

Official By-Laws for the Canton of Hawkes Reache

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This branch of the SCA (The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc) is hereby known as 'The Canton of Hawkes Reache, in the Barony of An Dubhaigeainn, a member of the East Kingdom.

Objectives and Purpose-

As a branch of the SCA, the Canton of Hawkes Reache is a not for profit, educational organization dedicated to the study of the middle ages. Our purpose is the research the Middle Ages and share knowledge gained from that research. Our objective is to further the SCA and enjoy doing it.

Officers-

The Canton of Hawkes Reache will have the following warranted officers as per Kingdom law: **Seneschal** and **Exchequer**. Also at minimum *one* of the following: **Herald, Minster of Arts and Science, Knight Marshall**. The offices of **Minister of Lists, Chronicler** and **Chatelaine** are optional. The Seneschal will absorb any other of the optional offices that goes unfilled for any reason. At the Seneschal's discretion, any vacant office filled by the Seneschal may be passed to any other sustaining member in the Canton, without polling, for a period of three months. Before the three-month period ends, an election must be held for the office. All Officers will remain in office for **two years** from the date of their warrant was issued. Upon completion of the term, that officer may run again for the same office, assuming they maintain all required membership and warrant prerequisites. Should an officer become unable to fulfill their duties for any reason, or if that officer resigns before the term is finished, then the deputy for that office will assume the office until the term is completed. In absence of a deputy, the Seneschal will absorb the office. Each standing officer must file a quarterly report, in compliance with the reporting schedule established by kingdom law, with their **Kingdom Superior, Seneschal, Deputy**, and the corresponding officer in the Barony of An Dubhaigeainn. As directed by the governing regulations of the SCA (Corpora), each officer must maintain an SCA membership for the entire term of office.

The Seneschal and Exchequer must live within borders of the Canton. All other officers must at least reside within the borders of Barony of An Dubhaigheainn. At no time should the number of nonresident officers exceed the number of resident officers.

Canton officers may hold baronial offices in conjunction with their canton ones. The only exceptions are the seneschal and the exchequer. The canton seneschal may not hold the offices of the baronial seneschal or the baronial exchequer. The canton exchequer may not also hold the office of baronial seneschal. The canton seneschal is also discouraged from holding another baronial office, due to both conflicts of interest and burnout.

Members-

There are two types of Canton of Hawkes Reache (Canton) members: paid and non-paid. Paid members are those who have a current Subscribing, Family, or Associate SCA membership.

Voting-

A simple majority is required to carry most votes within the Canton. Items requiring voting procedures include but are not limited to: elections, change of the By-Laws, or allocation of assets. A vote may be held only if there is at least 50% of the standing officers (any offices that are currently absorbed by the Seneschal are not counted) in attendance. Each member in attendance at the meeting gets one vote. All members (paid and non-paid) over the age of 13 may participate in any voting that is done in the Canton. A $\frac{3}{4}$'s majority is required to change

the By-Laws. Voting can be done at any announced meeting of the Canton. Any voting procedure does not have to be announced in advance. Proxies are not allowed. The Seneschal will run all voting procedures, with the exception of the Seneschal election, which will be run by the Exchequer. Secret ballots may be held for any voting procedure at the Seneschal's discretion or by request by any voting member of the Canton prior to the vote.

Officer Elections-

Only paid members may participate in Canton officer elections. Officer elections must be announced at least one month in advance. They will be announced via posting on the official Canton website. Anyone may be a Canton officer, including those that reside outside the Cantons borders, with the exception of the Seneschal and Exchequer.

Assets-

All physical inventory and any other assets will be held by and accounted for by the Exchequer. Upon the notification by the SCA or it's designated representatives that the Canton is dissolved for any reason, all assets will be disbursed to the Barony of An Dubhaigeainn.

Financial-

The Financial committee consists of the Seneschal and the Exchequer, they may approve any disbursement of up to \$50.00 per month total. Any amount above that must be brought to a vote via normal means at a Canton meeting.

Meetings-

Anyone who resides within the territorial boundaries of the Canton who wishes to be active within the Canton (Populace) may attend meetings which will be held at least once a quarter to introduce, discuss and/or approve any Canton business. Any matter of business pertaining to the Canton may be brought up. The Seneschal will run the meeting, in the Seneschal's absence, the Exchequer will run the meeting. In absence of the Exchequer, the Seneschal will designate a representative to run the meeting.

Announcements-

As the need arises, all pertinent information will be posted on the Canton webpage (hawkesreache.eastkingdom.org), Viaduct Newsletter and/or Baronial electronic mailing lists. Any questions, concerns, or other adminatrivia can be directed to the Seneschal.

In the event of any conflicts between the canton charter and kingdom or the barony, the Kingdom and the baronial charters will have precedence.