# Addendum A

# Bylaws of The College of Monarchs of The Imperial Sovereign Court of All Connecticut, Inc.

### THE COLLEGE OF MONARCHS

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## Section 1.1 - Definition of the College of Monarchs:

a. The College of Monarchs of The Imperial Sovereign Court of All Connecticut, Inc. (ISCofAlICT), shall consist of past Monarchs who are current dues-paying members of the organization and have successfully completed their reign as fully described in Article VI, Section 6.1 of the ISCofAlICT's working bylaws.

#### Section 2.1 - Admission into the College of Monarchs

- a. One becomes a member of the College of Monarchs immediately following their step-down as fully described in Article VI, Section 6.1 of the ISCofAllCT's working bylaws, provided the Monarch also participated in the planning and execution of their step-down ball and attended their Victory Brunch.
- b. Monarchs who have relocated to the State of Connecticut from another recognized Empire of the International Court System may be invited into the College of Monarchs, provided they are sponsored by a member of the College of Monarchs and are current dues-paying members of the ISCofAIICT. Admission into the College will be allowed only after a unanimous vote of the members of the College. Relocated Monarchs may not hold the position of President of the College of Monarchs.
- c. The College of Monarchs reserves the right to protect the integrity of the College and may refuse entrance or revoke privileges and/or membership of the College, by a majority vote, if any individual has demonstrated gross infractions, conducted illegal activities or has otherwise committed heinous acts. A member of the College of Monarchs may also have their privileges and/or membership revoked by the College, by a majority vote, if they have become inactive with the ISCofAllCT over an extended period of time.

#### Section 3.1 - Roles of the College of Monarchs.

a. The College of Monarchs shall receive 3 (three) seats on the Board of Directors of the organization, with the President of the College of Monarchs seat being an executive position on the Board of Directors. The College members shall hold a vote to elect the 2 non-executive seats to the Board of Directors. This is in accordance with Article VI, Section 6.1 (j) of the ISCofAllCT's working bylaws. The College members must also meet the qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors as defined in section 7.2 of the ISCofAllCT's working bylaws.

#### Section 4.1 - Governing of the College of Monarchs

- a. The College of Monarchs shall hold meetings, when necessary, which are to be open to all members of the College. These meetings shall be presided over by the President of the College, who is elected by the members of the College at the beginning of each fiscal year (May - April). The primary responsibility of the President is that of organization, including (but not limited to) recording of minutes (if no secretary is elected), serving as parliamentarian and preparing an agenda.
- b. A minimum of 2 members are required to constitute a College meeting; however, majority rules in all matters of voting and is calculated by the members present at the meeting, providing all members of the College received prior notification that the meeting was being held and what the topic was for discussion. Therefore, it is quite possible that decisions can be made without full College attendance at any meeting; however, the President of the College must be present for the vote to be valid. For all matters of voting, College members must have met the requirements in sections 2.4 and 4.3 of the working bylaws of the ISCofAllCT in order to be able to have a vote at College meetings.

#### Section 5.1 - Rights and Privileges of the College of Monarchs

- a. Certain rights and privileges will be afforded to the individuals that comprise the College of Monarchs. As previously elected Monarchs of the organization (in most cases), they have demonstrated their commitment to the organization and to the causes for which it stands. Their success continues to lay the strong foundation on which the Court stands, as their experience in these roles is unmatchable and valuable to the present and to the future of the organization. These rights and privileges will be extended to each College member, provided they have met the minimum requirements of their title as defined in the Policies and Procedures Manual, and will include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Priority/reserved seating at all in state events, including the annual Coronation Ball, prior to any public seating, but only after the Reigning Monarchs have selected their seats and/or table(s). Priority/reserved seating consists of either 8 reserved seats or 1 full table.
  - ii. Priority performance placement at all in state shows, only after the Reigning Monarchs have been given their preference of when to perform, if they so choose to perform at any instate event (not including the Coronation Ball).
  - iii. Allowed a Dowager Walk at the Coronation Ball the year following their step-down, provided they have met the requirements defined in the Policies and Procedures Manual. If a Monarch is not living at the time of their Dowager Walk, their crown (or one designated by the College) will be presented to the dais in place of their Dowager Walk as a memorial tribute. Dowager Walk performances shall not exceed 5 minutes in length.

iv. Allowed Anniversary Walks to celebrate the Anniversary of their crowning every 5 years at the annual Coronation Ball on the year of their Anniversary, provided they are active members of the ISCofAIICT. Example: Crowning was in 2000, their Anniversary walks will be held in 2005, 2010, 2015, etc. If a Monarch is not living at the time of their anniversary, their crown (or one designated by the College) will be presented to the dais in memory of their anniversary. Anniversary Walks performances shall not exceed 5 minutes in length.

#### Section 6.1 - Role and Responsibilities of the College of Monarchs

The role and responsibilities of the College of Monarchs are set forth in the working bylaws of the ISCofAllCT. Below are highlights of such roles and responsibilities:

- a. Review all applications for potential Monarchial Candidates and determine if all criteria in the working bylaws of the ISCofAlICT and Policies and Procedures Manual have been met, as well as carefully consider the information provided by the applicant. The College, if it so chooses by majority vote, can invite the current Reigning Monarchs to participate in the review process and final decision for Monarchial Candidates. The College will adhere to the following guidelines and will be fair and impartial when determining the candidates for Monarch.
  - i A question and answer interview will be conducted with each applicant.
  - ii The following will be taken into consideration when determining a Monarchial Candidate:

General knowledge of the International Court System Professionalism Current and past participation with the ISCofAlICT (including events, planning, committees served and general volunteering) Travel experience to other empires Ability to lead the general membership by example Ability to lead the general membership in fundraising activities Met the minimum criteria expected of their title as defined in the Policies and Procedures Manual

- iii. If the College denies any application, the College will present in writing to the applicant reasons why the application was denied along with constructive feed back for future consideration. The College of Monarchs will keep the name(s) of any denied applicants in confidence.
- iv. The President of the College of Monarchs will then supply the General Membership with the names of the individuals approved to become candidates for Monarch elections as defined in Article V, Section 5.1(c)(v) and Article VI, Section 6.4 (f) of the ISCofAllCT's working bylaws. The College of Monarchs decision is considered final with no ratification of decision of the Monarchial Candidates.
- b. The College of Monarchs shall act as advisors to the Reigning Monarchs over all matters of protocol, policies and procedures as defined in Article V, Section 5.3 (a) of the ISCofAlICT's working bylaws.

- c. Review for approval all recommendations of titles and/or elevations for Members as defined in Article 5.3 (a) (iii) and Article VI, Section 6.4 (e) of the ISCofAllCT's working bylaws. The College may also provide recommendations of elevations should the College determine an elevation has been earned. The President of the College of Monarchs, or their designate, must review all certificates of elevations prior to the elevation ceremony to ensure the correct elevations are being awarded.
- d. Maintain and protect the Ceremonial State Crowns should the Reigning Monarchs elect to turn them over to the College for safe keeping as defined in Article V, Section 5.4 (d) of the ISCofAllCT's working bylaws. The President of the College shall become the custodian of the Ceremonial State Crowns, unless he/she appoints another College member to retain the crowns for safekeeping, who then shall become the custodian of the Ceremonial State Crowns.
- e. Select and appoint a Regent Monarch, should a reigning Monarch position be vacated, as defined in Article VI, Section 6.2 of the ISCofAllCT's working bylaws. The College may also appoint a Regent Monarch if only 1 (one) Monarch is elected to the position and the College feels the reigning Monarch would benefit from the support of a Regent Monarch.
- f. Review and approve any or all Proclamations by the Reigning Monarchs as defined in Article VI, Section 6.4 (k) of the ISCofAlICT's working bylaws.
- g. Review and approve any or all Lifetime Titles to be bestowed by the Reigning Monarchs as defined in the Policies and Procedures Manual. The President of the College of Monarchs, or their designate, must review all certificates of Lifetime Titles prior to being presented to the recipient to ensure the correct Lifetime Titles are awarded.
- h. The College of Monarchs shall appoint or elect an individual to serve as Chairperson of the Judicial Committee as defined in Article IX, Section 9.2 of the ISCofAllCT's working bylaws.
- i. The President of the College shall oversee all aspects of the Monarch Election Process, including the counting of ballots.
- j. The College shall have the deciding vote should a double tie in Monarch Elections occur. A double tie is defined as follows:
  - i. The initial public or general membership vote for Monarch resulted in a tie. The revote of the public or general membership also resulted in a tie. This is considered a double tie.

The following procedure will be put into place should a double tie occur.

The College of Monarchs will vote to break the double tie. If the College tie-breaking vote results in another tie, the College will revote a second time with the President of the College abstaining from voting. If this vote results in a tie all members of the College of Monarch and all members of the Executive Board of Directors will vote to break the tie. If the tie is still not broken, all members of the College of Monarch and all an embers will vote to break the tie. If the Board of Directors will vote to break the tie. If there is still a tie in voting, the election will be considered a draw and both candidates shall reign equally, over riding section 5.2 (a) of the working bylaws of the ISCofAlICT. Once a tie is broken, the results will be considered final and not eligible for ratification.

k. Since the title "Regent Monarch of Reign 20XX" is a temporary title to be used only for the remainder of the reign, the College of Monarchs may review the Regent Monarch's participation and support to the current reigning Monarch and reign to determine if the Regent Monarch has earned the privilege of using the title "Monarch 20XX" for life. If the College does not extend this privilege, the individual shall revert back to their highest title before being selected as a Regent Monarch.