

PROPOSED LAW CHANGE, NOVEMBER, A.S. XLIV

The Crown of Lochac proposes to make the following change to Lochac Law. Please provide feedback to the Lochac Seneschal before November 15th, 2009. Contact: seneschal@lochac.sca.org – all feedback received will be forwarded intact to the Crown in a number of batches during the comment period.

The effect of the single-word change is a small liberalisation to permit Lesser Kingdom officers and deputy Kingdom officers (but not Greater Kingdom officers) to also be corporate officers of the SCAA or SCANZ.

WAS:

IV.6.i Conflict of Interest

No person may hold more than one kingdom Office excepting as noted under the Earl Marshal's office.

No corporate officer of the SCA may hold any Kingdom Office. The Crown shall hold no other office in Lochac, or its subsidiary groups, during their reign. Offices normally held by them shall be filled by their Deputies, or such other persons as they may appoint for the duration of their reign.

CHANGE TO (single-word insertion shown in italics):

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RATIONALE

The purpose of the clause is to minimise the risk of conflicts of interest, which can be significant considering the influence wielded by Greater Kingdom officers in particular. Considerations of workload also arise, but are not specifically noted as factors.

Lochac often has trouble finding people with enough free time and the right skills and experience to adequately fill its Kingdom and especially Society roles. Thus, it seems unnecessarily restrictive to exclude those in Lesser or deputy Kingdom roles from serving as corporate officers such as SCAA or SCANZ Chair, Treasurer or Secretary. This is particularly so when you consider that such Kingdom roles tend to be comparable in influence and workload to significant group roles such as B&B, Seneschal, Reeve and Marshal, which are not similarly excluded in Law.