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This document has been heavily edited from the first draft, which used the 2016 Ruantallan Constitution as a starting point. The intent of this version is to reduce the Seashire Constitution to its simplest form.

This document will need to be reviewed to ensure it is in compliance with Corpora and EK Law.

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE CANTON OF SEASHIRE (DRAFT 3)**

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### **I. DEFINITION**

The Canton of Seashire is an entity within the Barony of Ruantallan, consisting of the general modern area of the Greater Halifax Regional Municipality. (If we had Postal Codes, we could add them.)

### **II. VISION STATEMENT**

Seashire's purpose is to make the SCA accessible for people in HRM.

### **III. REFERENCES**

- A. All policies and procedures of the Canton of Seashire are subject to the most recent:
  - 1. Applicable Canadian Law, federal, provincial, and municipal

2. SCA Corpora <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/govdocs.pdf>
3. East Kingdom Law  
<https://seneschal.eastkingdom.org/docs/EKLAW%202022July.pdf>
4. Constitution of the Barony of Ruantallan  
<https://www.ruantallan.eastkingdom.org/resources/documents/>

B. Where there is any conflict, the law higher on the list shall take precedence.

#### IV. SEASHIRE CURIA

A. Definition: The Curia is the executive body of the Canton, which oversees its activities, approves its expenditures, encourages leadership within its populace, makes decisions and procedures as required for its good functioning, and communicates with the populace of the Canton and the wider SCA.

##### B. Meetings

1. Frequency: Meetings will be held at least quarterly.
2. Notice of Meetings: Meetings must be publicized to the populace through the Canton website, social media, and all other usual methods of communication to the populace no later than seven (7) days before the meeting date.
3. Meetings are open to the populace. Members of the populace may speak at Curia, but do not vote.
4. Meetings require the lesser of three (3) voting officers, or half the voting officers present. One of those officers must be the Seneschal or their deputy.

C. Composition: The Curia is composed of the following voting officers:

1. Seneschal (mka President)
2. Exchequer (mka Treasurer)
3. Chatelaine.

4. One of Knight Marshall, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Herald (Seadrake Pursuivant).
5. Event Stewards, from the approval of their Event until the meeting following the Event, where the Event Steward is to deliver their final Event report.
6. Other officers as the Curia chooses to include.

#### D. Deputy Officers

1. The Seneschal will have a deputy, who will assume their duties in case of absence.
2. There will be a Recording Secretary, who may be a deputy of the Seneschal, or may be one of the other officers of Curia.
3. All officers upon taking office will seek a deputy to replace them when they step down.

#### E. Terms of Office

1. Curia officers serve two (2) year terms. They may be confirmed for a second two (2) year term, after Curia has advertised the position through all usual methods of communication to the populace.
2. No officer will serve more than two (2) terms consecutively in the same office.
3. Time spent as a deputy officer does not count towards their term of office.
4. Officers may be appointed by Curia for special projects for the duration of the project.

#### F. Voting:

1. No financial decisions may be voted on without the Exchequer present.
2. Votes are by simple majority. A tie vote may be broken by the Seneschal.
3. Each voting officer has one vote. Officers who hold more than one office still have one vote.

4. Deputies have no vote of their own on Curia, but may vote on behalf of the office in the absence of the voting officer.

#### G. Reporting Requirements

1. Each officer with a Kingdom counterpart must report to the Kingdom Officer on the schedule set forth by the Kingdom.
2. Each officer reporting to the Kingdom must copy their Baronial counterpart, and the Canton Seneschal.
3. Each Event Steward must make a final report to the Curia at the meeting following their Event.
4. The Recording Secretary must ensure that minutes of all Curia Meetings are posted on the Canton website no later than fourteen (14) days following each meeting.

#### H. Removal from Office

1. Officers who miss Curia meetings for two consecutive quarters may be removed from office by a vote of Curia.
2. Officers who miss two consecutive reports to Kingdom may be removed from office by a vote of Curia.
3. The Althing may petition the Curia to remove an officer for stated cause, and the Curia must consider the petition.

### V. SEASHIRE ALTHING

A. Definition: The Seashire Althing is the assembly of the populace of the Canton, which meets to discuss any matters of interest to the populace of the Canton in an open and unbiased forum.

#### B. Meetings

1. The Althing will meet at least annually.

2. The Althing will be convened more often for any reason that concerns the populace of the Canton at the request of a previous Althing, the Curia, or five (5) or more armigers who ask the Canton Seneschal in writing.
3. For the annual Althing, the Canton will publicly announce the date and time at one or more Events in advance of the meeting.
4. Other meetings of the Althing will be announced on the Canton website, social media, and all other usual methods of communication to the populace no fewer than seven (7) days before the meeting.
5. Each meeting will have a moderator, who is not the Canton Seneschal, who will ensure that everyone has a chance to speak.
6. The moderator will ensure that notes on what was discussed at the Althing will be posted on the Canton website no later than fourteen (14) days following the meeting.

#### C. Membership

1. Anyone who resides within the Canton of Seashire is a member of the Althing, and may speak and vote at its meetings.
2. Within the Althing, there is no rank, and there are no offices. Everyone has an equal voice.

#### D. Powers

1. The Althing may amend the Constitution of the Canton of Seashire, by a vote of 2/3 majority of the populace present.
2. The Althing may petition, by a vote of 2/3 majority of the populace present, for the Curia to vote to remove an officer of Curia.
3. The Althing may petition for a change in SCA group status, by a vote of 2/3 majority of the SCA members present.
4. The greatest power of the Althing is to give everyone in the Canton an opportunity to be heard, so that issues of importance may be addressed.

## VI. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A. Events

1. There will be at least one Event sponsored by the Canton and placed on the Kingdom Calendar in each calendar year.
2. Event bids will be submitted by the Event Steward(s) to the Canton Seneschal, and considered by Curia at the next meeting.
3. The Curia will encourage the development of new Events and the mentoring of new Event Stewards.
4. The Curia will approve Demos intended to publicize the work of the SCA to the general public.

B. Activities

1. The Curia will support the development of frequent social and educational activities open to members of the populace and guests.
2. These may include, but are not limited to:
  - a) Martial practices in all disciplines.
  - b) Arts and Sciences crafting sessions.
  - c) Lectures, talks, and demonstrations.
  - d) Dance or other performance practices.
  - e) Social gatherings, such as pre- and post-revels, or other Canton meetups.
3. The Curia will seek out and mentor diverse leadership for its social and educational activities.

VII. AMENDMENT PROCESS

A. Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted to the Canton Curia, which must distribute the amendments to the Canton populace by all usual methods of communication at least thirty (30) days before the Althing where it will be considered.

B. This Constitution will be amended by a vote of 2/3 majority of the populace present at the Althing, and the signature of the Canton Seneschal.

C. Amendments made because of changes in modern law, Corpora, East Kingdom Law, or Ruantallan Constitution will be made by the Canton Seneschal, and noted in Curia minutes, without a vote of the Althing.