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How does this polling thing work?

The basic process follows these steps:

- 1) The sitting B&B announce their intent to step down
- 2) People interested in stepping up as the new B&B submit applications
- 3) Their Majesties (or Royal Highnesses) evaluate the applicants and determine eligibility
- 4) The accepted applicants are announced as candidates.
- 5) The populace gets to know the candidates, and vice versa.
- 6) Meet-and-greet gathering
- 7) Question-and-answer session
- 8) Polling forms are filled out by the populace and sent to Their Majesties
- 9) Their Majesties review the polling forms and select the candidate(s) that they feel are best for the barony.
- 10) The new B&B are announced and invested.

Note: “B&B” is used as a generic term for “Baron” and/or “Baroness” – the ruling pair does not need to be a couple, or even of opposite genders. It doesn't even need to be a pair for that matter; a single baron or baroness may serve alone.

Who are the candidates?

We're already at step 5 of the list above. Their Majesties have already selected the candidates.

HL Mairghread inghean Dubhghail and HL Eoghan Òbriain

HL José Cabrera de Castila and HL Lilian A de la Sara

HL Kendryth Fíliá Gerald and HL Brigitta

Riegers von Wolfratshausen

Why should I go to the Meet-and-Greet?

The meet-and-greet will be a chance for you to meet all of the candidates in the same place at the same time. It will be a chance to relax and interact with the candidates in a casual atmosphere.

How will the Q&A session work?

the populace is encouraged to ask each set of potentials questions which can be submitted to the Seneschal HL Alaina Blackthorn by the business meeting on 6/14. Each of the pairs were allowed their own time in front of the populace and each were asked the same questions this will be done one set at a time. The other candidates will be asked to wait in a different room.

Where do these questions come from?

The questions are submitted by the populace. If you have a question for the candidates, email it to the seneschal ([seneschal@dragonsmist.antir.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@dragonsmist.antir.sca.org)). The questions will be screened in advance to ensure that they are pertinent to all candidates.

What if you don't ask my question?

You are always welcome to contact any or all candidates with any other questions or comments you may have.

Who gets to fill out a polling form?

All paid members who live within the bounds of Terra Pomaria may fill out a form for this polling. The seneschal will have a list of current members and their addresses to verify whether their membership is current and within the appropriate region. Officers and members of the sergeantry, Champions, or people with the award of Dragon's Kin who live outside of Dragon's mist and are paid members are also eligible to fill out a polling form.. The officers and sergeants who live outside Dragon's Mist needs to contact the seneschal in writing (email preferred) by 11:59 on Monday June 26th 2017.

What if I don't get one?

If you are not a paid member or if you live outside of Dragons Mist, you are welcome to contact Their Majesties directly. Your communications with Them will be outside the polling process. You are welcome to attend all polling events, regardless of membership status.

Why should I fill one out?

Their Majesties do not know us nearly as well as we know each other. They are relying on us to give them the most honest and complete impression possible about the candidates. The more of us that fill out the forms (or write Them letters/emails), the more comprehensive a picture Their Majesties will have about the populace's collective wishes. They may rely entirely on the contents of the polling forms, especially when a quick turnaround time is critical. Thus, it is very important to participate, and particularly as a paid member with an official polling form.

When do I fill out my form?

Polling forms will be filled out in person on June 30th , 7:15-9:00 pm at [Beaverton Community Center](#) (12350 sw 5th st #100 Beaverton Or 97005)

But what if I can't be there?

Email TRM's at [crown@antir.org](mailto:crown@antir.org)

What goes on one of these forms?

You'll write whether you support the candidates and your opinions regarding your support of each set of candidates. No really, that's it.

Do I have to put my name on my form?

Yes. You're sending these letters to Their Majesties. Anything you say, you should be willing to stand behind. You will also be required to sign your form. If you hold a position within the Barony, you may wish to include that information so that Their Majesties can take your comments in context.

Who will be reading my form?

Only Their Majesties will read the forms. No specific information as to the contents of the forms will be released. No quotes, no numbers, nothing. The contents will be strictly confidential.

Can I prepare my comments in advance?

You can always formulated your comments in advance that is up to you. You will need to put them on the polling form you receive that night.

Is there a maximum word limit?

No, but excessively long comments may place an undue burden on Their Majesties. Please keep in mind that they have many polling forms to get through.

What happens after I fill out my form?

All of the forms turned in on the 30th will be collected into one big packet to be sent to Their Majesties by a 3rd party that is designated by TRM.

How are the new B&B selected?

That's entirely up to Their Majesties. They will read the polling forms and gain an understanding

of how the populace views each of the candidates. They may also choose to contact others for advice or contact the candidates directly. Or not. They may or may not consider communications received outside the polling process. The one thing to keep in mind: THIS IS NOT A VOTE. The polling forms are only to inform Their Majesties of our opinions; they're still the ones who make the decision.

When will we know who the new B&B will be?

The announcement of the new B&B could happen at any time between the end of polling and the time they are invested. It's entirely up to Their Majesties.

When will the new B&B step up?

At Sport of Kings Aug 17-20th