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Unto the Populace of the Barony of Ayreton,
Greetings,

This special issue of the Zephyr presents the proposed changes to the Ayreton Charter. In our write-up, we break it down by paragraph, showing the old version, our comments, and then the new revised version.

According to Corpora, charters are primarily administrative tools that can help the group to define structure and procedures. Charters do not carry the weight of law. The objective of our review process was threefold:

- Streamline some of the sections that did not contribute to the operational procedures.
- Reduce redundant sections covered in other Governing Documents of the SCA and Kingdom
- Bring the Charter into line with current Baronial practices.

The vote for accepting these changes will be held at the Baronial Meeting scheduled for November 23rd. Approval of the Charter will require a yes vote from two-thirds of the populace attending this meeting. Proxies are not allowed for Charter Amendment votes.

If there are any questions or clarifications needed, please feel free to contact us.

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AYRETON BARONIAL CHARTER

Old: ~~March 16, 2010~~

Comment: New effective date to be determined. This draft dated 23 September, 2014.

Old: **I. Preamble**

Comment: *Recommend renaming this as the "Purpose" or "Objectives" statement.*

New: **I. Purpose**

Old: Whereas the purpose of a Barony is to provide new opportunities for fun in the SCA and to create new traditions, let it be known that the Barony of Ayreton claims no jurisdiction over the internal activities of the Cantons, specifically the activities involving Canton events, officers, and financial decisions. The Barony of Ayreton will respect and honor the traditions and customs of the Cantons. All participation in the Baronial activities is strictly voluntary and cooperative.

Comment: *Restricting jurisdiction of the Barony over its Cantons also restricts the ability for Cantons to help each other. Corpora specifically permits a Barony to administer to other branches within its borders. Also, it may be fruitless to attempt to legislate participation in a volunteer organization.*

New: The purpose of the Barony of Ayreton is to provide opportunities for growth and enjoyment in the Society for Creative Anachronism, to celebrate traditions, and to serve as a resource for members of the Barony.

Old: **II. Precedence of law**

Comment: *Precedence of Law is stated in SCA Corpora, therefore it is redundant to re-state it here. At Kingdom level, Midrealm Curia is also working to remove these redundancies from the governing documents. Recommend deleting this section II.*

Old: The precedence of law within the Barony of Ayreton shall follow the order shown below, in decreasing order of precedence:

1. Modern Era Law
2. SCA Corpora
3. SCA Corporate Policies
4. Middle Kingdom Financial Policy
5. Ayreton Baronial Financial Policy
6. Middle Kingdom Law
7. Middle Kingdom Policies

The practices described in the Ayreton Baronial Charter shall be valid only when not in conflict with any of the above.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this section.*

Old: **III. Membership**

Comment: *Each section of the Charter should serve to establish either the structure or the procedures for the Barony. Recommend deleting most of this section since it doesn't contribute to structure or procedures.*

Old: 1. People who are part of the Barony of Ayreton will be referred to as Citizens regardless of their membership status in the Society for Creative Anachronism and without regard to their place of residence or Zip Code.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement, and changing all references to "Citizen" throughout the document to say "Members." We should not try to dictate how each individual will play the game.*

Old: 2. Privileges of Citizenship in Ayreton include, but are not limited to, participation in the decision making process for the Barony, wearing the Baronial Livery, and holding office (subject to the requirements of Middle Kingdom Law and the governing documents of the SCA).

Comment: *The right to participate in a decision-making process for the Barony should be detailed under the specific section for that process. The wearing of Baronial livery is traditionally determined by the Baron/Baroness. The requirements for holding an office in the Barony are covered under the governing documents of the Middle Kingdom and elsewhere within this document. Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: 3. Citizens of the Barony of Ayreton are expected to support the Barony by participating in Baronial activities but there are no specific requirements.

Comment: *It is difficult to define what constitutes an expectation "to support" the Barony, and each person's level of expectation may be different. Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: **IV. Offices**

Comment: *This section more accurately speaks to Baronial Curia. Recommend renaming this section to say "Baronial Curia."*

New: **II. Baronial Curia**

Old: 1. The Baronial Curia is composed of the Baron, Baroness, Seneschal, Exchequer, Pursuivant, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Knights Marshal, and Chronicler.

Comment: *Keep this statement. If the office of Baronial Chirurgeon is filled, may wish to consider adding Chirurgeon to the Curia.*

New: A. The Baronial Curia is composed of the Baron, Baroness, Seneschal, Exchequer, Pursuivant, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Knights Marshal, and Chronicler.

Comment: *Defining a Quorum of the Baronial Curia should be moved to this section. Recommend to place the information about quorum as new #B in this section.*

New: B. A Quorum of the Baronial Curia shall consist of the Baron/Baroness, Seneschal, and two additional members of the Baronial Curia. A quorum is required for all decisions made by Baronial Curia. Written proxies may be counted to achieve a quorum for decisions.

Old: 2. Additional officer positions will be filled as required by Kingdom Law or Corpora. Additional officer positions may also be established by the Baronial Curia.

Comment: *"Additional Officers" may correspond to the Kingdom's Lesser Officers of State, such as Chatelaine, Signet, and Webminister. At Kingdom Curia, each Lesser Officer of State is a deputy to one of the Great Officers, and Lesser Officers do not typically attend Curia meetings. Recommend combining #2 and #3 into a single statement.*

New: C. Additional officer positions may be established by the Baronial Curia, and such additional officers will not be members of the Baronial Curia.

Old: 3. Additional officers will not be members of the Baronial Curia.
Comment: *See Old #2 above. Recommend combining this statement with #2 above.*

Old: 4. Canton seneschals who are not otherwise members of Baronial Curia shall be considered non-voting advisory members.
Comment: *Almost any member of the Barony could be considered a "non-voting advisory member" to the Baronial Curia. Unless there is an attendance privilege that corresponds to being a non-voting advisory member, recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: A. Expectations
Comment: *This section establishes guidelines for Baronial Officers. These should mirror common practices rather than idealistic goals. Lack of compliance is difficult to enforce in a volunteer organization. Recommend changing the title of this section to "Officers."*
New: D. Officers

Old: 1. Officers are expected to:
Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: ◦ Send copies of reports required by their office to the Baronial Seneschal and the Baron and/or Baroness.
Comment: *Reworded for clarification.*
New: 1. All Officers are expected to send copies of reports required by their office to the Baronial Seneschal and to the Baron and/or Baroness.

Old: ◦ Present a briefing on their area of responsibility at every Baronial Curia Meeting or Baronial Meeting, either in person or by proxy.
Comment: *Reworded for clarification.*
New: 2. All Officers are expected to present a briefing on their area of responsibility at every Baronial Meeting, either in person or through a designee.

Old: ◦ Publish regularly in the Baronial newsletter.
Comment: *This is not common practice. Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: ◦ Train their replacement and pass along all materials and files of their office to their successor.
Comment: *Training a replacement can be problematic if the transition is contentious or takes place due to an unexpected vacancy. Recommend combining these two statements into one.*
New: 3. All Officers are encouraged to select and train an emergency replacement deputy, and should pass along all materials and files of the office to their successor.

Old: 2. All Baronial officers are encouraged to select and train an emergency replacement deputy.
Comment: *Recommend combining this statement with the statement above.*

Old: B. Selection
Comment: *Common practice seems to indicate that voting is not usually necessary, particularly if there is only one candidate for the office. In order to establish minimum guidelines, an Officer position can be filled by appointment of the outgoing Officer, with approval from the Baron/Baroness. In the event there are multiple candidates during an officer transition, the Baron/Baroness may call for an election, and define the parameters for such election at that time. Recommend keep the section title as is, with the steps revised for clarification.*

New: E. Officer Transitions

Old: 1. Officer selection will be done annually at the Summer Baronial Meeting. Those selected will take office at the next Baronial Curia Meeting.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: 2. Officer selection is done by either voice vote or a show of hands, at the Seneschal's option, unless someone requests a secret ballot. If a secret ballot is requested, a paper ballot will be collected and counted.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: 3. Offices that become vacant out of cycle will be filled by the Baronial Curia on an interim basis.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: 4. People interested in taking office or stepping down from office are encouraged to announce their interest at the Spring Baronial Meeting. Further, they are requested to submit an application in writing to the appropriate Baronial officer, with courtesy copies to the Baron and Baroness and the Seneschal.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: 5. The Barony acknowledges that the Crown and Kingdom Curia have the right to approve or disapprove any local officer. This procedure for selecting an officer is how we choose who we will recommend that Kingdom approve, but Kingdom has the right to accept or reject our recommendation without comment.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement.*

Add: 1. The Officer intending to step down shall announce this intent at a Baronial Meeting.

Add: 2. Intent to step down will then be published in the Zephyr. This notice shall include a deadline by which candidates may indicate their interest in holding the office.

Add: 3. Following the deadline, interest generated from candidates is reviewed by the outgoing Officer.

Add: 4. The Officer obtains Baron/Baroness approval before the decision is finalized. In the event of a contentious officer transition the Baron/Baroness may call for an election, and define the parameters for such an election at that time.

Add: 5. The chosen successor is announced at a Baronial Meeting, and published in the Zephyr.

Add: 6. In the event of an emergency, an Interim Officer may be appointed by the Baron/Baroness and Seneschal.

Old: C. Terms of office

New: F. Term of Office

Old: 1. The term of office for Baron and/or Baroness will be as mandated by Kingdom Law.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: 2. The term of office for Baronial officers will be one year, which may be repeated.

Comment: *Recommend increasing the term of office to two years, with a one-year extension when appropriate.*

New: 1. The term of office for Baronial Curia will be two years, which may be extended annually with approval of the Baron/Baroness.

Old: **V. Meetings**

Comment: *Recommend moving this section to a new "Meetings" section below, with the exception of deleted statements.*

Old: A. Baronial Curia Meetings

1. The Baronial Curia shall meet at least monthly.
2. Baronial Curia meetings shall follow an agenda as established by the Baron and Baroness.
3. The Baron and/or Baroness, or a person designated by them, shall run meetings of the Baronial Curia.
4. Baronial Curia meetings are open to all.

Comment: *Currently the Baronial Curia is not meeting regularly, nor do they meet separately from the full Barony Meetings. Recommend deleting this section "A" of Baronial Curia Meetings.*

Old: B. Baronial Meetings

1. The Citizens of the Barony shall meet at least quarterly.
2. The Baron and/or Baroness will lead the Baronial Meeting.

Comment: *Recommend moving these statements to the new "Meetings" section below.*

Old: **VI. Decision making**

New: **III. Decision making**

Old: 1. A quorum of the Baronial Curia shall consist of the Baron and Baroness, Seneschal, and two additional voting members of the Baronial Curia.

Comment: *Recommend moving this statement up to "Baronial Curia" section II. B.*

Old: 1. Proxies (see below) may be counted to make a quorum on specific topics, even if a quorum is not present for all topics.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: 2. Any decisions regarding funding or assets must follow the rules of the Financial Policy decision making process. See Ayreton Baronial Financial Policy.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: 3. When matters are brought to the Baron and/or Baroness that are not specifically assigned as their responsibility by Kingdom Law or this Charter, they shall whenever possible seek the sage counsel of the Baronial Curia before acting.

Comment: *This statement may restrict the Baron/Baroness from making decisions in a timely manner. Recommend rewrite for clarification.*

New: A. Matters which are not strictly assigned to the Baron and/or Baroness by Kingdom Law or this Charter shall be acted upon by the Baron and/or Baroness as best serves the Barony. For matters of a contentious nature, the Baron and/or Baroness may wish to consult with the Baronial Curia before acting.

Old: 4. Any matters brought to the Baron and/or Baroness that are properly the responsibility of a Baronial officer should be referred to the appropriate officer.

Comment: *Recommend deleting this statement.*

Old: 5. When a decision is required of the Baron and Baroness, it must be made with the agreement of both individuals. When they are not in agreement on a matter which requires resolution, either individual may refer the matter to the Crown, for external matters, or to the Baronial Curia, for internal matters.

Comment: *Recommend rewrite for clarification.*

New: B. When a decision is required of the Baron and Baroness, it must be made with the agreement of both individuals. When both are not in agreement on a matter which requires resolution, either individual may refer the matter; to the Crown for resolution of an external matter, or to the Baronial Curia for resolution of an internal matter.

New: **IV. Meetings**

Comment: *This section was moved here from old section "V" above.*

Old: A. The Citizens of the Barony shall meet at least quarterly.

Comment: *Statement moved here from old section "V" above.*

New: A. The members of the Barony shall meet at least quarterly.

Old: B. The Baron and/or Baroness will lead the Baronial Meeting.

Comment: *Statement moved here from old section "V" above. Current practice has the Seneschal preparing the agenda and conducting the meeting under the guidance of the Baron/Baroness.*

New: B. The Baron and/or Baroness will conduct the Baronial Meeting, or they may delegate the Seneschal to conduct the meeting on their behalf.

Old: A. Proxy voting

New: C. Proxy voting

Old: 1. Officers and Citizens of the Barony of Ayreton wishing to vote on issues when they cannot physically attend meetings may provide written proxies to specific individuals covering specific topics. These proxies must be in writing; a hard copy of a written electronic communication is acceptable.

Comment: *Revised for clarification.*

New: 1. An officer or member of the Barony of Ayreton who wishes to vote on an issue when they cannot physically attend the meeting may provide a written proxy to a specific individual covering a specific topic. A proxy vote must be in writing. A hard copy of a written electronic communication is acceptable. The written proxy shall be given to the Seneschal for inclusion with the records of that meeting.

Old: 2. Officers and Citizens may also attend the meetings electronically, e.g. via telephone or videoconferencing if the officer or citizen makes the appropriate arrangement at his or her own expense.

Comment: *Revised for clarification.*

New: 2. An officer or member of the Barony may also attend a meeting electronically, for example via telephone or videoconferencing, if the officer or member makes the appropriate arrangements at his or her own expense.

Old: **VII. Changes and Amendments to The Charter**

New: **V. Changes and Amendments to the Charter**

Old: 1. The Ayreton Baronial Charter shall be reviewed at least each time a Baron and/or Baroness is invested, in a regular Baronial Curia meeting.

Comment: *Revised for clarification.*

New: A. The Ayreton Baronial Charter shall be reviewed by the Seneschal or designated deputy at least once during each Baronial tenure. The review process should be scheduled so as to be completed prior to Baron and/or Baroness investiture or renewal.

Old: 2. All proposed changes must be published for comment at least once in the normal communication channels. The commenting period must be open for at least 30 days, and any changes must be discussed at a Baronial Meeting before being approved.

Comment: *Revised for clarification, and to specify publication in the Zephyr.*

New: B. All proposed changes and amendments to the Baronial Charter must be published for comment at least once in the Zephyr. The commenting period must then be open for at least 30 days, and any changes or amendments must be discussed at a Baronial Meeting before being approved.

Old: 3. Approval of changes to the charter shall be by 2/3 majority of the citizens attending the Baronial Meeting at which decisions are made on changes and amendments. Proxies will not be accepted for charter amendment decisions.

Comment: *Revised for clarification.*

New: C. Approval of changes or amendments to the charter shall be by a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority of the members attending the Baronial Meeting at which it has been announced that decisions are to be made on proposed changes and amendments. Proxies will not be accepted for Charter change or amendment decisions.

Old: **VIII. Ceremony**

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Old: A. Awards

New: A. Awards and Orders

Old: 1. The Baron and/or Baroness will create and name awards as they see fit. These awards will be created primarily to encourage and recognize achievement as well as to foster group identity and ceremony.

New: 1. The Baron and/or Baroness will create, name and bestow awards and orders as they see fit. These awards and orders will be created primarily to encourage and recognize achievement, as well as to foster group identity and ceremony.

New: 2. A **Baronial Award** may be given repeatedly to the same recipient.

New: a. The Award of the Pleiades of Ayreton is given to an individual for any form of general service to the Barony.

New: 3. A **Baronial Order** may be given only once to a single individual.

New: a. The Order of Atlas of Ayreton is a high service honor, given to a person for any form of service to the Barony.

New: b. The Order of Ursis of Ayreton is a martial arts order, given to a person who excels in any form of martial art.
New: c. The Order of Leo of Ayreton is an arts and sciences order, given to a person who excels in any field of the arts and sciences.
New: d. The Order of Scorpius of Ayreton is an archery order, given to a person who excels in the field of archery.
New: e. The Order of Réalta Ríáin (also known as The Order of Ríáin's Star) is a youth order, given to a person for service and dedication to the youth of the Barony and/or Society.

Old: B.Champions
Comment: *No change.*

Old: 1. Baronial Champions are chosen by the Baron and/or Baroness and serve at Their discretion.
Comment: *No change.*

Old: C. Regalia
Comment: *No change.*

Old: 1. The Baron and/or Baroness are responsible for the design of Regalia, with the sage counsel of the Baronial Curia.
Comment: *No change.*

Old: **IX. Events**
New: **VII. Events**

Old: 1. Baronial Events will be approved by the Baronial Curia.
Comment: *Changed to reflect current practice and for clarification of approval process. Recommend moving this revised statement to the end of this section.*

New: C. Baronial Events will be approved by a simple majority of members in attendance at a Baronial Meeting at which the final bid is presented.

Old: 2. Events will be announced in sufficient time to give all citizens of Ayreton the opportunity to submit bids to run the events.

Comment: *Revised for clarification.*

New: A. Upcoming Baronial Events will be announced sufficiently in advance to allow all members of Ayreton the opportunity to submit an Event Bid for running the event.

Old: 3. Bids shall include the proposed date, location, autocrat, feast-o-crat (head cook), and budget.

Comment: *Revised for clarification.*

New: B. An Event Bid shall include the proposed date, location, Event Steward, Feast Steward, and budget.

Old: **X. Guilds**

New: **VIII. Guilds**

Old: 1. The Barony of Ayreton supports its artisans in all their endeavors. To that end, we encourage the formation of Guilds.

Comment: *Recommend combining these statements into one paragraph.*

New: A. The Barony of Ayreton supports its artisans in their Arts and Sciences endeavors. To that end, the Barony encourages the formation of Guilds. Approval by the Baronial Curia is required to use the name "Ayreton" in the name of any Guild.

Old: 2. Approval by the Ayreton Baronial Curia is required to use the name "Ayreton" in the name of any Guild.

Comment: *Recommend combining this statement into the paragraph above.*

Old: **XI. Internal Operations**

Comment: *This section may be deleted in its entirety, since the topic is covered in the Kingdom's governing documents.*

Old: A. Canton ↔ Barony interactions and jurisdiction

Comment: *Delete.*

Old: 1. Whereas the purpose of a Barony is to provide new opportunities for fun in the SCA and to create new traditions, let it be known that the Barony of Ayreton claims no jurisdiction over the internal activities of the Cantons, specifically the activities involving Canton events, officers, and exchequer decisions.

Comment: *Delete.*

Old: 2. The Barony of Ayreton will respect and honor the traditions and customs of the Cantons. All participation in the Baronial activities is strictly voluntary and cooperative.

Comment: *Delete.*

Old: 3. The Baronial Curia is not expected to resolve interpersonal disputes.

Comment: *Delete.*

Old: 4. The Barony will not intervene in inter-canton disputes unless requested.

Comment: *Delete.*

Old: B. Adding & subtraction of cantons

Comment: *Delete.*

Old: 1. Growth within the Barony is encouraged. New and forming cantons will follow Midrealm and Corporate policy governing new groups.

Comment: *Delete.*

AYRETON BARONIAL CHARTER

This Draft dated 23 November, 2014

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Barony of Ayreton is to provide opportunities for growth and enjoyment in the Society for Creative Anachronism, to celebrate traditions, and to serve as a resource for members of the Barony.

II. Baronial Curia

- A. The Baronial Curia is composed of the Baron, Baroness, Seneschal, Exchequer, Pursuivant, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Knights Marshal, and Chronicler.
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 - 1. All Officers are expected to send copies of reports required by their office to the Baronial Seneschal and to the Baron and/or Baroness.
 - 2. All Officers are expected to present a briefing on their area of responsibility at every Baronial Meeting, either in person or through a designee.
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- 1. Baronial Champions are chosen by the Baron and/or Baroness and serve at Their discretion.
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