

Moot of Roak and Jocea - Kingdom 12<sup>th</sup> Night  
January 13 2007

Opening of business,  
Words of thanks from Her Majesty.

Reading of Law 7-100 – Duties of the Kingdom Seneschal

The people were asked to bring forward any questions or issues they wished to discuss in the moot...there were no responses at that time.

Nominees for the position of Lawspeaker speaker were asked to introduce themselves and provide brief comments on their wish to be Lawspeaker for Ealdormere and their experience in the SCA.

Countess Rylyn and Lord Evan Quicktongue provided introductions, His Excellency Baron Hereward Far-Dweller was not in attendance.

Clarification on the voting dates was requested, with the response being that voting was to take place in April.

Lord Evan Quicktongue has been part of SCA for 14 years and has lived in the Baronies of Skrealing Althing, Septentria, Ben Dunfirth and Ramshaven.

- he has held positions as canton Herald and Seneschal
- he has held the Kingdom Herald position
- he has served as Baronial Seneschal
- he has served as a Deputy to Society Seneschal

Countess Rylyn Buchanan joined the SCA in 1988

- she has held the position of Kingdom Seneschal
- she has served as both Queen of Ealdormere, Territorial Princess of Ealdormere
- at the canton level she has held the positions of pursuivant and marshal
- Countess Rylyn lives in the Barony of Ramshaven

For more information on the nominees, please visit [www.ealdormere.sca.org/ecoh/law.htm](http://www.ealdormere.sca.org/ecoh/law.htm)

It was noted that contact information for all candidates is on the Lawspeaker webpage, in addition to statements from all nominees and information regarding the position of on Lawspeaker

It was also noted that minutes of most Ealdormere moots are now available on the Lawspeaker webpage.

- The current Lawspeaker has been in the position for 3 years.
- Ealdormere has had 4 Lawspeakers.
- It was noted that Ealdormere was the first kingdom to have a Lawspeaker and that it is a privilege to have this voice for the people of the Kingdom.

-The position qualifications were noted as having the ability to be a confidante, arbitrator, and being able to give advice to the Crown (whether the Crown would like to hear it or not)

The Voting process was described as follows:

- Seneschals of each Canton, Barony and the Kingdom will ask for votes.
- the majority vote for each voting section will be forwarded to the Kingdom.
- Seneschals may conduct the vote as best suits their group.
- No double voting is allowed.
- for those who travel a great deal and don't have a group with which they are affiliated, they may give their votes to the Baronial Seneschal, or the Kingdom Seneschal.
- the successful candidate will be announced in May.

**Next item:**

Short update on the SCA-Canada discussion was given by Keja as the representative for Ealdormere. It was noted that not much had been discussed recently on this issue.

**A question arose from the people:**

As we are currently looking at a large changeover in Baronial rulers through Ealdormere, would it be a good time to revisit the length of the term to be served by Barons and Baronesses (ie, to make the term shorter). It was also noted that some Barons and Baronesses feel that they must *\*complete\** a 5 year term.

- It was noted by some current Barons & Baronesses that between 4 & 5 years is an adequate period and that to make the time shorter might disrupt feelings of continuity that are an important part of the reason for the existence of the Barons and Baronesses.
- The comment was made that that most people consider the time of service carefully when running for the position.
- The comment arose that to make the term of service "optional" would be generate too much debate.
- It was noted that some members of the Kingdom believe that the term of service is 3 to 5 years.
- The question was asked "Wouldn't it be preferable to reinforce to candidates that it's **optional** to go to 5 years"?
- It was noted by the Kingdom Seneschal that Kingdom Law states that the original term for a territorial Baron and Baroness is not to *\*exceed\** 5 years.

An announcement was made regarding a raffle being held during the day for Holley family fund, and at the next 4 kingdom events, and at 12<sup>th</sup> Night the prize was a chess set.

The announcement was made that the Kingdom is currently seeking a new Kingdom Chatelaine and Kingdom Seneschal.

For the Kingdom Chatelaine, it was noted that the details regarding application and the position were posted to the Seneschals elist, the Ealdormere elist, and in the Tidings.

- the position was summarized as: being coordinator with local Chatelaines and requires good communications skills, experience in various areas of the SCA, enough knowledge about the SCA to direct new members, and reliable internet and phone service.
- it was noted that the position mostly involves pointing newcomers to local Chatelaines.

-The position reports to the Kingdom Seneschal and to Society Chatelaine, and collates local reports to Society.

-THL Baldic Leeman of Newcastle is the current Kingdom Chatelaine. Interested applicants are encouraged to speak with him if they have any questions.

For the Kingdom Seneschal position, interested applicants are asked to speak with Duchess Marion Fitzwilliam. Notices will be in the February & March Tidings.

The Moot was closed with expressions of gratitude from His Majesty to all in attendance.