

Shire of Fjordland



Governing Policy

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What is contained within this document is subject to modern law of the relevant jurisdictions, the governing documents of the Society, Kingdom Law and the approval of the Crown, As well as Principality law and the approval of the Coronet.

This governing policy is subject to a yearly review and when necessary revision.

Officers and their selection

The Reporting Officers of the Shire shall be:

- Seneschal
- Exchequer
- Arts & Sciences
- Branch Marshal (MoS)
- Herald
- Archery
- Chatelaine

Shire offices and job descriptions are structured following the laws and customs of the Kingdom of An Tir, and the Principality of Tir Righ. Duties are as detailed in Corpora, Kingdom and Principality Law; what follows is particular to Fjordland.

- Officers shall give a written quarterly report, including activities specific to their office and the activities of the branch to their Principality superior.
- Officers of the Shire are to have their reports to their Principality superior by the 1st of the following months: February, May, August, and November.

- Officers of the Shire shall attend all Shire business meetings or have contacted the Seneschal in advance regarding the state of their office.
- Officers will keep abreast of activities of the Shire as they pertain to their area of responsibility and report monthly to the membership of the Shire.

Term of Office

Officers shall serve a two (2) year term, and may apply for a one (1) year extension.

Officer selection

Officers are selected on a volunteer basis and are subject to the consensus of the Shire membership. The membership is defined as all those in attendance at the Shire business meetings which are held monthly.

Monthly meetings must include a Quorum of the reporting officers of the group in order to approve Branch decisions. A Quorum will consist of no less than three of the Reporting officers of the Branch.

Branch Decision making

All Branch business decisions i.e. event approval, demos, Officer selection, etc... follow Roberts Rules of order with either a call for a consensus of the membership in attendance or a hard vote during a scheduled Shire Business meeting.

A call for Consensus will involve all in attendance subject to the following criteria; An Officer of the Branch, a card carrying member of the Society who has been resident in the Branch for no less than six months, or a non-member of the Society who has been an active participant in the Branch for no less than six months, attended two meetings of the Branch and attended one official Society event.

For decisions requiring a more definite result, (a hard vote), The 'voting' membership is defined as all those in attendance at that Shire meeting subject to meeting at least one of the following criteria; An Officer of the Branch or a card carrying member of the Society who has been resident in the Branch for no less than six months.

a. Members cannot block SCA ("card-carrying") members from voting on Shire business. Provided they have met the residency requirement. In official Society matters they are the only ones who 'officially' have a say. Non-members can voice opinions only.

b. This policy is not intended to block anyone from participation or voting in Branch business. It is intended to give those coming into the jurisdiction of the Branch the opportunity to become informed and comfortable with the operations of the Branch and how it conducts its business.

_____, Seneschal, Fjordland