

Barony of Stonemarche Bylaws

Section I. Stonemarche Bylaws

- A. The Bylaws are the policies of the Barony of Stonemarche, and are supplements to East Kingdom and Society laws and policies.
- B. East Kingdom and Society laws and policies supersede the Bylaws wherever there is conflict.
- C. For the purposes of these Bylaws, a majority vote is defined as more than half of the votes cast by an assembly.

Section II. Amendments to the Bylaws

- A. An Amendment may consist of any alteration to the text of the Bylaws, including additions, substitutions, or removals of text.
- B. An Amendment must be confirmed by a three-quarters majority vote of Curia.
- C. No motion to amend the Bylaws may be made, unless the Amendment, as initially moved, and prior to any subsequent modification by Curia, has the majority approval of an Amendment Committee.
- D. Any Amendment Committee must be formed by the Seneschal, and must consist of an odd number of members greater than or equal to three, who are not all from the same SCA household or physical residence.
- E. Any Amendment Committee must ensure that any Amendment it approves is in accordance with East Kingdom law.
- F. No Amendment may be voted upon by Curia, unless the Amendment, as proposed, has been published by the Chronicler at least one calendar month prior to the vote.

Section III. Baronial Curia

- A. Curia is the assembly of the populace and the Baronial Officers, gathered to discuss and decide upon business matters related to the Barony of Stonemarche.
- B. Curia must act by majority vote, except where otherwise specified by the Bylaws.
- C. Curia must meet at least once per quarter.
- D. The Seneschal must announce the time and location of each Curia at least 21 days in advance, in a manner that is accessible to the populace.
- E. Quorum for Curia is the Seneschal, or the Seneschal's appointed representative, as well as either of the following.
 - 1. Four Officers and one member of the Coronet.
 - 2. Five Officers.
- F. The Seneschal is the chair of Curia, but may delegate this responsibility as the Seneschal sees fit.
- G. The chair of Curia must recognize speakers, and may limit speaking time in a fair and uniform manner.
- H. The chair of Curia must designate an individual to record minutes for the duration of Curia.
- I. In the event that minutes are not recorded at a meeting of Curia, then all acts of that Curia must be rendered invalid.
- J. Any individual may vote at Curia, provided that individual meets the following requirements.
 - 1. Voting individuals must be at least 14 years of age.

2. Voting individuals must reside geographically inside the Barony, unless that individual is an Officer who has obtained dispensation to operate from outside the geographical limits of the Barony.
3. Voting individuals must have attended at least three of the last ten meetings of Curia.

Section IV. Baronial Coronet

- A. The Coronet is the ceremonial leader of the Barony of Stonemarche.
- B. The Coronet may consist of either one or two individuals.
- C. The Coronet has the exclusive right to grant, or to remove with cause, Baronial titles, awards, and positions of honor, except where the Coronet chooses to delegate that right.
- D. The term and qualifications for the Coronet must be in accordance with East Kingdom law.

Section V. Baronial Coronet Selection

- A. The selection of the Coronet must proceed in accordance with East Kingdom law.
- B. After the Seneschal has received nominations for the Coronet, and before the official polling from the Kingdom has been sent out, the Barony must sponsor a Meet-and-Greet event.
 1. At the Meet-and-Greet event, the Seneschal must moderate a discussion between the populace and the candidates for the Coronet.
 2. At the Meet-and-Greet event, the Seneschal must gather questions from the populace, and pose those questions to the candidates for the Coronet.
 3. At the Meet-and-Greet event, any question posed by the Seneschal must be posed to every candidate for the Coronet.
 4. The Meet-and-Greet event must be a garbed event, as per Society rules.
 5. The Meet-and-Greet event must be held at a neutral location, which must not be the residence of any candidate for the Coronet.
 6. The Meet-and-Greet event must be amenable and accessible to all of the candidates for the Coronet.
- C. No official polling for the Coronet may take place, until the minutes from the Meet-and-Greet event have been published in a manner accessible to the populace.

Section VI. Baronial Officers

- A. Greater Officers are as follows.
 1. The Seneschal
 2. The Chancellor of the Exchequer
 3. The Chronicler
 4. The Granite Pursuivant
 5. The Knight Marshal
 6. The Minister of Arts & Sciences
 7. The Minister of Lists
 8. The Chatelaine
- B. Lesser Officers are as follows.
 1. The Captain of Archers
 2. The Captain of Fence
 3. The Captain of Thrown Weapons

4. The Chamberlain
 5. The Chancellor Minor
 6. The Keeper of the Gold Key
 7. The Web Minister
- C. Officers are required to provide a report at each Curia, either in person or by proxy.
 - D. An Officer may appoint and dismiss Deputies at will to assist in the execution of office.
 - E. An Officer may designate one Deputy as a Reserve Deputy.
 1. The Reserve Deputy must serve in place of the Officer if the Officer steps down or is removed before the Officer's term expires.
 2. The Reserve Deputy must serve in place of the Officer until a permanent Officer has been selected by Curia, or until the natural ending of the Officer's term, whichever comes first.
 - F. An individual may not hold multiple Reserve Deputy positions, unless Curia votes to grant an exception.
 - G. An individual may not hold multiple Officer positions, nor may an individual hold a Reserve Deputy position while also holding an Officer position, unless Curia votes to grant an exception.
 - H. The Seneschal may remove an Officer if all of the following conditions have been met.
 1. The Seneschal must have consulted with the appropriate Kingdom superior regarding the removal of the Officer.
 2. The Seneschal must have gained the explicit consent of the Coronet regarding the removal of the Officer.

Section VII. Officer Selection

- A. Each Officer serves for a term of two years, with no limit on consecutive terms.
- B. The following Officer terms expire on even years.
 1. The Chancellor of the Exchequer
 2. The Chronicler
 3. The Knight Marshal
 4. The Minister of Arts and Sciences
 5. The Chancellor Minor
 6. The Captain of Fence
 7. The Keeper of the Gold Key
- C. The following Officer terms expire on odd years.
 1. The Seneschal
 2. The Granite Pursuivant
 3. The Chatelaine
 4. The Minister of Lists
 5. The Chamberlain
 6. The Captain of Archers
 7. The Captain of Thrown Weapons
 8. The Web Minister
- D. Officer terms expire, and Officer selection must occur, at the first Curia in February; or if there is no Curia in February, at the first Curia thereafter.
- E. Curia must select new Officers by a ballot of all nominated candidates.

1. If a single candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, then that candidate is the new Officer.
 2. If no single candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, then the Seneschal must choose another voting mechanism, which must be followed until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in a single round of voting.
 3. In the event of a tie between candidates, the Seneschal must decide the vote in any manner the Seneschal sees fit.
- F. Curia must vote for new Officers at the end of each Officer term, even in the case where there is only one candidate for a particular office.
- G. No Officer may be selected by Curia, unless the vacancy or impending term expiry for the relevant office has been formally announced at Curia, and that announcement has been published for a period of at least one calendar month, in a manner accessible to the populace.
- H. If an Officer is required by East Kingdom law to be warranted or approved by a Kingdom superior, an individual selected by Curia may take office only after that Kingdom superior has granted such warrant or approval.

Section VIII. Complaints and Grievances

- A. A Complaint may be raised by any individual for causes including unfair treatment, failure to adhere to Bylaws or other policies, or for any other issue as defined by East Kingdom or Society law.
- B. Complaints must be addressed to the Seneschal.
- C. The Seneschal must perform a preliminary investigation regarding any Complaint, to determine whether or not the Complaint is escalated to a Grievance, in accordance with East Kingdom and Society law.
- D. If the Seneschal decides that a Complaint is invalid and does not escalate to a Grievance, then the individual who raised the Complaint may pursue the matter at the next higher level within the Corpora chain of command, in accordance with East Kingdom and Society law.
- E. The Seneschal must be the primary authority in the investigation of any Complaint or Grievance, and may consult with Officers or members of the populace as the Seneschal deems appropriate.
- F. The Seneschal must report information regarding all Complaints and Grievances to the East Kingdom Seneschal's office, in accordance with East Kingdom law.
- G. The Seneschal must investigate Complaints and Grievances in the manner the Seneschal determines to be appropriate.
- H. If the Seneschal or a member of the Coronet is the subject of a Complaint or Grievance, then the individual who raised the Complaint or Grievance may escalate the matter to the next higher level within the Corpora chain of command, in accordance with East Kingdom and Society law.