

- 4.4.9. Any judgment of a Court of Chivalry may be appealed to the Board of Directors as provided for in the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc.

## 5. BARONIAL SELECTION POLICIES

### 5.1. Baronial Policy Requirements

- 5.1.1. Each Barony within the Kingdom shall create a Baronial Selection Policy that is compliant with Kingdom Law, Corpora and this Policy that sets out the following:
- i Process for call for candidates
  - ii Qualification requirements for candidates (such as residency and level of participation)
  - iii The scheduling of candidate meetings and polls
  - iv Eligibility for polling and proxy polls
  - v Notifications to the Barony
- 5.1.2. Requirements in addition to those noted in 5.1.1 may be included in the Baronial Policy as needed.
- 5.1.3. Baronial Selection Policy must be approved by the Crown and reviewed and signed by the Kingdom Seneschal pursuant to Kingdom Law.

### 5.2. Baronial Succession Timelines

- 5.2.1. In advance of the end of their 5 year term, and prior to announcing their intent to step down, the Baronial Nobles shall consult with the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal to determine a timeline for the succession process.
- 5.2.2. Timelines must be in accordance with Baronial Policy and Kingdom Law and be approved by the Crown.
- 5.2.3. Whenever possible, efforts should be made to ensure timeline for the complete process are within the deciding Crown's reign. Where not possible and with the consent of the Crown, timelines should start in consultation with the Heirs with the announcement and investiture of the chosen candidates being done during the reign of the Heirs.
- 5.2.4. Timelines will not span more than two reigns except in unusual circumstances and only on consent of the Crown.

### 5.3. Polling of the Barony

- 5.3.1. Members of the Barony shall have the opportunity to express to the Crown their consensus as to the choice of the Baronial Noble in the form of a written poll. These written poll results shall be provided to the Crown to assist the Crown in the confirmation of Baronial Nobles but shall not bind the Crown in any manner whatsoever. Polls shall be conducted as set out in these Policies.
- 5.3.2. Polling shall be conducted by the Baronial Seneschal with the assistance of Canton Seneschals and Kingdom Seneschal (or their appointed designate) as necessary and at the discretion of the Kingdom Seneschal. If the Baronial Seneschal is considered a candidate, a deputy or interim Seneschal must administer the polling and the Barony until the end of the selection procedure.
- 5.3.3. All efforts must be made to ensure that ballots filled out in private and anonymous and do not connect the voters to any check in sheets to the ballot.
- 5.3.4. If the Baronial Policy allows for non-members to be polled, ballots shall have some way of indicating whether or not the person is a paid member.

- 5.3.5. Persons polled will assign a unique sequential number from 1 to the number of candidates, with 1 being most preferred, to X being least preferred where X is the number of candidates, to each of the candidates listed on the ballots (ie “1”, “2”, “3” etc.). The ballot is then placed in the ballot box or envelope. Incomplete ballots and/or ballots not ranking the candidates as noted will be considered spoiled and will not be counted.
- 5.3.6. If only one candidate is participating in the selection, the poll will be a simple vote of confidence of “0” for confidence and/or support, or “1” for no confidence or support.
- 5.3.7. When polling in person, the ballots shall be placed in a sealed envelope and signed by the Baronial Seneschal and at least one other officer. These envelopes will be kept secure by the Baronial Seneschal until all polling is completed in the Barony. The envelopes will only be opened at the time of the tally of the poll.
- 5.3.8. When polling by electronic means, ballots will be sent directly to the Kingdom Seneschal only. All attempts will be made to ensure the process is anonymous while still ensuring the polling eligibility of the poller.
- 5.3.9. The ballots of non-members shall be tallied separately from the ballots of paid members with both tallies being provided to the Crown. Additionally, the results for each candidate in each Canton shall be indicated separately from, and in addition to, the total for each candidate. The results of the poll are interpreted with lower numbers being the preferred choice and higher numbers being the less preferred choices.
- 5.3.10. The Kingdom Seneschal (or their appointed designate) shall do the tally of the poll.
- 5.3.11. The results of the tally shall be sent to the Crown within 7 days of the final polling. The results of the tally will be kept in strict confidence of the Crown and not shared with any other person.
- 5.4. **Announcement of the Baronial Office**
  - 5.4.1. After reviewing the results of the poll, the Crown shall select from the list of candidates a choice not substantively opposed by the populace of the barony and meets the requirements of Corpora and Kingdom Law. The Crown will notify the candidates privately of their decision and publicly announce their intent to invest the polled candidates of their choice.