

Black Diamond Voting Policy

As of December 2008

1. Voting policy, Barony of Black Diamond/SCA inc. Enacted by vote on December 2001, amended 5/19/2004, 7/08/2004, 12/10/2008
 - 1.1 This policy is superseded by Kingdom Policy, Kingdom Law, Society Policy, Corpora, State and Federal laws
 - 1.2 This policy shall be accepted by a vote of the Barony, replaces all previous voting policies, and may be amended or replaced by a vote of the Barony. It may be reviewed at any group meeting.
 - 1.3 Changes to this or other policy issues may be enacted only on a quarterly basis at the March, June, September, or December meetings.
 - 1.4 As each Seneschal takes office, that Seneschal will review and re-ratify the Voting Policy.

2. Great Officer System with the populace vote first:
 - 2.1 Eligible populace members get one total vote as a group and each Great Officer gets one vote individually.
 - 2.1.1 Deputies vote as populace.
 - 2.2 Populace members vote first.

3. Each Great Officer is accorded one vote. (Any person holding more than one Great Office will only receive one vote and that vote only counts once towards a quorum)
 - 3.1 The Great Officers are the same as the Atlantian "Officers of State" (as listed in the Great Atlantian Book of Law, section 4.10, May 2005), with the exceptions and additions noted below:
 - 3.1.1 Baronage – added to the list
 - 3.1.2 Seneschal
 - 3.1.3 Exchequer
 - 3.1.4 Herald
 - 3.1.5 Knight Marshal
 - 3.1.6 Minister of Arts and Sciences
 - 3.1.7 Chronicler
 - 3.1.8 Chirurgion
 - 3.1.9 Seneschal/s of any officially recognized full status subgroups such as (but not limited to) Canton/s and College/s – added to the list.
 - 3.1.10 Minister of the List (Added 5/19/04)
 - 3.1.11 Chatelaine (Added 12/10/08)

4. Requirements/Eligibility
 - 4.1 Populace members are required to have an SCA membership number. (Added by Kingdom, 2004)

- 4.2 All voting members must be of sufficient age to hold a non age restricted office in the SCA as defined by Corpora (Corporate Policies of the SCA, Inc, section II, subsection C, "Eligibility for Office." As of October 2001, this age is 15 years.
- 4.3 The populace majority vote counts as one Great Officer vote.

5. A quorum of officer (counting the populace's vote) is required for a vote to take place.
 - 5.1 A Quorum is defined as 66% of the voting positions

6. Great Officer Proxy voting
 - 6.1 Great Officer Proxy voting will be allowed with a confirmation acceptable to the Seneschal.
 - 6.1.1 No Great Officer may Proxy for more than one officer (No single individual may hold more than one vote).
 - 6.1.2 To act as a proxy officer, the proxy and the officer must both fill out and sign the Proxy Form from the Black Diamond website
 - 6.1.3 The Seneschal must be informed beforehand for any proxy vote to be accepted.
 - 6.1.4 Proxy officers count towards a Quorum.

7. Roberts Rules of Order Newly revised, Sturgis, or some comparable system will be employed to ensure a smooth flow of business.