial Crown Wars shall not be allowed. No offer of money, Armour, goods, material content or promises of awards or rewards of any nature will be allowed.

*Commentary: Mercenaries are very period and in Fun wars most acceptable,. Support in contested wars to chose those who rule the Empire, protect the Empire and insure the growth of the Empire should be based on integrity and leadership ability.*

*Author: Dame Marion Leal Durius (CtR)*

*Sponsors: HG Dame Seraphine McLaren (CtR); Dame Rose Fiend (CtR); Dame Margarita Dubois (CtR)*

Motion to approve          61 - 101          Failed

## NEW BUSINESS

**NB1. Alternative Makeup of Imperial Estates**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Reestablish the Senate and Assembly with the Senate consisting of those voters who attended the IEM in person, and those who “stayed home” would constitute the Assembly. The Senate would debate the items on the agenda, make modifications as appropriate, and recommend for or against each item. The Assembly would then vote for, against or abstain on each item. The Assembly votes would be cast electronically or by mail no later than one month after the meeting of the Senate. Proxies are no longer valid.

Option A: The members of the Senate would cast all of their votes in the Senate and have no vote in the Assembly.

Option B: The members of the Senate must use one of their votes in the Senate. If they have 2 votes (one landed and one personal/non-landed), they may choose which vote they are casting in the Senate and may cast the other vote in the Assembly.

Option C: The members of the Senate may choose to either cast all of their votes in the Senate or to split their votes between the Senate and Assembly.

*Commentary: There have been many discussions about the problems with the IEMs: the IE has too many voters which makes meetings long and difficult and voting hard to count; the IE is not representative of the members because there are too many non-landed voters and not enough landed estates votes; proxies come in late; changes to agenda items can't be made because the proxy holders don't know about them; proxy holders don't vote the will of the estate when the proxy is an open proxy; etc. This item seeks to correct all of the above problems by:*

1. *eliminating all proxies (if you are there, you vote in the Senate, if not, you vote in the General Assembly, and if you have 2 votes, you vote up to 1 in the Senate and the rest in the General Assembly),*
2. *limiting the discussion and voting in the Senate to those who are present at the meeting,*
3. *allowing everyone a direct vote after all of the changes to the proposals have been made and discussed openly,*

4. *General Assembly votes would be counted electronically, so the count is “guaranteed” to be accurate.*

*The time-table and operation would be as follows:*

1. *60 days prior to the Imperial Senate Meeting (ISM), the call for agenda items is posted and the membership in the Imperial Estates General is set.*
2. *45 days prior to the ISM, the ISM agenda is published*
3. *30 days prior the ISM, the ISM agenda is finalized*
4. *The ISM is held:*
  - a. *All those in attendance sign in and specify which vote they are casting.*
  - b. *The Agenda is discussed and modified as appropriate.*
5. *The day after the ISM, the Chancellery and the Ministry of Information establish the make-up of the Assembly of the Imperial Estates (aka General Assembly or AIE) and the AIE discussion and voting group is established over the next 7 days.*
6. *7 days after the ISM:*
  - a. *The minutes of the ISM are published and the AIE Agenda is published with those items approved by the Imperial Senate (IS) only.*
  - b. *The members of the AIE sign in to the discussion and voting group and -*
  - c. *Online discussion now begins in a “closed” group of all of the Imperial Estate holders, both landed and non-landed (the general public is not allowed access to this group but all members of Adria could be given read-only access with only the members of the AIE being given posting privileges).*
7. *21 - 24 days after the ISM: The discussion is closed and the online voting begins*
8. *28 - 30 days after the ISM voting ends.*
9. *1-4 day after the AIE voting ends, the results are published.*

*We realize that there are still some details to be worked out (how the AIE discussion board will be created, how the AIE will vote, how Estates with no viable internet access will participate, ...), but we believe those issues can be resolved (including testing) prior to or within 3 months of passage with implementation beginning after the IEM following the approval, e.g. if this item is approved at the March 2014 IEM, it can be implemented in time for the November 2014 meeting.*

*Authors: Sir Robert LaCroix, Marquis, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau CtR, Sir William Baine KPr*

#### **Discussion:**

People’s behavior online is not always proper or appropriate; it should not be the main forum for discussion. How do we “moderate” the discussion online?

So, we must further remove personal interaction? NO! Absolutely not! The initial discussion would still be face-to-face, just as it is now.

We are becoming more and more technology dependant. We don’t need to and shouldn’t become more tech dependant. Some people do not want us to become an internet society for the game.

The terms “Senate” and “Assembly” are causing some people problems due to historic reasons. Other terms should be used.

We are having trouble getting things done on time now, and this would add more timelines.

Let’s try to tweak and fix our current system instead of redesigning it.

If the voting is not done at the meeting, the desire to attend will be reduced, resulting in less attendance by a smaller core of individuals.

This would allow the smaller, less-connected Chapters to be more involved.



Is this use of technology any worse or different than when we pull out our phones or tablets?

We have used video broadcasting in the past, it worked, it helped, and should be doing it again. This would require additional use of current technology to allow controlled two-way communication.

The internet (text) is a limited form of communication as it does not convey body language, intonation, voice inflections, etc.

There has been little discussion on this item because too few people are interested in it. If they had been, they would have commented sooner.

This proposal is not ready yet.

How do you stop the Senate meeting from taking too long? How do you keep one discussion item from taking the entire weekend?:

Currently, only 6 or 8 people are speaking on a topic. This would not change that, and opening it up to the internet for two weeks would not change that either.

## **NB2. Play test Authorization for NB1**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Approve and authorize “unofficial” play testing implementation of the alternative makeup of the Imperial Estates proposed in NB1 until the November IEM.

This is to be done by each chapter at the local level. The Senate meeting is to be held at a local event no less than 1 month after the [March] IEM and at least 1 month prior to the next [July] IEM. The Assembly meeting would be held as per proposal in the time following the event. Passage of the items would be subject to ratification (prior to the IEM) at the next regularly scheduled chapter estates meeting. This may be repeated depending on time and the desire and willingness of the Chapter.

All chapters would use the same voting site/program/method. Local chancellors would be assisted by the Imperial Deputy Chancellors. The site to be used will be chosen by the Imperial Deputies and tested by Albion prior to general play testing, after Albion has proven the methods, tools, site, etc., the play test will be done by the other chapters (w possible exception of the Shires).

During the play testing, the results of the regular Estates meeting would be the official results, not the results of the electronic voting.

*COMMENTARY: We feel that it is not practical or reasonable for the Estates to vote on this issue without experiencing the implementation. Play testing would allow the Estate holders to experience the implementation as well as allowing the system to be “debugged” and adjusted prior to official implementation.*

*By allowing the play test from now until November allows a minimum of two tests at the local level, one before the July meeting and one before the November meeting.*

**Author:** Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR, Sir Robert La Croix, KPr

**Discussion:**

Any Chapter may participate at the local level. If any Chapter is interested, please contact the authors.

## **NB3. Amend Lex Adria and IEW 34 (Manual for the Office of Rolls & Lists) for monthly service outside of an event**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve as a whole)*

Option A:

Lex Adria, Article V.F.

3. In addition, a member may record a second participation point and a second win, for participation or wins earned in one official Imperial event [that allows for advancement in all four disciplines](#) in the same month that the member records points for participating as above. If the member participates in multiple official Imperial events in one month, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation or win shall be recorded applies as above. This is not an exception to the law; it is the opportunity to record an additional point.

**IEW #34, Article III.E**

Per the Adrian Empire Lex Adria Article V.F. only one participation point (Event Participation (EP) or War Participation (WP)) and Tournament Win (TW) counts towards advancement to knighthood in each discipline (Archery, Arts, Combat, and Ministry). Demo Participations (DP's), Demo Initiations (DI's), and Arts Masterworks (MW's) are not subject to this limitation. The exceptions to this are Imperial [events that allow for advancement in all four disciplines](#) [~~Tournaments (EPs and TW's), Imperial Wars (WP's), and Imperial Estates Meetings (Ministry EPs)~~] which may be counted in addition to a local participation or win in the same month.

*Commentary: This proposal is to create equality between disciplines for EXTRA event participation points, tournament win points, and war points being awarded for Imperial events. It would still be possible to have an Imperial Archery only tournament, but it could not count as an additional "double dip" for that month.*

*Author: Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR*

*Sponsors: Sir Fredrick KCh*

*Chancellor's note: The effect of adopting this rule shall prevent any Imperial Ministry point double-dips awarded outside of sanctioned events. It will not retroactively remove any points already awarded. We prohibit ipso facto law.*

Option B:

**Lex Adria, Article V.F**

3. In addition, a member may record a second participation point and a second win, for participation or wins earned in one official Imperial event [or a ministry participation point for Imperial ministry service as recognized and approved by the Imperial Crown](#) in the same month that the member records points for participating as above. If the member participates in multiple official Imperial events [or Imperial ministry service](#) in one month, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation or win shall be recorded applies as above. This is not an exception to the law; it is the opportunity to record an additional point.

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**Commentary:** For many years, (10+), Adrian Imperial Crowns have awarded ministry points in addition to the monthly local participation. Our rules do not clearly authorize this, but it is an indisputable fact. When actual practice and black-letter law do not concur, the Estates should step in and clarify the Law. We are asking you to resolve the conflict. Shall our Law be changed to reflect our practice or should our practice be changed to better reflect our written law?

**Authors:** Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

**Discussion:**

It is currently possible to earn up to 5 or 6 more points in ministry by attending IEMs, Imperial Wars, and other Imperial events than can be earned in the other disciplines.

The Imperial Crown currently has the right to sanction and authorize a double-dip for Imperial events.

Please clarify exactly what is intended and meant.

This is a bureaucratic issue.

Arts takes the most personal time to earn a Knighthood. Archery is the most difficult. Ministry is the only discipline that requires time and effort for the benefit of others. More work in ministry means more activity and benefit for others, and that is the key.

This is designed to “level the playing field” with the other disciplines.

We must encourage those who want to “do everything” or we run the risk of not having enough people running things to have all of our activities.

Human nature being what it is, and us not being able to change it, people will always find a way to get extra points. The system we have works well, why try to change that?

This may be a bigger hammer than is needed to resolve the problem. It also may eliminate the Imperial Crown’s ability to help “equalize” the availability of points by scheduling individual Imperial events and activities.

**NB4. Amend the By-Laws Article IV to reinstate distribution of dues between the Empire and the local chapters**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Rename B and add as follows:

**B. DISTRIBUTION** [~~EXPENSE-APPROVAL~~]

1. Distribution of dues paid shall be as follows: 70% to the Imperial and 30% to the Chapter.

2. The Imperial Crown may expend the ~~treasury~~ funds on items as approved by the Imperial Estates.

**COMMENTARY:** . When this was removed the Empire needed 100% of the dues to cover expenses and the Imperial Travel Fund was a separate account funded solely on donations and fund raising. This was to be a temporary measure with the intent to later redistribute back to the local chapters. This redistribution will allow for the local regions to once again be supported by membership dues to cover some of the operating expenses that they incur. The Imperial Travel fund can once again be a separate account funded by fundraisers and private donations just like the local subdivisions do today. This will create a more equitable status between the Imperial and Local chapters for budgeting. Based on historical figures, the cost for operating expenses of the Imperial government, including insurance and legal/financial

*assistance has been holding steady at about 70%. The Imperial government now has sufficient reserves to offset small fluctuations.*

*Authors:* HRM Sir Fredrick von Burg Umbria, Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR

**Counterproposal:**

Increase all membership fees by \$5.00 with that \$5.00 going to the Chapter.

Amend ByLaws V. as follows:

**B. DISTRIBUTION** [~~EXPENSE APPROVAL~~]

1. \$5.00 of each membership fee will go to the Chapter.

**D. SCHEDULE**

1. Single

a. Annual: \$30.00

2. Family

a. Annual: +(\$20.00 \* X)

3. Associate

a. Per Article III.B.4, set by the Imperial Crown

(Chancery Note: currently \$[~~15~~20.00 annually)

*Commentary:* Many chapters need start-up money or on-going help to send a representative to Imperial Estates meetings. These modest amounts should at least help Duchies, Archduchies and Kingdoms send their representative. Shires, of course, are represented by the Imperial Crown. In this economy, Chapters need the help. The Empire should maintain an adequate safety net and any dues increase must be modest to avoid a hardship for our members.

*Authors:* Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

**Discussion:**

Net gain at the Imperial level for last year was \$900.

The benefit to Shires is insignificant, if there is an increase. The increase in cost to families is noticeable.

The counter proposal is more advantageous to the smaller Chapters.

What's the reason for the extra \$5? Because the Empire does not have (cannot afford) the 30% without additional income.

Would the extra \$5 be sent in to the Empire and "refunded" or collected locally? Either.

Isn't there already a fund in the Imperial budget for Chapters? *Yes, but it is for start-ups.* Couldn't that be used for this? *No*

There are administrative problems with refunding a portion of membership fees to the local Chapters (bookkeeping, accountability, reporting, ...)

How is the \$5 collected from lifetime memberships?

Estimated average funds raised above the actual expenses at the Imperial level: about \$2,000/year

**NB5. Delete ByLaws Article IV.F Newsletter**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

**F. NEWSLETTER**

~~[The Ministry of Information shall determine the cost of production and mailing the Adrian Empire newsletter. Those wishing to receive the Adrian Empire newsletter shall pay this fee.]~~ Removed

*Commentary:* The Newsletter, when published, has only been published electronically for several years. As there is no expense associated with that, this paragraph should be deleted.

*Authors: Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

*Discussion:*

*Motion to consider Failed on voice*

*If people want a printed copy, have them ask a friend to print it for them.*

## **NB6. Amend the Lex Adria Article XVI.A Conduct of Crown Wars**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

### 5. War

- c. In the case of more than 2 sets of contenders, at [At] least four group battles, one champion's battle, and three arts points shall be decided on the first day.

### 6. War Points

#### b Eight Arts Points

##### i Highest total

The army with the highest total points on each of the lists. [~~This is the same system that has been in place, minus the categories.~~]

*Commentary: The original law stated that certain points must be determined on the first day in the case of a multiple contender war so that the two strongest armies could continue to the next day. The scenarios refer to a time when there were only 6 arts points (3 Knights/3 Masters (one for each category) and 9 combat points and no archery points awarded. This section is outdated at best, but could be helpful in a multi-contender war perhaps. To be useful law, I have suggest these changes:*

*Author: Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR*

*Sponsors: Sir Fredrick KCh*

*Discussion:*

*Although there are those in favor, the general consensus is against this item.*

## **NB7. Amend Lex Adria XVI.B.6, Conduct of Imperial Crown War, for clarity**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Reword Lex Adria XVI.B.6.b

Option A:

Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The Heir(s) Apparent shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation and its autocrat, which shall be in [~~conjunction with~~] the same metropolitan area and on the same weekend as the November [meeting of the] Imperial Estates meeting.

Alternative 1: Add the following:

The bids for the November coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 30 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 2: Add the following:

The bids for the November coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 45 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 3: Add the following:

The bids for the November coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 90 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Option B:

Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for

the amusement of the populace. The Heir(s) Apparent shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation and autocrat(s) [~~which shall be~~] in conjunction with the November [~~meeting of the~~] Imperial Estates meeting.

Alternative 1: Add the following:

The bids for the November IEM and coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 30 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 2: Add the following:

The bids for the November IEM and coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 45 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 3: Add the following:

The bids for the November IEM and coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 90 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Option C:

Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The [~~Heir(s) Apparent~~] Crowns shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation, [~~which shall be~~] in conjunction with the November [~~meeting of the~~] Imperial Estates meeting.

*Commentary: The current wording of XVI.B.6 is open to several interpretation: Does the coronation have to be in the same "city" as the IEM? Do the Heirs Apparent have any say in the location of the IEM? Do the IEM and the coronation have to have the same autocrat? These options spell out the interpretations specifically. The alternatives provide a time frame for the presentation of site information to the Heirs Apparent when they have a say in choosing the site location for the coronation and/or IEM.*

*Authors: Sir William Baine, CR, and Greor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

**Discussion:**

Needs to address the budget. The Heirs do not have budgetary control. It is hard for the incoming Crowns to predict the requested budget for the next year's coronation.

The law currently provides for all of these options. Which are preferred? Which are viable?

**NB8. Combine and amend IEW 42 and 44 to require BoD meetings 1 month prior to the IEMs Withdrawn**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

Modify IEW 42 as follows:

~~[Publication of Minutes]~~ (Life, the Universe, and) Meetings of the Board of Directors

1. The BoD shall meet at least 4 times per year.
2. The first meeting of their term shall be held at the Budgetary Meeting of the Imperial Estates, where the newly elected members and President shall be sworn in, shall elect their Vice President, and the Recording Secretary, and will consider such business as banking resolutions and schedule their meetings for the remainder of the term..
3. Three meetings shall be scheduled no less than 37 days prior to the three regular IEMs., These meetings may be in person, electronically, or a combination thereof.
4. Notice
  - a. In order to call a meeting of the Board of Directors, notice must be published minimally to both the Adrian Empire Imperial Estates

- notification board and the Board of Directors notification board at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.
- b. In the event 14 days notification cannot be made, attempt notification of the meeting and details must be sent to all members of the Board via email, or the Board's notification board. Additionally, each member not physically at the meeting shall be notified via telephone prior to the meeting. All decisions made at a meeting without proper notification must be ratified by the Board at their next properly noticed meeting.
5. Reporting
- a. The minutes for all Board of Directors meetings will be published to all Crowns, the Adrian Empire Website, and the BoD and Imperial Estates electronic Groups within 30 days of the meeting.
- b. An electronic report summarizing the business and recommendations of the board shall be posted no less than 30 days prior to the IEM.
- c. The names of any minors will be redacted for their protection.

*Author: Sir William Baine, CR, and Greor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

*Discussion:*

No discussion, no apparent desire for this item.

Withdrawn.

## **NB9. Exception to Law/Revised Charter for Carolingia**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

Adopt an Imperial Estates Writ that the chapter known as Carolingia be decreed a holy land and as such be forever recorded among in our chapters. As such, it will make no claims to sole use of its mundane physical area and allow the Imperial Crown to approve any events in its borders.

*Commentary: The people of Carolingia devised and fleshed out the structure we use today and this will honor the memory of their accomplishments while not preventing any membership from using the area their subdivision once held.*

*Authors: Lord Wright, HRM Bour*

*Sponsors: Sir William Baine, CR, and Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

*Discussion:*

Desire is to allow Carolingia to be a permanent Chapter but to allow other Chapters to use the land.

Honors and recognized the contributions of the members of Carolingia to Adria.

This is a "no brainer" that really needs to be approved

Their contributions were great, but this is not the way to do it.

## **NB10. Amend War Judging in IEW-1**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

D. WAR JUDGING

1. [~~The War~~] Entries shall be judged by a panel of at least three qualified judges [~~per entry~~]. Four judges are recommended, [~~with three primary and an alternate judge designated.~~]
2. [~~Judging panels will have four qualified judges; three main and one alternate judge.~~] The panels should be representative of the armies in the war, and will not favor any army or faction and be chosen for subject matter knowledge and expertise according to each type of entry.
3. The pool of judges should be decided prior to the war based on qualified judges who have notified the MA&S of their willingness to judge.

4. The contenders, the contender's family, and any direct vassals (have sworn personal fealty to the contender) shall not judge.
5. An artisan who has also entered the lists at a war may not judge more than 50% of the entries unless there are too few judges willing to serve.
6. An artisan cannot judge their own work. A judge should not be a family member or close affiliate, if possible.
7. All judging shall be performed as in a standard arts tournament.
8. A tournament win shall be awarded to artisans who have qualifying scores.
9. Masterworks can be awarded.
10. ~~[The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall discuss any scores where one score is five or more points from the next closest score with the judging panel prior to it being recorded by the List Mistress. All judges on the panel must initial each change to a score. A notation discussing the reason for the score change must be made.]~~ The three closest scores will be used for the average and the fourth score will not be used. The MA&S shall discuss any score that differs by more than four from any other score used with the judge, who 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. If the ~~[Minister of Arts and Sciences]~~ 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. ~~[If an alternate judge participated in the judging, their score may be substituted for the out-of-range score.]~~ Neither the ~~[Minister of Arts and Sciences]~~ MA&S nor the Crown may change or “adjust” arts scores.
11. Any change to a score must be initialed by the judge and a notation of the reason for the change shall be made.

**Commentary:** *The changes to 1 and 2 are to get rid of the words “alternate judge”. We need to use the words “4 judges” and not make one different from the others. Then we just take the 3 scores we are going to use. The change to 10 and addition of 11 is to clarify the 5 point difference. Discussing the reason for the score change must be made. If the Minister of Arts and Sciences and the Crown feel that one of the judges is biased or unreasonable, two additional judges may be selected to judge the piece. If an alternate judge participated in the judging, their score may be substituted for the out-of-range score. Neither the Minister of Arts and Sciences nor the Crown may change or “adjust” arts scores.*

**Author:** Dame Etaine Llywelyn, KDr

**Sponsors:** HG Sir William Baine, CR

**Discussion:**

The problem is not the rules or the implementation, but the individuals involved. Please write additional items, proposals, or counter-proposals.

It's not about the points, it's about the judges not doing their job correctly or taking the time to learn something about the entries so that they can be judged properly.

If there are 4 scores, and 1 is “too high” and 1 is “too low” by the same difference (24, 26, 26, 29), which is to be dropped?

The Arts Knights need to “take charge and responsibility” for the Arts, to address the actions, attitudes, and education so that the system works correctly.

Remove the word “alternate” and, all things being equal, drop the lowest score.

Provide the Chancellor with your ideas and suggestions, we will draft the items.



It's not about the system; it's about educating the judges as to what their duties are and how to do them. Judges are passing up items because of unfamiliarity with the art form rather than taking the item to learn about it. Simple projects like sugar cookies and quills should NOT receive masterworks.

If you have 4 judges, 2 from each army to provide a balance, automatically eliminating one (the alternate) produces a bias. Neutral judges help if 2 neutrals judges are used and 1 of them is the alternate.

Give the Chapter or autocrat the authority to not use judges whose scores are known to be frequently out of range.

### **NB11. Amend IEW 16, Imperial Crown Travel Fund**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

Amend the title:

Imperial [~~Crown~~] Travel Fund

*Commentary:* This will then include BoD Officer travel and not limit to just the Imperial Crowns since the BoD travel has become an addition to the Imperial Budget.

*Author:* Her Royal Majesty Shahara of Umbria

*Sponsors:* HG Cocah Anatolii of York and HG Margarita Dubious of Cyprus

*Discussion:*

“No brainer”

### **NB12. Amend IEW 16, Imperial Crown Travel Fund**

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

Add the following:

- a. The Imperial Travel is directed for use by the Imperial Crowns for three Imperial Estates Meetings (IEMs), and two Imperial Wars to defray the expenses for such travel. Should the Imperial Crowns decide to do other travel, it is not reimbursed with Adrian Membership Income, even if it is within the Estates approved travel budget.
- b. The Imperial Travel is directed for use by the Imperial Chancellor to defray the cost for travel for three IEMs since the Chancellor is required to conduct the IEM. Should the Chancellor not be available to attend the meeting, the Deputy Chancellor's travel will be reimbursed in order to conduct the IEM in the absence of the Imperial Chancellor. Should the Chancellor decide to travel to other events, it is at their own expense and not reimbursed with Adrian Membership Income.
- c. The Imperial Travel is directed for use by the Imperial Steward/Treasurer for three IEMs to defray costs for travel since the Steward/Treasurer has the financial responsibility for the Corporation and should be at the IEM. Should the Steward/Treasurer decide to travel to other events, it is at their own expense and not reimbursed with Adrian Membership Income.
- d. The Imperial Travel is directed for use by the Board of Director (BoD) President to defray the costs of travel to the IEMs and BoD meetings. The President is required to conduct the BoD meeting and report directly to the Imperial Estates at the IEM. In the event that the BoD President is unable to attend the meeting, then the Vice President's travel will be covered to conduct the meeting in the President's absence. Should any officer of the BoD decide to travel to other

events, it will be at their own expense and not be reimbursed with Adrian Membership Funds.

*Commentary:* We feel it should be stipulated in the Estates Writ exactly what and for whom the Imperial Travel Budget is used for. It seems over the years that the original intent has been lost and not enough fund raising done to cover the expenditures incurred. In our opinion, the Imperial Travel budget should be used for required travel. Any other travel is not required for the Imperial Crowns, Ministers or BoD Officers. The current Writ simply states this fund "is to help defray travel expenses" for the Imperial Crowns. We believe the funds should be allocated for travel only to the IEM's/BoD meetings; and for the Imperial Crowns, to attend two Imperial Wars. If the Imperial Crown(s) chooses to visit another Region, it should be done for the Imperial Crown Wars wherein more than one chapter will benefit from the visit and have access to the Imperial Crown(s) for that event. If a chapter wants to have an Imperial Crown visit, they can have a fund raiser for that travel.

*Author:* Her Royal Majesty Shahara of Umbria, Crown

*Sponsors:* HG Dame Cocah Anatolii of York, CR, HG Hawthorne de Tallyrand Perigord of York, CR, HG Cameron Kilshannig of Umbria, CR, HG Margarita Dubios of Cyprus, CR, HG Marion Leal Durius of Esperance, CR, Sir Dorn der Schwarzen, Crown and Dame Felecia 'the Bold' der Schwarzen of Tyr-Lynn, CR

**Discussion:**

Travel by the Imperial Crowns to chapters is desired and appropriate. It allows the Crowns to learn about Chapters 1<sup>st</sup> hand, to disseminate information and culture, and for remote and/or new Chapters to meet TIMs for face to face discussions.

Imperial visits to individual Chapters is a "paid vacation"

Flexibility is desirable and necessary. The Crowns need some discretion in how to use this fund.

Separate funds allows for easier tracking of raised funds and travel expenses for non-Imperial events and activities

Assistance is needed not just for the Crowns, but for some of the ministers (e.g. Chancellor, their staff, & Steward) and others who are needed to provide testimony.

**NB13. Delete IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, Article IV.G.1.a.iii  
Judicial Ban Process, Imperial Crown, 28 member option**

[was CH6]

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

**Discussion:**

1/3 of membership is 1/3 of votes which could be as few as 35 or as many as 70 individuals.

We have many duplicitous and unnecessary rules. This will help reduce that.

**NB14. Amend IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, Article IV.G.3.b.  
Judicial Ban, Removal**

[was CH7]

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

**Discussion:**

To stop the petition, you only need 1/3. You may not have enough to convict (2/3), but you have enough to prevent passage.

**NB15. Amend Lex Adria Article VI. Summoning Meetings**

[was CH10]

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Discussion:

A specific number is easier to understand than a percentage.

3 people is too few to cause the Empire to spend a weekend, interrupt one or more local events, and expend \$1500. 1/3 of the membership, which can be as few as 28 people, is more reasonable.

**NB16. Amend Lex Adria, Article XV.A Pax Regium**

[was CH11]

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Discussion:

Do not always have a Chronicler.

This is more in line with what we do.

**NB17. Create a new IEW to change the issuance of membership cards**

[was CH12]

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

Discussion:

Change bi/tri-fold to multifold

Should only be membership, not combat, archery and arts.

Combining “all” of the cards into one is a lot of trouble on a “frequent” basis.

Membership cards are/should be annual, combat cards are “perennial

Provide an option for local chapters to issue cards if they want

Will this replace the current combat card? Yes

The card is not needed.

Could we allow each Chapter to design its own?

**NB18. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI for clarity and simplification**

[was CH17]

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Discussion:

This follows current practice.

**NB19. Correct the definition of Writs in the Lex Adria Glossary**

[was CH18]

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

Discussion:

Re-insert the word “written” or add “in writing” at the end of each line.

There is a statement in Law that rules are not enforceable until they are published.

**NB20. Amendments to IEW 18 to correct the term “Geographic Chapter” and include missing order information**

[was CH19]

*(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

Discussion:

Just remove the word geographic.

Prefer to have Archduchy and Duchy separated.

Have Duchy and Archduchy merged and separate as options

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### DI1. Create a policy for IT

Establish an IT policy for all Imperial activities

1. Asset Management: A system that monitors and maintains items of value.
  - a. Laptop: Who is responsible for maintaining? Where do we obtain?
    - i. Warranty
  - b. Software: What software is needed to perform duties of position maintaining the physical item? How often do we upgrade software we get to newer versions?
    - i. Editor: Word, Open Office?
    - ii. Virus: Kaspersky, Norton, MacAfee? Which offers the best protection?
  - c. Domain: Who controls, who has access? If we had to gain control of the domain how would we do that?
    - i. Do we have the option to set up emails through the domain for Imperial positions?
      1. This will maintain a central location for business emails to be located. And will maintain continuity of information coming into Imperial Positions across the years. This also removes personal emails from public sites.
  - d. Working Documents: What documents does the Empire maintain and who do they belong to?
2. Back up
  - a. Site: Who maintains a backup?
    - i. What's the policy of our hosting provider should things go bad with the hosting plan?
  - b. Working docs: Per our hosting providers Terms of Service files on the hosting plan have to be used for the site. We need to come up with a central location to store and make documents available for edits. Something like Google Docs or Online File Storage through Go Daddy. Not sure if Blue Host has something similar.
  - c. Update protocols: Who updates what? How are things 'checked out' for edits? Some services allow multiple people in the same document for edits: Google Docs, SharePoint

*Commentary:* Seeing a need for a policy for IT within the Adrian Empire, I have drafted this as a beginning.

*Author:* Dame Giselle Arndt, CR

*Sponsor:* Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau CR

#### **Discussion:**

Author needs to contact those already performing IT duties

Individuals are asked to contact the author with input and suggestions.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES:**

**19-20 JULY, 2014**

(Region 1 recommended)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**3:18**

## Appendix A. Civil Court Reports

C

- Case:** Cv Ct Imp 1402\_\_-1 – Sir Klaus’s petition for recognition of past points
- Petitioners:** Sir Klaus van Isbjerg
- Petition:** Petition for recognition of past points
- Panel:** Earl Thomas Weimar, Earl Aloysius of Stirling, and Earl Finnian MacLeod
- Summary:** In the case of Sir Klaus Van Isbjerg’s point discrepancy, we find that the points necessary for both Knight Champion and Knight Premier are met and exceeded.
- Reasoning:** In finding these points to be valid, this Court found the evidence of detail from Sir Klaus’s records to be compelling. In addition, the stringent supporting testimony from previous Imperial Crowns, Royal Crowns and Peers of the Realm establishing the veracity of Sir Klaus’s records and character were extremely persuasive. In fact, the Kingdom of Terre Neuve has repeatedly used Sir Klaus’s records to fill gaps in their own records.
- We would also like to state that throughout the Empire it is always being said that each member is responsible for tracking their points. How then can we ignore the act of one member who did so? It is also recognized by this Court that the Imperial records have gaps and that there has also been unauthorized removal and destruction of records and points in the past. We find it incredulous that Sir Klaus could only have had one participation in an eighteen month period when he was Viceroy of Lowenburg. These factors alone warrant an acceptance of the data presented.
- Ruling:** A detailed list of accepted points will be forwarded to the Imperial Crowns and their ministers for inclusion in the Imperial records. It is important to note that this list is not exclusive and does not prevent future evidence of other points from being presented, but is instead a list of the available data at this time.
- Finally, we would also like to address the “one point per month” rule. During trial, some testimony was given suggesting that this rule was not in effect before 2001. However, after additional research, we have found that this rule has been in effect since at least 1997. Therefore, pending future evidence to the contrary, we find that this limit must be applied to this petitioner as well as any future ones. Even with this restriction though, Sir Klaus easily has the points needed for both accolades.

## Appendix B. Additional Imperial Orders

A

Add to Article III.A:

16. The Imperial Order of the Golden Cross  
*Sable, a cross and in canton a fleur-de-lis Or. (Black, a gold cross and in upper left a gold fleur-de-lis.)*  
This order grants precedence equal to that of Viscount and Viscountess (non-Founding). Granted solely by the Imperial Crowns, this Order is reserved for those members who have shown years of exemplary and exceptional service to the Empire without recognition. Considered a “lifetime achievement award”, this award may be granted at most once per reign to as many individuals as the Imperial Crowns deem worthy.
17. The Order of the Empress’ Grace  
*Quarterly Azure and Sable, a griffin statant Argent. (Quartered blue and black, a silver griffin standing on all four feet.)*  
This Order grants precedence equal to that of Lord or Lady. This award is given by Her Imperial Majesty for service with chivalry and honor to the Empire, Imperial Crown, or Chapter.
18. The Order of the Golden Arrow –  
*[Fieldless] An arrow fesswise Or. (A gold arrow, displayed horizontally, pointing to the left).*  
This Order grants no precedence and is given by the Imperial Crown to any member who wins the Champions’ Archery Shoot at both Imperial Wars during that Crown’s reign.
19. Inactive Orders  
The following Orders are no longer active within the Adrian Empire. Though these Orders are no longer granted by Imperial, Kingdom, or Ducal Crowns, any member who had achieved membership within one of these Orders prior to the publication of this list (March, 2014) may retain the use of any badges, symbols, honorifics, or rights of precedence the Order previously granted. Reactivation of any of these Orders may happen upon the prerogative of the Imperial Crown, by bestowing membership upon an individual, and shall require the Imperial Crown notify the Imperial Sovereign of Arms that the Order is being reactivated.
  - A. Order of Saint Bridget  
*Sable, a stag’s massacre Vert and in chief a flame Gules.*
  - B. Order of Saint Gabriel  
*Vert, a maltese cross and a border Or.*
  - C. Order of the Celestial Raven  
*Gules, a raven and in chief three estoiles Or.*
  - D. Order of the Hospital of St. Bella in Jerusalem  
*Several badges. See below:*
    1. *Azure, a cross radiant and a border embattled Argent.*
    2. *Sable, a maltese cross Argent and on a chief Gules, four maltese crosses Argent.*
    3. *Sable, a pale Gules and overall a maltese cross Argent.*
    4. *Gules, a pale Sable and overall a maltese cross Argent.*
    5. *[Fieldless] A maltese cross Argent.*
    6. *Azure, a maltese cross and a border embattled Argent.*
    7. *Gules, a maltese cross Argent.*
  - E. E. Order of the Fu – (No badge registered.)
  - F. F. Order of the Rose – [Tinctureless] A rose.

Add to Article III.B:

7. Ministry of Archery:

*Vert, a sheaf of arrows Or. (Green, three golden arrows, points downward).*

8. Archivist:

*Per chevron flory-counter flory Azure and Or, in base a lion passant guardant Argent. (Divided in an upside down "V" formation in blue and gold, each side of the dividing line being charged with fluer-de-lis, with gold fleur-de-lis appearing on the blue, and blue fleur-de-lis appearing on the gold. At the base, a silver lion, paw raised, with its faced turned to look at the viewer.)*

9. Chancellor:

*Azure, a cross Or between four castles Argent. (Blue, a gold cross between four silver castles, one in each corner.)*

10. Children's Activities:

*Or, flaunches Argent, a unicorn rampant Argent, maned Gules, maintaining a scroll Or. (Gold with two silver semi-circles on each side, on top of that a silver unicorn with a red mane holding a gold scroll.)*

11. Education:

*Azure, an owl Or. (Blue, a gold owl.)*

12. Hospitaler:

*Azure, a chest Or. (Blue, a gold chest.)*

13. Joust & War:

*Gules, two axes in saltire and a sword Or. (Red, two gold axes crossed and on top of that a gold sword).*

**Appendix C.**

**A**

**Articles of Incorporation**

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT  
OF  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ADRIAN EMPIRE, INCORPORATED**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 10-11002, 10-11006 and 10-11007 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the undersigned corporation adopts the following amendments and restatement of its Articles of Incorporation:

**FIRST:** The name of the corporation is The Adrian Empire, Incorporated.

**SECOND:** The document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" sets forth a restatement of the Articles of Incorporation, which contain amendments to the Articles of Incorporation.

**THIRD:** The document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" was duly adopted by an act of the board of directors and the delegates of the corporation on July 10, 2010 and March 16, 2013, respectively.

DATED: March 16, 2013.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Lawrence Moura  
Its: Secretary/Treasurer



**EXHIBIT A**

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT  
OF  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ADRIAN EMPIRE, INCORPORATED**

These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation supersede and take the place of the heretofore existing Articles of Incorporation and any amendments or restatements thereof of Adrian Empire, Incorporated, all pursuant to the Arizona Nonprofit Corporation Act, Sections 10-3101 through 10-11702 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (“ANCA”).

**ARTICLE I**

*Name*

The name of the Corporation is Adrian Empire, Incorporated. The corporation is hereafter referred to as the “Corporation.”

**ARTICLE II**

*Purposes*

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and literary purposes within the meaning of I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) including but not limited to promoting activities and education in the field of Medieval Western European Culture between 1066 C.E. and 1603 C.E.; publishing material of relevance and interest of said era; presenting activities and events which recreate the environment of said era, such as (but not limited to) tournaments, fairs, demonstrations, classes, et cetera; encouraging its members and chapters to research, acquire, and produce items representative of said era; researching, acquiring, and producing items representative of said era; and collecting a library of works relevant to the era. The Corporation or its authorized Chapters as defined in the By-Laws may carry out its purposes directly or by making gifts, grants or other payments to other qualifying organizations as defined in Article VIII of this document. From time to time the Corporation may authorize one of its Chapters to make such a gift, grant, or other payment. Chapters at a Kingdom level (as defined by the Bylaws) may make such gifts, grants, or other payments without prior Corporation authorization but must adhere to the rules as set out in this article. In these Articles, the term "I.R.C." means the Internal Revenue Code and references to provisions thereof are to such provisions as they are from time to time amended and to corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

**ARTICLE III**

*Activities and Restrictions*

Section 1. No dividends, liquidating dividends, or distributions shall be declared or paid by the Corporation to any private individual or officer or director of the Corporation.

Section 2. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, unless by appropriate election a greater part is permitted without jeopardizing the Corporation's exemption under I.R.C. § 501(c)(3). The Corporation shall neither participate in, nor intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office, including the publishing or distribution of any statements.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings or net income of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual or officer or director of the Corporation; provided, however, that such a person may receive reasonable compensation for personal services rendered, or reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred, which are necessary to carrying out the exempt purposes of the Corporation.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) or by a Corporation contributions to which are deductible under I.R.C. § 170(c)(2).

Section 5. Whenever the Corporation is a private foundation as defined in I.R.C. § 509(a), the income of the Corporation shall be distributed at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under I.R.C. § 4942 and the Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing, or retain any excess business holdings, or make any taxable expenditures as defined in I.R.C. § 4941(d), 4943(c) and 4945(d), respectively, or make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under I.R.C. § 4944; or make any indemnification which would give rise to a penalty excise tax under I.R.C. Chapter 42.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### *Members*

The Corporation shall have one or more classes of members whose respective qualifications, rights, and method of acceptance shall be as specified in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### *Estates*

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by delegates hereafter referred to as "the Estates" which shall consist of such number of persons as shall be fixed by the Bylaws from time to time. Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 10-3801(c), the Estates shall have the duties and responsibilities of the directors, and the directors shall be relieved from those duties and responsibilities except to the extent authority is specifically delegated to the directors by the Estates. The terms of office, qualifications and method of election of the Estates shall be as specified in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI**  
*Board of Directors*

There shall be a board of directors which shall manage certain activities pursuant to authority specifically delegated to the board of directors by the Estates. The Board of Directors shall be managed by the Estates which shall consist of such number of persons as shall be fixed by the Bylaws from time to time, but shall not be less than the number of directors required by the ANCA. The terms of office, qualifications and method of election of the directors and the delegates shall be as specified in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII**  
*Amendment*

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Estates of the Corporation by vote of 2/3rds of said Estates of the Corporation at the time that the amendment is adopted, provided that no amendment shall substantially change the original purposes of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
*Dissolution*

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively to one or more organizations then described in I.R.C. § 170(c)(2), 501(c)(3), 2055(a)(2) and 2522(a)(2) having purposes substantially similar to those of the Corporation (except that no private foundation as defined by I.R.C. § 509(a) shall be a recipient) or to one or more units or agencies of federal, state or local government to be used exclusively for public purposes, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so distributed shall be distributed to one or more of such organizations as determined by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located.

**ARTICLE IX**

*Principal Office; Registered Office and Registered Agent*

The mailing address of the principal office of the Corporation is 2328 W. Village, Phoenix, Arizona 85023. The street address of the registered office of the Corporation is 2328 W. Village, Phoenix, Arizona 85023, and the registered agent at such address is Victor Grady, II.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned officer of Adrian Empire, Incorporated hereby certifies that the foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation [do not] contain amendments to the Articles of Incorporation requiring member or delegate approval and that said Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Board of Directors and the delegates in accordance with Section 10-11003 of the ANCA.

Executed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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Name: Lawrence Moura  
Its: Secretary/Treasurer

## Appendix D.

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### laytest of Rawlings type synthetic sword

#### Scope:

The intent is to determine the suitability, if possible, of the Rawlings brand synthetic sword as a possible replacement to the shinai that has been used for the past 20 years to simulate armored/unarmored medieval combat. The author refuses to provide an opinion for or against this weapon and leave it to those who read this document to form their own opinion.

#### Weapon details

Longsword:

Retail Price: \$73 + tax (complete sword)

From the website (<http://www.woodenswords.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=1837>):

Blade Length 96.5cm (38") - \$43 Guard 24cm (9 ½") - \$16 Handle/Grip 19.5cm (7 ¾") - \$16 Pommel 6.5cm (2 ½") - \$16 Hilt Length 27cm (10 ½") Total Length 124cm (48 ½") Total Weight 785g (1.73lbs) POB 6"

All sizes are approximate.

From the manufacturer's website: Our swords are designed as the ultimate training tool. They can be used like a waster for Drilling and Pell Work and can also be used for Sparring (with appropriate protection). The Blades are constructed to flex in the last 1/3 towards the tip. This gives us a blade that can be used for thrusting (protection should ALWAYS be worn) without being whippy. The blade/tang joint (traditionally a weak point) is reinforced by a steel rod running along the full length of the handle. This also removes any flex in the handle traditionally associated with plastic training swords. The Standard Guard is constructed from nylon. The ball shaped quillions are designed for safety when sparring (large surface area = less chance of being impaled). They are modeled using the same dimensions as seen on an existing 15th Century Longsword. This is a nice example of a historical design that helps us with safe sparring. The slide on Grips are constructed from a thermoplastic elastomer to provide the feel of leather over wood. They offer excellent impact absorption without feeling spongy. The Pommel is constructed from nylon. This provides our swords with excellent balance and makes them safer than metal pommels for pommel strikes. A brass nut is molded into the pommel to provide a tight metal on metal joint to the tang. The swords can be taken apart easily by unscrewing the pommel. This not only makes transporting them easy – it also allows you to customize your sword with our range of interchangeable parts (available separately). Materials Our range of swords is manufactured in the U.K to the highest quality. They are constructed from high grade nylon (U.K. sourced for quality control) instead of cheaper polypropylene used by other manufacturers. Nylon swords offers much greater durability, impact resistance and performs in a wider range of temperatures.

Shortsword: Retail Price: \$70 + tax (complete sword)

From the website (<http://www.woodenswords.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=1854>):

Blade Length 86.5cm (34") - \$43 Guard 20cm (8") – \$16 Handle/Grip 11.5cm (4 ½") - \$16 Pommel 6.5cm (2 ½") \$16 Hilt Length 19cm (7 ½") Total Length 106cm (41 ½") Weight 698g (1.54lbs) POB 5.5" All sizes are approximate.

From the manufacturer's website: Our swords are designed as the ultimate training tool. They can be used like a waster for Drilling and Pell Work and can also be used for Sparring (with appropriate protection). The Blades are constructed to flex in the last 1/3 towards the tip. This gives us a blade that can be used for thrusting (protection should ALWAYS be worn) without being whippy. The blade/tang joint (traditionally a weak point) is reinforced by a steel rod running along the full length of the handle. This also removes any flex in the handle traditionally associated with plastic training swords. The Standard Guard is constructed from nylon. The ball shaped quillions are designed for safety when sparring (large surface area = less chance of being impaled). They are modeled using the same dimensions as seen on an existing 15th Century Longsword. This is a nice example of a historical design that helps us with safe sparring. The slide on Grips are constructed from a thermoplastic elastomer to provide the feel of leather over wood. They offer excellent impact absorption without feeling spongy. The Pommel is constructed from nylon. This provides our swords with excellent balance and makes them safer than metal pommels for pommel strikes. A brass nut is molded into the pommel to provide a tight metal on

metal joint to the tang. The swords can be taken apart easily by unscrewing the pommel. This not only makes transporting them easy – it also allows you to customize your sword with our range of interchangeable parts (available separately). The swords weigh about 2/3 of the weight of a real sword. This is designed to lower the impact when sparring. The weight is kept back towards the hilt further lessening this impact. They are very well balanced and are heavier than most wooden wasters on the market. Materials Our range of swords is manufactured in the U.K to the highest quality. They are constructed from high grade nylon (U.K. sourced for quality control) instead of cheaper polypropylene used by other manufacturers. Nylon offers much greater durability, impact resistance and performs in a wider range of temperatures.

### **Practical application analysis.**

Joel has personally owned the longsword for 2 years and has been using it weekly for that time. The sword has proven very durable against both shinai and another Rawlings sword. No other types of swords have been used against this weapon. Stainless steel pommel and cross guards are available but were not purchased as they add about 10.5 oz of weight each and change the balance point of the weapon. They were also not available 2 years ago.

The manufacturer analysis is fairly accurate. The sword is not very whippy when wielded properly but did exhibit some floppiness when wielded improperly (such as on the flat), but these characteristics are actually no different than the metal feather swords on the market that are also used for unarmored combat.

The sword was taken to the National Steel Tournament (NST) in Nevada in October of 2012. The crowns of Albion allowed their field to be used to test the swords and demonstrate them to the Empress. The sword was handed to both knights and current shinai fighters to spar with and described their opinions about them. As these were intended to be true analogs to the metal originals, thrusting was allowed and was done frequently. The blades flexed reasonably, even when run upon and no one expressed a fear of the sword breaking or of being injured. Each fighter went to Empress Etaine, who was present, and gave their opinion of the weapon to her. Overpowered testing did occur in which a subject either struck or were struck intentionally with blows of significant power deemed in excess of the rules. This was done with permission and demonstrated the weapon's ability to withstand strikes that are considered too hard. Protective equipment, including the fencing mask was not damaged. It does need to be noted that a metal shield, normally used in steel, was used as part of the playtest and noticeable damage was incurred on the weapon. Shinais used against this shield also noted similar gouges, but not as deep as was done to the nylon. This particular shield had a metal rolled edge and not covered in leather or rubber.

Some combatants remarked that receiving strikes with the weapon did feel like it hit harder than when struck with a shinai but also noted that due to the lighter weight of the weapon it was easier to strike harder because they could swing faster. These same combatants also noted that when fighting someone who was more skilled at controlling the strikes, the hits were less painful. All of these combatants were wearing at least one piece of armor that was the bare minimum allowed by Adria rules and these were the areas they expressed pain when struck.

### **Cost and benefits vs detriments comparison.**

The shinai offers a cheap means of participating in combat. On average a typical, non-tournament grade shinai runs \$30, and once broken you would replace the entire weapon for another \$30. The Rawlings sword costs \$70/\$73 for a complete sword. This is a one-time cost. After this, when the sword breaks you only need to replace the part that broke (\$16 or \$43). The blade itself is \$13 more than a whole shinai, but the characteristics of both are completely different and really cannot be compared with any kind of reasonable accuracy.

Before now the technology did not allow for an accurate analog to a medieval sword without it being made of metal and still conform to the necessary protection requirements currently in place. The swords provided by Rawlings are the analog we've been waiting for.

The benefits of this weapon are:

- 1). The increased level of accuracy to the real western medieval sword of the period.
- 2). The sword is safe for thrusting, which was a characteristic of a sword that was unavailable to us before.

3). It's customizable and parts interchangeable, you can choose different pommels and if something breaks you only need to purchase the broken part, not a whole new sword.

4). They hold up to a shinai, so shinai's can be used on the same field as the Rawlings synthetic sword, However, the detriment is to the shinai as you cannot thrust with a shinai like you can with the Rawlings synthetic sword.

The detriments of this weapon are:

1). Increased cost. The cost of buying a complete weapon is twice that of a shinai, the cost of a replacement blade if it breaks is still \$10 more than the average cost of a shinai as noted earlier in this document.

2). They are not indestructible. While nylon and bamboo are not the same material, both can still be damaged in the course of using the weapons and can eventually lead to the weapon breaking. The overall life of this weapon can be decreased at a faster rate if used improperly, possibly in less time than the shinai. However, this is only theory as no destructive testing was conducted here.

3). There is a learning curve. Shinai's, just like rattan do not require a specific manner in which to wield them, the Rawlings synthetic sword is much like a real sword and therefore requires more training/practice to use them effectively.

4). There are no pole weapons, axes or maces. Only swords currently exist from Rawlings. There is a rubber headed pollaxe on the market, however the size and density of the head make it unsuitable and unsafe for unarmored combat.

5). Have the potential to hit harder because of the thinner surface area and significantly lighter weight (blade edge as opposed to the shinai slat).

### **Incidents:**

1. On 4/13/13. Ritter Dietrich was injured during a war scenario when he received a thrust that went under the bib of his mask and struck his gorget. While the strike did cause him to stop and get his breath, no damage to the throat area or bruising was present. Ritter Dietrich commented that the feeling was similar to taking a rapier thrust to the gorget. Physicker did not feel it necessary to pull him from the field and Ritter Dietrich chose to continue. His analysis detailed below.

2. On 4/13/13. Ritter Dietrich was again injured during a war scenario when he received a slash to the index finger to his right hand. Sir Geoffrey chose to sacrifice himself to the opposing arming in an attempt to take someone out of the battle with him. He came forward and dropped to his knees with the blade extended and struck Ritter Dietrich with the strong of the weapon, on top of the index finger near the back of the hand. Ritter Dietrich was wearing a leather work glove for protection. His finger did show some swelling and bruising and Ritter Dietrich chose to pull himself from the field. Ritter Dietrich later confirmed that he suffered a fractured finger as a result of this incident (see email below)

### **FAQ:**

Q: Can these things hit too hard?

A: Absolutely. Just like any weapon currently used within the Empire, these have the potential to be "abused" or used with excessive force leading to potential injury. Also like any weapon currently used within the Empire a certain amount of training and practice is expected to the point where one can use the weapon in a safe manner. Of course accidents happen, if they didn't we wouldn't need a physicker. The challenge will be most apparent with veteran combatants as they have the greatest potential of overpower since they are accustomed to the speed and force necessary to be effective in shinai related scenarios and these will require a more skilled touch.

Q: Is this playtest intended to replace shinai altogether?

A: No. Maybe in the future someone will make that proposal, but this is simply meant to introduce a new type of light weapon analog that is more physically accurate for our corporate framework that was previously unavailable.

Q: Does this company make pole weapons?

A: No. Rawlings does not make pollaxes. Purpleheart Armory, where I purchased these swords does make a rubber headed pollaxe that are to be attached to wood hafts. My personal opinion is that these are more suited for armored combat. As a result, the shinai "pollaxe" is still the only suitable weapon for simulating the use of a pollaxe in unarmored combat.

**Participant Commentary:**

This last Saturday (10/13/12) i participated in the play test of the new shinai replacement swords. Thrusting: they seem to work very well to bring the thrusting aspect to the field without any problems. Flat hit: the hit hard and left a pretty good welt and bruise on my right arm. On edge hit: i believe it hits too hard i took quite a few hits from it most hurt i bit nothing too bad but one to the knuckles caused me to have switch hands because i lost feeling in my hand and it still throbs today. A shot that landed on my left arm left a pretty good welt and limited the use of the arm for a while and those with a body shot caused me to pretty much say i was done with the fight even though i had energy to fight on i just did not want to get hit again. Now its possible the person i was fighting Was a little too powered up but I can't remember taking a shinai hit that ever hurt like those did. Now as far as using them in the future I can see with knights and people not so new being deal able but for new people or 13 year olds I can see this being a problem and people getting hurt or not letting their kids fight or just not doing shinai. If the armor requirements went up a little it may be possible but without softening the slashing blows landing force somehow ( like the foam versions ) i don't see these being safe especially for the youth. Equipment worn: Motorcycle gloves with reinforced leather and elbow pads gorget and helm with hood and fencing jacket (it should be noted that the fencing jacket has no sleeves and only protected the torso, the sleeves of his shirt was the only protection against strikes to the arms). Sir Logan

It was much better this time though a little overpowering and it has the potential to hurt a lot  
Sir Logan (after testing them a second time at a different event)

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Sir Connor,

I want to thank you again for the opportunity to test out your new weapon. I enjoyed it tremendously. One of the things I liked most about using this weapon was that it allowed me to feel more in control of the weapon, I was able to move easier and better than with a Shanai. As I mentioned I am very new to this sport, so I cannot make a lot of comparisson one vs the other. The one thing I didn't like about this weapon was that the hit was harder than with the Shanai. As it is light weight it will take some getting used to so as not to over power the hit. I apologize if that seems a bit contradictory I was able to handle the weapon better, able to block and go on the attack easier, but it was a bit more difficult to control the power behind some of the hits for me.

I look foward to trying this weapon again when I become a more experienced fighter.

Let me know if you require more input or information. I would be happy to answer questions about my experience using this weapon.

Sincerely,

YIS

Brigid Guildeforge

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After fighting with the new shinai alternatives, I am impressed. They handle better, look better, and promote better technique. I did fracture my finger upon recieving a blow from them, but that was more the physics than anything unsafe. I also recieved a thrust to the throat, but this has happened to me in rapier and could very well be an armor issue on my part. Overall. I very much like these waepons and feel that Adria would benefit from their approval.

Ritter Dietrich Von Holstien

Imperial Minister of Joust & War

Knight Champion