



THE IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN COURT OF ATLANTIC NOVA SOCIETY INC

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

The name of the Society is:

IMPERIAL & SOVEREIGN COURT OF ATLANTIC NOVA SOCIETY

The objects of the Society are:

- a) To establish a not-for-profit Society within the homophile/homophile positive communities of the Halifax Municipality (herein after to be referred to as The Imperial City) and the Province of Nova Scotia (herein after to be referred to as The Imperial Realm)
- b) To promote and support understanding of the Society throughout the Imperial Realm.
- c) To support an annually elected Monarchical System within the Society.
- d) To conduct and participate in fundraising events for the community and charities.
- e) To provide and publish information on the Society's activities and accomplishments.
- f) To acquire by way of grant, gift, purchase, bequest, devise, or otherwise, real and personal property and to use and apply such property to the realization of the objects of the Society.
- g) To buy, own, hold, lease, sell, and convey such real and personal property as may be necessary or desirable in carrying out the objects of the Society.
- h) To promote and support the International Alliance Of Courts

PROVIDED:

That nothing herein contained shall permit the Society to carry on any trade, industry, or business and the Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain to any of the members and that any surplus or any accretions of the Society shall be used solely for the purposes of the Society and the promotion of its objectives.

PROVIDED:

Further that if for any reason the operations of the Society are terminated or are wound up, or are dissolved and there remains, at that time, after satisfaction of all its' debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to some other organization(s) in Canada, having similar objects to those of the Society.

The activities of the Society are to be carried on in:

Halifax Regional Municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia.

The registered office of the Society is situated at:

P.O. Box 36098, Spring Garden Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3S9

BYLAWS

1. In these bylaws unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith
 - a. "Bylaws" Shall Mean The Rules And Regulations That Govern The Articles In The Memorandum Of Association.
 - b. "Closed Meeting" Shall Mean A Meeting Open Only To Members Of The Society In Good Standing.
 - c. "College Of Monarchs" Shall Be The Body Consisting Of All Monarchs Who Have Completed Their Reign Within The Imperial Realm.
 - d. "Community" Shall Mean All Homophile/Homophile Positive Residents And Organizations In The Imperial Realm.
 - e. "Coronation" Shall Mean The Event That Marks The Completion Of The Reign Of The Current Monarchs/Heads Of State And The Crowning Of The New Monarchs/Heads Of State.
 - f. "Elections" Shall Mean The Annual Polling That Elects The Emperor And Empress Of The Imperial Realm.
 - g. "Eligible Member" Shall Be An Individual/Life Member Who Is Entitled To A Vote At A Meeting.
 - h. "Emperor And Empress" Shall Mean The Reigning Monarch(S) Or Monarch(S) Regent Of An Imperial Court
 - i. "General Meeting" Shall Mean A Meeting Open To All The Residents Of The Imperial Realm.
 - j. "Homophile" Shall Mean Men And Women Of Same Sex Liking
 - k. "Homophile Positive" Shall Mean Those Persons That Support Homophiles In A Positive Manner
 - l. "Imperial City" Shall Mean The Geographical Boundaries Of The Halifax Regional Municipality Insofar As The Former Civic Boundaries Of The City Of Halifax
 - m. "Imperial Realm" Shall Mean The Geographical Boundaries Of The Province Of Nova Scotia
 - n. "International Alliance Of Courts" Shall Mean All Baronies, Ducal Courts Or Imperial Courts Officially Recognized By The International Court System
 - o. "Investiture" Shall Mean A Formal Event At Which Titles Are Bestowed.
 - p. "Memorandum Of Association" Shall Be The Governing Documents.
 - q. "Monarchical" Shall Mean The Creation Of An Annual House Name.
 - r. "Parliament" Shall Mean The Elected And Appointed Officers Of The Society.
 - s. "Rebel Court" Shall Mean Any Barony, Ducal Court Of Imperial Court Not Recognized By The International Alliance Of Courts.
 - t. "Regal Symbol" Shall Mean A Seal, Ring, Or Coat Of Arms
 - u. "Registrar" Means The Registrar Of Joint Stock Companies Appointed Under The Nova Scotia Companies Act.
 - v. "Society" Means The Imperial and Sovereign Court Of Atlantic Nova Society.
 - w. "Special Resolution" Means A Resolution Passed By Not Less Than Three Fourths (3/4) Of Such Members Entitled To Vote As Are Present In Person Or By Proxy, Where Proxies Are Allowed, At A General Meeting Of Which Notice Specifying The Intention To Propose The Resolution As A Special Resolution Has Been Duly Given.

MEMBERSHIP

2. There shall be two types of membership in the Society:
 - a. Individual memberships
 - b. Life Memberships
3. Individual membership shall entitle the holder to both voice and vote at General Meetings upon remittance of the annual membership fee.
4. Life Memberships may be granted to those individuals who have served the Society as either Emperor or Empress or any person awarded the distinction by the reigning Monarchs/Heads of State and upon ratification by Parliament. Life membership shall entitle the holder to both voice and vote at general meetings, and exempt the holder from remittance of the annual membership fee.
5. A member expelled for proven criminal activity within the Society shall forfeit all present and future rights to membership within the Society.
6. For the purpose of registration, the number of members of the Society is unlimited.
7. Every member of the Society shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the Society and to vote at any meeting of the Society and to hold any office in the Society, but there shall be no proxy voting.
8. Membership in the Society shall not be transferable.
9. The following shall be admitted to membership in the Society:
 - a. Any individual over the age of 19 who upholds the objects of the Society and contributes to the support of the Society an amount of ten dollars (Canadian funds) at a general meeting.
 - b. Any individual over the age of 19 residing in the Province of Nova Scotia who upholds the objects of the Society and contributes to the support of the Society an amount of ten dollars (Canadian funds).
 - c. Membership must be approved. Said Member is allowed an appeal to the society within twenty-one (21) days.
10. Membership in the Society shall cease upon the death of a member, or if, by notice in writing to the Society, he resigns his membership, or if he ceases to qualify for membership in accordance with these bylaws and/or by an extraordinary meeting called for the exact purpose of removing a member.
11. Membership fees are non refundable. Membership expires at midnight on the date of the Annual General Meeting, which must be held within forty five (45) days after the Coronation night.

FISCAL YEAR

12. The fiscal year of the Society shall be the period from December 1 – November 30

MEETINGS

13. The annual general meeting of the Society shall be held within forty five (45) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Society.

14. All meetings shall be conducted according to the spirit of Robert's Rules of Order with the Premier casting the deciding vote in an equality of votes.

15. The Memorandum of Association shall supersede Robert's Rules of Order.

16. Meetings of Parliament shall be held not less than once per month with written or verbal notification given by the Premier (Prime Minister) no less than seven (7) days prior.

17. General meetings shall be held not less than 2 times per fiscal year. Notification of general meetings shall be sent, in writing, or by email, to all members in good standing no less than 7 days prior to a meeting.

18. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held on a Sunday Afternoon.

19. Issues not resolved by the members of parliament shall be taken to the college of monarchs for advice.

20. Issues not resolved after advice from the college of monarchs shall be resolved by the membership.

21. Voting on any issues shall only be done at meetings, not by telephone or email.

22. At each or annual general meeting of the Society, the following items of business shall be dealt with and shall be deemed to be ordinary business:

- a. Minutes of the preceding meetings.
- b. Consideration of the annual report of the Members of Parliament.
- c. Consideration of the financial statements including the balance sheet and operation statement and the report of the auditors thereon.
- d. Election of Members of Parliament for the ensuing year.
- e. Appointment of Auditors.
- f. All other business transacted at an ordinary or annual general meeting shall be deemed to be special business and all business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an extraordinary general meeting of the Society.

No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Society unless a quorum of members is present at the commencement of such business.

23. A quorum at any assembly meeting shall consist of those who attend the meeting, provided it is one that has been properly called, and a minimum of 15 members in good standing are present.
24. A quorum for the transaction of business of the Members of Parliament shall be fifty (50) percent plus one (1) of the said members.
25. Members may petition the Premier for a general meeting by submitting a written petition with the signatures of no less than fifteen (15) percent of the members in good standing. The Premier shall hold this general meeting within twenty one (21) days of receipt.
26. All costs for this meeting will be the responsibility of the petitioners and not that of the Society.
27. If within one half hour from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum of members is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of the members, shall be dissolved. In any case, it shall stand adjourned to such time and place as a majority of the members then present shall direct and if such adjournment meeting a quorum of members is not present, it shall be adjourned sine die.
28. The Prime Minister of the Society shall preside as Chairperson at every meeting of the Members of Parliament.
29. The Premier shall preside as Chairman at every meeting of the Society;
 - a. If there is no Premier or if at any meeting he is not present at the time of holding the same, the Prime Minister shall preside as Chairperson.
 - b. If at any meeting neither the Premier nor the Prime Minister is present at the holding of the same, the meeting shall be adjourned until such time as they may be present.
30. The Chairperson shall have no vote except in the case of an equality of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
31. The Chairperson may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting, other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place, unless notice of such new business is given to the members. At any meeting, unless a poll is demanded by at least three members, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried and an entry to that effect in the book of proceedings of the Society shall be sufficient evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the members recorded in favour, of or against such resolution.
32. If a poll is demanded in manner aforesaid, the same shall be held such in a manner as the Chairman may prescribe and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Society in general meeting.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

33. Every member shall have one vote and no more.

DIRECTORS

(TO BE KNOWN HENCEFORTH AS THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT)

34. Unless otherwise determined by general meeting, the number of directors shall not be less than five or more than fifteen.

THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE THE FIRST DIRECTORS OF THE SOCIETY.

35. Any member of the Society shall be eligible to be elected a director of the Society.

36. The Members of Parliament shall be elected by the members at each Annual General Meeting of the Society.

37. Should an elected position of the Members of Parliament become vacant, the remaining Parliamentary Members shall

- a. Request the membership to elect a new member to parliament.
- b. Appoint another member of their group to carry out the responsibilities of the vacant position.
- c. Appoint a member of the Society to fill the vacancy.
- d. Leave the position vacant.

OFFICERS

38. The officers of the Society shall be:

- a. Prime Minister (President)
- b. Premier (Vice President)
- c. Minister of Finance (Treasurer)
- d. Minister of Communications (Secretary)
- e. Minister of Elections (Director of Elections)
- f. Other officers may be elected or appointed as workload permits. These new officers shall be elected at any general meeting but will vacate the position at the next Annual General Meeting.

39. The following shall constitute the other Directors:

- a. Minister Of Media / Public Relations
- b. Minister Of Coronation
- c. Minister Of Events
- d. Dowager empress (after coronation until the New Reign AGM)
- e. Dowager Emperor (after coronation until the New Reign AGM)
- f. Empress Elect
- g. Emperor Elect
- h. Two College representatives elected from within the college

DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

40. Prime Minister:

- a. Shall be responsible for the calling of meetings and ensuring that the Society functions according to parliamentary procedures.
- b. Shall be the spokesperson for the Members of Parliament with no vote on any matter arising from the Society's business, unless such business results in a tied or locked vote, and then, the Prime Minister shall be entitled to one vote to break the tie.
- c. Must attend all meetings of both the Members of Parliament and General.
- d. Holds position of Chair at all parliamentary meetings.
- e. Shall be an official signing officer of the Society.
- f. Shall Be the Spokesperson for the society.

41. Premier:

- a. Shall reside as chairperson at all general meetings.
- b. Shall take precedence over all Members of Parliament should the Prime Minister be unable to complete his/her term of office or be unable to attend for personal reasons.
- c. Shall be an official signing officer of the Society.

42. Minister of Finance:

- a. Shall be responsible for all budgets and financial reports at general and Parliamentary meetings.
- b. Shall report on all financial dealings at the Annual General meeting.
- c. Shall record all financial transactions.
- d. Shall administer all monies and examine all budgets presented at parliamentary meetings.
- e. Shall keep all files updated and current.
- f. Shall be an official signing officer of the Society.
- g. Shall be the guardian and custodian of all the court regalia.

43. Minister of Communications:

- a. Shall record all minutes at all parliamentary and general meetings.
- b. Shall keep a current file of all minutes.
- c. Shall establish and maintain the letters, membership records, and correspondence of the Society.
- d. Shall report all incoming and outgoing mail and/or email.
- e. Shall be responsible for informing the general members of all meetings and Society functions.
- f. Shall be responsible for overseeing the publication of both the ISCAN semi-annual newsletter and the ISCAN web page.

44. Minister of Elections:

- a. Shall be responsible for ballots, ballot boxes, and polling stations for the election of the Emperor and Empress.
- b. Shall be the Chairperson of the Imperial election committee.
- c. Shall distribute application forms to prospective candidates for the positions of Emperor/Empress.
- d. Shall be responsible for the collecting of application fees and shall surrender such fees to the Minister of Finance to be held in trust until the end of Coronation night, at which all monies shall be refunded to applicants who qualify for reimbursement.
- e. Shall appoint an outside firm who shall be responsible for the tabulation of votes.
- f. Shall draw up requirements for the potential voting public, subject to approval of the Parliamentary members.

45. Minister of Coronation:

- a. Shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Coronation and Victory celebrations.
- b. Shall arrange with local establishments and businesses to provide space for the performances of the in town and out of town shows.
- c. Shall be responsible for the booking of performance space and dining requirements for Coronation Night.
- d. Shall at his/her discretion appoint a deputy minister to aid in achieving these goals.
- e. Shall confer with the departing Monarchs on set design and layout of stage area for Coronation night.
- f. If there are no Monarchs, then, the Minister shall confer with the Parliamentary members.
- g. Shall be responsible for the Hospitality suite during Coronation Week
- h. Shall at his/her discretion select a committee of volunteers to aid the minister in achieving these goals.
- i. Shall report at all Parliamentary meetings the ongoing business of the Department of Coronation and shall keep the Members of Parliament up to date.

46. Minister of Events:

- a. Shall confer with the Current Monarchs in regards to special functions to help the Society achieve its' goals through shows, auctions, or any such event used for the purpose of raising funds for our annually selected charities.
- b. Shall coordinate functions with establishments in our community.
- c. Shall work in conjunction with the Minister of Coronation for Coronation week activities.
- d. Shall be responsible for the booking of Hotel rooms for visiting Monarchs and dignitaries.

47. Minister of Media/Public Relations:

- a. Shall be responsible for the Ball program for Coronation Night and shall be responsible for advertisements in said program.
- b. Shall appoint at his/her discretion a committee to aid in achieving such goals.
- c. Shall be responsible for all correspondence between the Society and the chapters of the Imperial Court System and the Imperial Empire of Canada.
- d. Shall report to the Minister of Communications of the on going progress of the ISCAN website and newsletter.

ELECTIONS OF THE EMPRESS AND EMPEROR

48. Duties of the Reigning Emperor and Empress.

- a. Shall represent the Society at local and out of town functions.
- b. Shall support all worthwhile efforts by community organizations and individuals which are consistent with the objectives of the Society as set in the Memorandum Of Association.
- c. Shall always maintain the best possible public image.
- d. Shall at all times attempt to nurture and maintain the unity of the community which the Society represents.
- e. Shall enter jointly at all official functions when possible.
- f. Shall perform at all Society and Court functions, if not a performer (Shall attend) unless there is just cause.
- g. Shall reign jointly with equal authority.
- h. Shall assist the minister of coronation in the production of coronation.

49. The emperor and empress shall be limited to:

- a. Four command performances each
- b. One last walk each consisting of multiple numbers where applicable

50. All persons who wish to seek the position as either Empress or Emperor shall be required to submit an application form that is provided, no less than sixty (60) days prior to the election date, accompanied with the required election fee. Upon receipt of the set fee each candidate shall receive an elections document detailing the requirements of a candidate. The Members of Parliament shall set the fee annually.

51. All applicants shall be interviewed by a quorum of the Members of Parliament and the College of Monarchs (where in existence) to ensure that they have an understanding of the responsibilities of the position.

52. Interviews shall be held no less than forty five (45) days prior to the election date.

53. This interview shall be held without the current Emperor and/or Empress in attendance and shall be chaired by a member of the College of Monarchs, appointed by the College of Monarchs. Where no College of Monarchs exists, The Members of Parliament shall appoint one of their own to act as Chairperson.

54. If a majority of the interviewing board feels the applicant is prepared to undertake the responsibilities of the position, they shall accept the application and permit the applicant to seek election as either Empress or Emperor, for that election.
55. All applicants shall be notified as to the acceptance or rejection of their candidacy within seven (7) days of completion of the interviews, by the Chairperson of the interview board, after secret vote has been taken. If any candidate is not accepted the fee shall be refunded.
56. Should there be only one (1) candidate for the position of either Empress or Emperor, a "yes/no" referendum will be held to determine the acceptance of the candidate. A candidate for Empress or Emperor will be deemed elected by the referendum only if they receive a greater percentage of "yes" votes than "no" votes.
57. Should there be no candidates for the position of either Empress or Emperor, the reigning Monarchs shall be requested to serve another term as Regents.
58. Should the reigning Empress or Emperor not accept the request to act as Regent, previous Monarchs shall be requested to serve as Regent(s) in order of latest to earliest reigns.
59. Should no previous Monarch accept a request to act as Regent, the latest elected Monarch shall reign.
60. The Coronation night shall be held within seven (7) days of the Election. The election shall be open to all residents within the Imperial Realm and is restricted to those who have attained nineteen (19) years of age.
61. Eligible voters are those persons who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Imperial Realm.
62. Eligibility for seeking election as either Empress or Emperor is restricted to those persons who have been a resident within the Imperial Realm for no less than one (1) year and have been a member of the Society for no less than one (1) year.
63. An Empress or Emperor who has been impeached shall not be allowed to run for the position of Empress or Emperor.
64. An Empress or Emperor who has successfully completed their reign shall not be allowed to run until they have served one year of service to the Society after their dowager year.
65. Any person seeking election of either the Empress or Emperor must have attained twenty-one (21) years of age by the annual Coronation night and not be restricted from international travel.
66. The Minister of Elections in accordance with the elections document/bylaws shall administer the election of the Empress and Emperor.

67. Any person seeking the title of Empress/Emperor shall resign any currently held titles from other organizations and/or establishments upon being elected to the position of Empress or Emperor.

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68. The Empress and Emperor shall choose a name for their house and shall appoint such titles in order to assist them in fulfilling the objectives of the Society during their reign.

69. The Empress and Emperor shall represent the Society as goodwill ambassadors at in town and out of town functions. They shall attend Parliamentary and General Meetings.

70. The Empress and Emperor will abide by the Memorandum of Association and bylaws of the Society and by the democratic decisions of the Members of Parliament at all times.

71. The Imperial Crown Prince and Princess shall not hold any Pageant titles during their reign.

72. Any fundraiser held by Court pageant title holders, i.e. King and Queen of Diamonds, shall be court / Coronation fund raisers.

73. The emperor and empress must both attend the Coronations of at least two (2) other recognized courts of the International Alliance of Courts.

74. Representation of the Emperor or Empress shall be restricted to the Imperial Family or the College of Monarchs / Heads of State.

75. Lifetime and Ultima titles shall only be bestowed upon members in good standing by the reigning Emperor and / or Empress.

DEATH, ABDICATION, OR IMPEACHMENT OF A MONARCH

76. In the event of a Monarch's death, abdication or impeachment, the replacement of the Monarch shall be as follows:

- a. An Heir Apparent previously named by the Monarch shall become Regent and complete the reign of the deceased or abdicated Monarch.
- b. In the event no Heir Apparent was named by the deceased, abdicated or impeached Monarch, the previous Monarchs shall be asked to serve as Regent, from the latest to the earliest reign.
- c. An Heir Apparent who assumes Regent status shall be allowed to seek election the following year.

77. Should a Monarch be impeached their Heir Apparent shall not serve as Regent unless receiving a majority vote by the Parliamentary Members. Further to this point, titles given by the impeached Monarch in the Imperial Family shall be withdrawn unless receiving a majority vote by the Parliamentary Members.

78. All privileges granted by the Society to a Monarch who has been impeached shall be revoked immediately upon their impeachment. A Monarch who has been impeached shall not be entitled to attend their step down in an official capacity.

IMPEACHMENT/EXPULSION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OR GENERAL MEMBERS

79. Any member, be they Members of Parliament or General Members, may lose the support of the Society and be impeached/expelled if for any reason they fail to represent the Society in an appropriate manner. This will be a seventy five (75) percent vote of the members present at a closed meeting duly constituted for that purpose.

80. The Members of Parliament shall cause to send written notice to the said member of all charges to be made at the meeting convened to determine the expulsion of that member. This written notice shall be given to the member no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

81. A member shall have the right to be represented at a meeting that is convened for expulsion. All charges shall be made by the accusers at this time and the member/representative may defend their actions prior to a vote on expulsion.

82. Any meeting that shall be convened to determine the expulsion of a member shall not be considered a regular meeting. Therefore, the acceptance of new members shall not be taken at such a meeting.

STATE REGALIA

83. State regalia shall at all times remain the property of the Society.

84. State regalia shall be returned to the Imperial Treasury within forty eight (48) hours after any and all State Functions. The Monarchs shall supply their own personal regalia for their reign but will be allowed access to such regalia as they wish for their Step down.

DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

85. A motion to dissolve the Society requires a special duly constituted closed meeting with seventy five (75) percent of eligible members present and a recorded vote.

86. Upon dissolution of the Society, the Parliamentary Members shall have forty five (45) days to disburse its' debt and obligations.

87. Any funds remaining is complied with shall be allocated to such organizations promoting the same objectives of the Society and recognized by the Department of National Revenue (Government of Canada)

AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND BYLAWS

88. Amendments to the Memorandum of Association and bylaws may be made upon approval by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the members in attendance at a closed meeting, at which, motion(s) to amend the Memorandum of Association and bylaws is to be decided.
89. Motions to amend the Memorandum of Association and bylaws must be circulated to the members, in writing, not less than thirty (30) days in advance of a closed meeting at which the motion(s) will be decided upon. The date, time and place of this meeting must accompany the motion(s) to amend the Memorandum of Association and bylaws.
90. Amendments to the Memorandum of Association and bylaws must be proposed, in writing, to the Premier who shall receive the proposed amendment(s) and advise either acceptance or rejection to the Parliamentary Members. Any approved proposed amendments must be presented back to the members as a motion to amend the Memorandum of Association and bylaws within thirty (30) days of receipt.
91. Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Members of Parliament.
92. Any eligible member may petition, in writing, the Premier, proposed amendments to the bylaws.

PROCLAMATIONS

93. Imperial proclamations shall not infringe upon the Memorandum of Association must be ratified by the Society.
94. The Members of Parliament must ratify imperial proclamations that infringe upon the bylaws.
95. All Imperial proclamations shall stand as lawful court protocol for all future courts of The Realm and its' Monarchs.
96. The emperor and empress may each make two (2) proclamations, plus two (one each) lifetime and Ultima titles during their reign.
97. All proclamations shall be presented in writing by the college of monarchs.

PROCLAMATIONS

- a. That any court system within Nova Scotia not allow their reigning monarchs or any other current or dowager(past or present) title holder to wear crowns or state regalia exceeding 7 inches in height. So it has been said, so it shall be from this day forward. Empress I Studio X LeNoir. (September 1, 2001)
- b. That from this day forward, the ISCANS community achievement awards be renamed to be known as "The Studio X LeNoir Community Achievement Awards". So it has been said, so it shall be from this day forward. Empress I Studio X LeNoir. (September 1, 2001)

ELECTIONS DOCUMENT

98. The Coronation of the Empress and Emperor shall be held within fourteen (14) days of the election. The election shall be open to all residents of the Imperial Realm who have attained a minimum of nineteen (19) years of age.
99. The Minister of Elections shall be responsible for the printing of the elections documents and all the ballot books, advertising and forms necessary to complete the election process. The costs of running such an election shall be borne by the Society.
100. The Minister of Elections shall appoint a Supervising Deputy Returning Officer to take charge of the election proper. This Supervising Deputy Returning Officer may appoint as many Volunteer Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks as needed to provide the smoothest running of the election. All appointments are subject to the approval of Parliament.
101. All printed and/or published campaign material, or public announcements of candidacy shall take place no earlier than 21 prior to the polling date.
102. Under penalty of forfeiting their candidacy for Empress or Emperor, there shall be no public disclosure of their intent to seek election.
103. All candidates must abide by the guidelines in their candidates package.
104. No candidate may use more than 25% of their printed material for sponsorship.
105. There shall be no campaigning within 500 feet of polling stations.
106. The election advertising shall include a place and time for the election poll and may include an advance poll prior to the normal election poll for those who are unable to vote on Election Day.
107. An appropriate location(s) shall be sought within the Imperial Realm to serve as a polling Station(s). Polling locations must be approved by majority vote of members of Parliament.

108. A majority vote of the members of Parliament shall decide if advance polls, or polls outside the Imperial City of Halifax, shall be provided.
109. The hours of the polling location(s) shall be a minimum of three (3) hours and a maximum of twelve (12) hours. These hours will be the same at any advance polls if held.
110. A poster containing photographs of all candidates shall be placed in the polling station(s). The poster shall contain in alphabetical order, according to stage name with a photograph clearly indicating each candidate. The photographs shall not depict any candidate wearing accessories depicting previous titles held, i.e. crowns, sashes, tiaras, etc., and must portray the personae sought.
111. All campaign material must portray the personae sought, including that posted on web sites, available by email, or hard copy.
112. Each resident of the Imperial Realm that wishes to vote must produce identification of their residence status within the Imperial Realm containing his or her name, address and date of birth.
113. The Supervising Deputy Returning Officer shall confirm the number of ballots given out, along with the spoiled ballot count to ascertain that the ballots cast are in accordance with the ballots given out.
114. The ballot shall list the candidates for the Empress and Emperor in alphabetical sequence using stage name.
115. The only acceptable ballots cast will be those that clearly indicate the choice of the voter. Any ballot that has more than one mark for an individual position shall be deemed spoiled.
116. The marked ballots shall be placed in a sealed ballot box by the voter, witnessed by the deputy returning officer.
117. At the close of the advance poll locations, the sealed ballot box shall be placed in trust with the official tabulator until the evening of the close of the regular polling station(s). The advance poll ballots shall be counted along with the regular ballots.
118. At the close of voting, the official tabulator shall count all ballots cast during election.
119. The ballot boxes with the ballots, after tabulation, shall be resealed and stored by the official tabulator until eleven (11) business days after the Coronation night, when they shall be given to the Minister of Elections for destruction within an hour.
120. The Minister of Elections, immediately after the official count of all ballots, shall be given the ballot stubs and all unused ballots to hold in trust for eleven (11) business days.

121. The name of the Empress and Emperor Elect shall be placed in separate sealed envelopes and retained by the Official Tabulator and shall not be revealed until the appropriate time on Coronation night.
122. The appointed Official Tabulator must be a responsible person hired and paid by the Society to perform this function, a lawyer, accountant, etc. This person shall receive a complimentary ticket to attend the Annual Coronation Night, to perform the last of their functions, which is to present the sealed envelopes.
123. The Members of Parliament of the Society shall resolve any disputes with regard to the administration or application of these regulations within three (3) days of polling.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

124. The auditor of the Society shall be appointed annually by the members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting and, on failure to appoint an auditor, the Members of Parliament may do so.
125. The Society shall make a written report to the members as to the financial position of the Society and the report shall contain a balance sheet and operation account. The auditors shall make a written report to the members upon the balance sheet and operating account, and in every such report, shall state whether, in his or her opinion, the balance sheet is a full and fair balance sheet containing the particulars required by the Society and properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Society's affairs, and such report shall be read at the Annual General Meeting. A copy of the balance sheet showing the general particulars of its liabilities and assets and a statement of its' income and expenditure in the preceding year, audited by the auditor, shall be filed with the Registrar within fourteen days after the Annual General Meeting in each year as required by law.

MISCELLANEOUS

126. Amendments to the Memorandum of Association and By-Laws will be presented to the Premier a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to final Annual General Meeting. Premier will disclose proposed changes to Parliament. The Society shall file with the Registrar with its annual statement a list of its directors with their addresses, occupations, and the dates of appointment or election, and within fourteen days of a change of directors, notify the Registrar of the change.
127. The Society shall file with the Registrar a copy in duplicate of every special resolution within fourteen days after the resolution is passed.
128. The seal of the Society shall be in the custody of the Minister of Communications and may be affixed to any document upon resolution of the Members of Parliament.
129. Preparation of minutes, custody of the books and records, and custody of the minutes of all the meetings of the Society and of the Members of Parliament shall be the responsibility of the Minister of Communications.

130. Any member may inspect the books and records of the Society at any reasonable time within two days prior to the Annual General Meeting at the registered office of the Society.
131. Any member wishing to inspect the books and records of the Society must do so in writing to the Directors of the Society.
132. Contracts, deeds, bills of exchange and other instruments and documents may be executed on behalf of the Society by the Prime Minister, or the Premier and the Minister of Communications, or otherwise as prescribed by resolution of the Members of Parliament.
133. The borrowing powers of the Society may be exercised by special resolution of the members.