

**Barony of Rising Waters, Kingdom of Ealdormere, SCA Inc.
Succession Policy & Procedures – revised December 9, 2008.**

The election being coordinated by the baronial seneschal, and overseen by the kingdom seneschal, with the ability to coordinate the election personally if they deem necessary.

I. Qualifications for the Baronial Seat.

Any individual wishing to be considered for the honour of the Baron and/or Baroness of Rising Waters:

- A. Be acceptable to the crown.
- B. Be an international or family member in good standing of the S.C.A. at least 6 months prior to the announcing of the stepping down of the present Baron and Baroness.
- C. Be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- D. All candidates must meet the requirements as set out by Corpora and Kingdom Law.
- E. Candidates may be an individual or a couple made up of both genders.

II. Participation of the Barony's Populace: Populace Poll

- A. Members of the Barony shall have the opportunity to express to the Crown their consensus as to the choice of the Baron/ness in the form of a written poll. These written poll results shall be provided to the Crown to assist the Crown in the confirmation of Baron/ness but shall not bind the Crown in any manner whatsoever.
- B. Only those who are, at the time of the announcement of step down, paid members of the Society who are considered by the definition in this policy to be members of the Barony shall be eligible to vote.
- C. Unpaid members of the barony will be polled separately to be considered.
- D. Proxy votes will not be accepted.
- E. E-mail or mail in votes will be accepted only up until 11:59 pm the Friday prior to the last day of voting. You have to include your full mundane name, SCA name, address, phone number, email and membership number. We will need to have a physical in your e-mail or letter for your vote to be counted.
- F. Definition of a member of the Barony of Rising Waters - Someone who lives within the boundaries of Rising Waters, who does not have a strong affiliation with another Barony. Or a member of the Barony can be someone living outside the boarders of Rising Waters who is active within the Barony and considers themselves a member of the Barony and whose name is listed on the Baronial membership roster.

III. Candidates for the Baronial Seat(s)

- A. Anyone wishing to run for the Baronial Seats must meet the requirements listed above.
- B. A letter of intent must be given to the present Baron and Baroness and the Baronial Seneschal no later than 30 days after the date of the step down announcement.
- C. With the letter of intent the potential candidate(s) must include a copy of their memberships.

IV. Order of events

- A. Approximately 6 months before the Baron and Baroness intent to retire the current Baron and Baroness shall announce their intent to retire in a court. This shall initiate the process.
- B. Notification shall be posted in the next issue of The Cataract, The Baronial newsletter or in a special additional Baronial newsletter; stipulating that they will step down and those copies of the letters of intent from the Candidates will be accepted by Their Excellencies and the Baronial Seneschal. At the same time the Baronial Succession Policy shall be published. This information shall also be made available at all meetings, practices, workshops, local events and on the Baronial newsgroup, or by e-mail to anyone who should wish a copy.
- C. At the application deadline, the list of prospective candidates will be sent to the Crown (present and Heirs) and the Kingdom Seneschal for approval.
- D. Upon return and approval from the Royals and the Seneschal, the list shall be finalized and the successful Candidates will be notified.
- E. From time of notification of the candidates, over the next several weeks as outlined by the schedule, will have the opportunity to attend at least one scheduled candidate meeting were the populous can ask them questions.
- F. The Baronial Seneschal will prepare the ballots and the non member polling according to corpora and Kingdom law.
- G. Voting will occur as outlined in the time lines published. At least three separate opportunities are given for voting in the first round and two opportunities should there have to be another round of voting.
- H. The voting process will take no longer then 30 days.
- I. The Baronial Seneschal, the Baron and Baroness and an agreed upon impartial, non Baronial, third party shall tally the votes. If any of the aforementioned parties are unavailable for counting the votes on the scheduled date, then they shall appoint a deputy who can fulfill these duties. If the Baronial Seneschal and or the sitting Baron and Baroness are running in the election, then the Kingdom Seneschal shall appoint someone to oversee the tally of the votes.
- J. The Baron and Baroness of Rising Waters and the Baronial Seneschal shall witness the vote tally and if necessary, verify votes.
- K. If a couple or candidate has achieved a clear majority of at least 60% of the vote, then the vote shall be presented to the crown for approval. The non member poll shall also be presented for the crown's information.
- L. If there is not a clear majority of at least 60% and there are more than two couples/candidates on the ballot, then the two couples/candidates with the most votes will be put on a new ballot with all others being dropped from the process. The voting will follow the above process
- M. If there are not more than two couples/candidates and there is not a clear majority of 60%, then the member votes and the non member polling is presented to the crown for their approval.
- N. Should the Candidate(s) meet with the Crown's approval, then the current Barona and Baroness will step down at the next Rising Water's Baronial Birthday Bash or at another event chosen by

the crown, the new Baron and/or Baroness will be invested by the Crown of Ealdormere at their pleasure and in accordance with Kingdom and Society laws.

This version of the Baronial Succession Policy for the Barony of Rising Waters supersedes all previous revisions.

Succession Timeline

March 29 - Spring A&S; Announce intention to step down

May 10 - Letters of Intent received

May 20 - Notify candidates of acceptance

May 24 - Spring Crown Tourney; Announce and present successful candidates in court

June 1 - Finally Oaks; Baronial meeting and meet the candidates

June ? and ? - meet the candidates meetings, to be determined after candidates have been accepted to ensure ability of all candidates to be available

July 6 - Voting starts by mail in and email

July 13 - Finally Oaks; Baronial meeting, final votes and vote tallies

August 17 - Finally Oaks; subsequent voting if necessary

October 4 - Huntsman's Harvest; Successful candidate announced in court

November 1 - Lady Mary Memorial Tourney and Baronial Investiture