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Proposed Kingdom Law Changes for King Ragnarr and Queen Mary Isabel

Unto Your Majesties King Ragnarr and Queen Mary Isabel, Your Highnesses Prince Christoph and Princess Adelhait, and the good populace of Atlantia, Greetings from Maistir Cian, Kingdom Seneschal.

Their Majesties have proposed some new law changes and wish to hold a Curia Regis to discuss them before implementing them into law. The Curia Regis will be online, and will be held on Sunday, March 10th at 3:00 PM EST. Their Majesties are aware that this will be at the beginning of Gulf Wars. The Curia will be held online, but Atlantians at Gulf wars are welcome to join Their Majesties in person for Curia. Their Majesties also wish to remind Gulf War attendees of the time difference between the location of the event and Atlantia.

Per Kingdom Law, the members of Curia Regis are:

- The victor and consort of Crown Tournament of Atlantia
- All Territorial Barons and Baronesses
- All Great Officers of State
- All Officers of State
- All Branch Seneschals

Only the members of the Curia Regis may speak at Curia, but the populace is invited and encouraged to come and listen. If anyone has questions or concerns about the proposed law changes, they should reach out to their Branch Seneschal to pass those on at Curia. Law changes are designated as: Items to be deleted are struck through and typed in red, and additions are typed in blue. Text that is black is existing and not changing.

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The proposed law changes are:

4.2 Duties and Responsibilities of Great Officers of State

The Great Officers of State shall:

- Warrant Officers of State, deputies, Branch Officers and any At Large Officers by individual warrant or by roster for a period of time determined by the policy of the Great Officer. Warrants and rosters shall include, at minimum, the local Branch Officer's membership number and the information required by ~~Corpora VII K 1~~ Corpora VII J 1

Reasoning: Reference to Corpora is incorrect, adjusted it to proper section.

4.4.8 Emergency Deputies to Kingdom Great Officers of State

All Emergency Deputies to Kingdom Great Officers of State are designated as Officers of State.

Reasoning: Up until now, Emergency Deputies have not had official standing. They are now to be designated as Officers of State.

5.7 Suspension of Great Officers of State and Officers of State

In accordance with Corpora ~~VHM~~, VII L, Great Officers of State and Officers of State may be suspended by the Crown for stated cause for the duration of Their reign.

Reasoning: Reference to Corpora is incorrect, adjusted it to proper section.

5.1 Selection and Appointment of Great Officers of State and Officers of State

5.1.1 After the solicitation of applicants, Great Officers of State are selected and appointed by the Crown in Laws for the Kingdom of Atlantia consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal in accordance with Corpora VII I 1.

- The incumbent Great Officer of State shall advertise the open position. Applications shall be sent to both the Crowns who will be making the selection and to the Great Officer
- The application period should be no less than 30 days and no more than 60 days and should be started within the first 4 months of a reign to give ample time for applications to come in, the Crowns to decide, and for the Crowns to be able to install the new Great Officer before the end of Their reign.
- The Great Officer of State shall recommend a replacement to the Crown, but the Crown is in no way bound to follow that recommendation
- The Crown should make a decision within 2 weeks of the closing of the application period.
- Great Officers of State are ratified and warranted by the corresponding Corporate Officer (If applicable) and the Crown
- In accordance with Corpora VII I 1, if no corresponding Corporate Officer exists, the Crown shall act unilaterally

5.1.2 After the solicitation of applicants, Officers of State are selected and appointed by the Crown in consultation with the applicable Great Officer of State in accordance with Corpora VII I 2.

- The Great Officer of State shall advertise the open position. Applications shall be sent to both the Crowns who will be making the selection and to the Great Officer
- The application period should be no less than 30 days and no more than 60 days and should be started within the first 4 months of a reign to give ample time for applications to come in, the Crowns to decide, and for the Crowns to be able to install the new Great Officer before the end of Their reign.
- The Great Officer of State shall recommend a replacement to the Crown, but the Crown is in no way bound to follow that recommendation
- The Crown should make a decision within 2 weeks of the closing of the application period.
- Officers of State are ratified and warranted by the corresponding Great Officer and the Crown

Reasoning: This puts a definite time period for applications to be sent in, defines the time in which the Crown should make the decision, and limits the start of the process to the first four months of the Reign so that the Crown has time to decide and install the new Officer before the end of Their Reign.

5.13.4 Duties of the Kingdom Waiver Secretary

In addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State, the Kingdom Waiver Secretary shall supervise and coordinate the collection and storage of signed waivers in accordance with the By-Laws and Corporate Policy ~~VIE~~ VI 6.

Reasoning: Reference to Corpora is incorrect, adjusted it to proper section.

5.13.5 Duties of the Kingdom Calendar Deputy

In addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State, the Kingdom Calendar ~~Coordinator~~ Deputy shall:

- Maintain and publish the Kingdom Calendar
- Enforce the 75 mile event to event restriction
- Validate the completion of event registrations in accordance with the Kingdom ~~Seneschal~~ Chronicler policy

Reasoning: Event Registration requirements are under Kingdom Chronicler Policy. Also making the Kingdom Calendar Deputy name consistent.

5.13.6 Duties of the Kingdom Event Bids Coordinator

In addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State, the Kingdom Event Bids Coordinator shall:

- Manage the state of all kingdom event bids that are the responsibility of the Kingdom Seneschal's office
- Encourage and actively solicit bids from branches, households and individuals following the procedures laid out in Kingdom Seneschal Policy

Reasoning: The Event Bid process will be delineated under the Kingdom Seneschal policy

5.13.7 Kingdom Event Bid Committee

The Kingdom Event Bid Committee will be made up of four regional members and the Kingdom Event Bid Coordinator. The regional members will consist of 1 person each from VA, MD/DC, NC, and SC/GA. Each member will be selected by the Crown and serve a term of 3 years. When a member's term is up, they will be replaced by someone from the same geographical region. The Kingdom Event Bid Committee will work with the Kingdom Event Bid Coordinator to actively solicit bids from branches, households, and individuals following the procedures laid out in Kingdom Seneschal policies.

Reasoning: This clarifies and codifies the makeup of the Kingdom Event Bid Committee.

5.15 Duties of the Kingdom Earl Marshal

In addition to those pertaining to all Great Officers of State and those set forth in Corpora, the Kingdom Earl Marshal shall:

- Warrant all Atlantian Marshals; this task may be delegated to the Deputy Earl Marshals, but the Earl Marshal retains ~~responsible~~ the responsibility for all warrants issued.

Reasoning: Wording was incorrect.

5.16 Duties of the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer

In addition to those pertaining to all Great Officers of State, those set forth in Corpora, and those indicated in the Kingdom Financial Policy. The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer shall ensure the Non-Member Registration (NMR) is collected at each event and forwarded to the Society, as required by the Chancellor of the Exchequer ~~Kingdom Officer's Reference~~ Handbook chapter ~~6-H-5~~ VI G I I.

Reasoning: Reference was incorrect. Note that the Society Exchequers Handbook has inconsistent numbering.

5.16.3 Regalia Committee

The Kingdom Regalia Committee is responsible for managing the bid process, design, and purchase of any new Kingdom regalia as well as making decisions regarding the disposal of Kingdom-owned property or regalia. ~~The Regalia Committee will consist of four at-large members as well as the Kingdom Chamberlain. The at-large members will be selected by the Crown and serve a term of three years. The Chamberlain will serve for the duration of their warrant.~~

Reasoning: This clarifies and codifies the makeup of the Kingdom Regalia Committee.

5.16.4 Duties of the Kingdom ~~NMR~~ Non Member Registration Secretary

Reasoning: NMR needed to be spelled out.

5.18 Duties of the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (KMoAS) is responsible for promoting and fostering Arts and Science activities within the Kingdom, for encouraging Royal and other noble patronage of artisans, and for fostering the creation and growth of guilds within the Kingdom. In addition to those duties pertaining to all Great Officers of State and those set forth in Corpora, the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences shall also:

- o Be responsible for and oversee the Kingdom Notables [pertaining to their office](#) as outlined in the Charter of Atlantian Kingdom Notables in Appendix E of Kingdom Law

Reasoning: The Kingdom Notables have been expanded, and not all are under the area of Arts and Sciences. This limits the KMOAS to only being responsible for the ones that do fall under Arts and Sciences.

6.5 Selection and Polling Requirements of Territorial Baronage

The following procedure shall be followed for the selection of a Territorial Baron and/or Baroness:

- The Branch Seneschal shall provide a list of candidates to the Crown (or their Heirs), for approval. Candidates may choose to submit themselves as pairs or individuals for consideration on the Baronial Polling
- Pollings shall list no fewer than two (2) candidates or pairs of candidates
- Once approval is received from the Crown (or Heirs), and the Kingdom Seneschal, the **Branch Regional** Seneschal shall [set up an electronic polling in the Kingdom ESP system](#), accessible ~~to provide a polling~~ to each paid member residing within the geographic boundaries of the Barony as determined by the zip codes listed in the Atlantian database
- [The Regional Seneschal shall be prepared to provide 1 time links to the Electronic System for Polling or provide a Polling letter to be sent to individuals who refuse to use the Electronic System for Polling to mark and send to the Crown or Heirs.](#)
- The **Branch Regional** Seneschal must provide the Crown (or Heirs), with a copy of the baronial label list received from the Society so they may validate returned pollings

6.10 Requirements for Pollings of Confidence of Territorial Baronage

The following procedure shall be followed for a Polling of Confidence for a Territorial Baron and/or Baroness:

- Once approval is received from the Crown (or Heirs), and the Kingdom Seneschal, the **Branch Regional** Seneschal shall [set up an electronic polling in the Kingdom ESP system](#), accessible ~~provide a polling~~ to each paid member residing within the geographic boundaries of the Barony as determined by the zip codes listed in the Atlantian database
- [The Regional Seneschal shall be prepared to provide 1 time links to the Electronic System for Polling or provide a Polling letter to be sent to individuals who refuse to use the Electronic System for Polling to mark and send to the Crown or Heirs.](#)
- The **Branch Regional** Seneschal must provide the Crown (or Heirs), with a copy of the baronial label list received from the Society so they may validate returned pollings
- Pollings will be conducted in accordance with the detailed process and procedure as defined in Kingdom Seneschal Policy

- The completed individual responses shall be returned directly to the Crown (or Heirs). Polling Responses shall not be collected locally in any fashion, nor shall they be forwarded to the Crown (or Heirs), via any third Party
- Pollings must contain the respondent's membership number, legal (modern) signature and have both legal and Society (if applicable) names printed in a legible fashion to ensure consideration.
- Pollings which fail to meet these requirements shall not be considered.

Reasoning: We have moved away from physical letter pollings and are now completely electronic, save for a few rare instances.

7.3 Kingdom Events Defined

A Kingdom Event is one held under Royal Patronage to carry out some purpose of state or to celebrate occasions of special note.

- Kingdom Events are held on specified reserved weekends. A Kingdom Event can be protected or nonprotected as defined in Kingdom Law
- The Kingdom Event Bid Coordinator and Kingdom Event Bid Committee shall accept bids from any branch, group or individual within the borders of the Kingdom interested in hosting a Kingdom Event. Such bids must meet the provisions defined in Kingdom Seneschal's policy
- Kingdom Events shall rotate in accordance with the schedule and parameters set forth in the Kingdom Seneschal's policy
- All Kingdom Events can be set as early as the Event Bid Committee has bids for them with the exception of Spring and Fall Coronation. Spring and Fall Coronation shall not be set until the Heirs whose coronation it will be have been set and They can be consulted.

Reasoning: Adding the Kingdom Event Bid Committee to the section about accepting bids. Also codifying that the Coronation bids can not be accepted until the Heirs have been chosen and consulted. It is best of the Heirs have the opportunity to have a coronation near their home group as opposed to the opposite side of the Kingdom.

7.4 Kingdom Events Reserved Weekends

Kingdom Events and the weekends reserved for them are defined within Kingdom Law and may deviate from this schedule only if absolutely necessary and with the approval of the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.

If a Kingdom Event needs to be scheduled differently than provided for within Kingdom law, any protected status shall not apply.

If a Kingdom Event falls on a major recognized holiday (religious or otherwise), the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal will consider moving it to a weekend following the holiday.

Reasoning: This puts the policy in place to move a Kingdom Reserved Weekend event in case there is a conflict with a major recognized holiday.

7.6 Protected Kingdom Events and Their Weekends

Protected Kingdom Events are:

- Twelfth Night – held on the second Saturday in January
- Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival – Held on the first Saturday in March
- Spring Coronation – held on the first Saturday in April, ~~unless this is an Easter weekend, then it is moved to the second Saturday in April~~

Reasoning:

- 1) This adds the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival to the list of protected events.
- 2) This removes the specific reference to Easter, and is now covered under the addition to 7.4.

7.9 Non-Protected Kingdom Events and Their Weekends

Non-Protected Kingdom Events are:

- o Winter University* - held on the first Saturday in February
- ~~o Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival – held on the first Saturday in March~~

Reasoning: This removes KASF from the list of non-protected events as it has been added to the list of protected events.

7.7.1 Eligibility for Crown Tournament

In addition to the requirements set forth in Corpora IVA2 & IVB, all combatants and their consorts in the Crown Tournament must:

- Be presented to and acceptable to the Crown
- Be willing and able to fulfill the duties of the Crown
- Intend to make an honorable attempt to compete for the Crown
- ~~• Be subjects of the Kingdom of Atlantia for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the Crown Tournament submit a Letter of Intent to fight in Crown Tournament to the Crown by the due date set. The Letter of Intent shall include all the following required information*:~~
- Be subjects of the Kingdom of Atlantia for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the Crown Tournament.
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- Submit a Letter of Intent to fight in Crown Tournament by the due date set. The Letter of Intent shall include all of the following required information:
 - o Their modern and SCA names along with their address(es), email address(es) and phone number(s)
 - o Membership information (membership numbers and expiration dates)
 - o Any additional information requested by the Crown
 - o Have arms registered with the College of Heraldry or present proof of heraldic submission through a warranted herald prior to Crown Tournament*

* These requirements may be waived at the discretion of the Crown

Reasoning: This clears up some confusion as to the way this section was formatted.

8.11 Pollings for Peerage Orders and Kingdom Orders of High Merit

Peerage Orders and Kingdom Orders of High Merit may be given by the Crown after an official written, electronic (via the ESP system), or verbal polling of the members of the Order regarding the qualifications of a candidate. ~~Each polling shall be considered valid for the duration of the current reign and subsequent reign, but no longer.~~ Pollings shall be valid for the duration of one calendar year and be actionable by any monarchs during that calendar year for the duration of their reign. Pollings will delete off of the system six months after the end of the calendar year. All verbal pollings must take place at an Order meeting at an event that has appeared on the Kingdom Calendar. A verbal polling is only open for the duration of the Order meeting in which the polling is conducted. Order members must be present at the meeting in which the verbal polling is conducted to be included in the verbal polling. Verbal pollings may not be conducted by proxy. All written and verbal polling results shall be made available to the Heirs for use during Their Reign. After the validity period has passed for a polling, all polling responses shall either be: destroyed by the Monarchs, if written or verbal, or purged from ESP by the Webminister or designee.

Reasoning: This allows for pollings to be started by one set of Monarchs and ensures the polling will be valid for the duration of the Heirs Reign and not automatically be removed too soon.

8.15.1 Duties and Responsibilities of Order Principals

The Principals of the Peerage Orders and the Kingdom Orders of High Merit shall:

- Maintain an electronic mailing list for their Order, which may be maintained as part of the ESP system
- Each member of each Order is responsible for providing the Principal with their email address and keeping that address current
- Provide the Order with notification of the Crown's intent to meet with the Order
- Maintain a database of possible candidates' information, work and commentary, in the Atlantian ESP system, accessible to the Crown and Heirs as needed
- Ensure that no message or commentary made to the electronic mailing list or the online commentary database are anonymous. All comments must have the author's name attached to them or they must be removed..
- No commentary that references activities that are actionable either in the SCA or through modern law will be allowed to be posted on a candidates watchlist, polling order Facebook group, email list, etc. This commentary should be addressed to the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal, and/or the mundane authorities depending on which are appropriate.

Reasoning: This removes the ability for people to comment anonymously on Polling Order watch lists and commentary databases. It also stresses that any activity that could be considered actionable should NOT be posted anywhere but should be brought to the attention of the Crown, The Kingdom Seneschal, and/or mundane authorities where necessary.

11.1 Definition of Minors

In accordance with Society Seneschal's Handbook ~~XI~~, ~~XI~~ minors will be defined as persons who have not achieved the age of legal majority in the state, province, or country in which the event (function) is held. Adults are defined as persons who have achieved the age of legal majority or have been adjudicated as adults or emancipated minors by a court of law, in the state, province, or country, in which the event is held.

Reasoning: Incorrect reference.

11.3 Society Standards for Youth

The standards for minors/youth defined in the Society Seneschal's Handbook, Section ~~X~~, ~~XI~~ shall be followed unless additional rules are specified in Kingdom Law or additional policies.

Reasoning: Incorrect reference.

12.3 Branch Officer Requirements

- Branch officers must be member of the SCA, Inc., and have access to the Atlantian newsletter
- To maintain full status, a Barony must maintain the set of officers required in ~~the Society Seneschal's Handbook XVIII-B~~ Corpora, and specified in the Society Seneschal Policy Interpretation of July 2022 found at <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Interpretation-Required-Officers.pdf>

Reasoning: Incorrect reference and added clarification as to what officers are required for a Barony. Corpora has been maddeningly unpecific on this, hence the Society Seneschal's interpretation being referenced.

B.1.8 The Vexillum Atlantiae (the Award of the Banner) honors and recognizes the ferocity and valor of a Group of fighters as a whole, not as individuals. When they fight as a unit, the group will have the honor of carrying the banner with the heraldry of the award into battle. [The individuals who receive this honor will receive the following augmentation of arms: Per pale argent and azure, a fess wavy cotised counterchanges, overall two swords in saltire Or.](#)

B.1.9 The Award of the Golden Elephant honors and recognizes a group of individuals for their Excellence in Service to the Kingdom of Atlantia. [The individuals who receive this honor will receive the following augmentation of arms: Per pale argent and azure, a fess wavy cotised counterchanges, overall an elephant passant Or.](#)

B.1.10 The Award of the Golden Lamp honors and recognizes a group of individuals for their Excellence in the Arts and Sciences to the Kingdom of Atlantia. [The individuals who receive this honor will receive the following augmentation of arms: Per pale argent and azure, a fess wavy cotised counterchanges, overall an Arabian lamp lit Or.](#)

Reasoning: This allows individuals who have been part of the group that received one of these group awards to add an augmentation of arms to their personal heraldry.

B.6. Scrolls, Medallions and Other Items

B.6.1. The Kingdom of Atlantia shall provide a scroll and a medallion for the following Awards and Orders:

- The Order of the Nonpareil
- [The Queen's Order of Courtesy](#)
- The Order of the Opal
- The Order of the Coral Branch

Reasoning: Their Majesties wish to provide a scroll and medallion for the [Queen's Order of Courtesy](#).

B.6.5. The Kingdom of Atlantia does not provide any scroll or medallion for the following Awards and Orders:

- The Award of the Undine
- The King's Award of Excellence
- ~~The Queen's Order of Courtesy~~
- The Royal Augmentation of Arms

Reasoning: [The Queen's Order of Courtesy](#) has been moved to section B.6.1

E.2. Kingdom Royal Notables

The Kingdom Royal Notables are positions held in service to the Crown of Atlantia for the tenure of one year, except ~~where noted otherwise~~ for the Scrivener Royal. [All Kingdom Notables are overseen by the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, with the exception of the Royal Archer and First Sword of Atlantia, which fall under the Kingdom Earl Marshal, and the Scrivener Royal which falls under the Triton Herald.](#)

Reasoning: This specifies which Kingdom Great Officer each notable is overseen by, and designates the time of service for each.

[E.2.6 The Royal Artisan for excellence in any artistic medium not already represented by another notable](#)

[E.2.7. The Royal Scientist \(Alchemist\) for excellence in any of the various period sciences not already represented by another notable.](#)

~~E.2.6.~~ [E.2.8.](#) The Royal Archer for their excellence on the archery ranges. The Royal Archer is to be chosen each year by right of arms. The outgoing Royal Archer shall conduct, and not participate in, an archery shoot open to all at an event where archery is the focus of the day. The top eight scoring archers from Atlantia at that archery event, who so choose to compete for the title, shall compete in a single elimination tournament. At the discretion of the Crown, the winner of the tournament shall become the new Royal Archer.

~~E.2.7.~~E.2.9 The ~~Royal Rapier Champion~~ First Sword of Atlantia for their excellence in rapier combat. The ~~Royal Rapier Champion~~ First Sword of Atlantia is to be chosen by right of arms and shall serve a term of ~~six months~~ one year. The competition to choose a new ~~Royal Rapier Champion~~ First Sword of Atlantia should be held within the first month after ~~each~~ Fall Coronation after consultation with the new Crown. The outgoing ~~Royal Rapier Champion~~ First Sword of Atlantia shall conduct, and not participate in, a rapier tournament open to all at an event where rapier combat is a scheduled activity. At the discretion of the Crown, the winner of the tournament shall become the new ~~Royal Rapier Champion~~ First Sword of Atlantia.

~~E.2.8. The Kingdom Arts & Sciences Champion for excellence in their chosen field of arts and science display, to be a representative of the Crown at Interkingdom Events such as Gulf Wars, or Pennsic War, for the Arts and Sciences War Point competitions. The Champion is selected solely at the discretion of the Crown, and there may be more than one Champion selected.~~

Reasoning: This adds 2 new notables, a Royal Artisan and a Royal Scientist. The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion should not be listed under the Kingdom Notables, but will now be listed under the new Appendix F, Charter for Kingdom Champions. This also changes the name of the Royal Rapier Champion to the First Sword of Atlantia and changes their term of service from 6 months to 1 year.

Appendix F – Charter for Kingdom Champions

Champions can be chosen from any of the martial disciplines, arts and sciences, or anything else the Monarchs wish to recognize.

F.1 Duties and Responsibilities of Kingdom Champions

The Kingdom Champions are expected to represent one of both of Their Majesties or Highnesses in their chosen area to the best of their ability. They are to be both a representative of the activity and an ambassador of it. Champions serve for the duration of the reign for which they are selected.

F.2 Kingdom Champions

F.2.1 The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion for excellence in their chosen field of arts and science display, to be a representative of the Crown at Interkingdom Events such as Gulf Wars or Pennsic War, for the Arts and Science War Point competitions. The Champion is selected solely at the discretion of the Crown, and there may be more than one Champion selected.

Reasoning: This clarifies the responsibilities of the Kingdom Champions.

B.4.5. The Order of the Sea Stag honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their teaching of ~~armored combat and rapier combat~~ any martial skill covered under the Office of the Earl Marshal.

B.4.6. The Order of the Yew Bow honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their excellence with bow and arrow (both target and combat), thrown weapons, and/or siegecraft or the ~~teaching~~ advancing of those same skills