

## **Barony of Namron Baronial Polling**

Per the Seneschal's handbook, baronial surveys (pollings) will be conducted every 3 years after a change in local Landed Nobility to gather commentary on the Nobles, unless directed otherwise by the crown. The time has come to conduct Namron's polling.

*Members and non-members are encouraged to participate in the polling.*

### **Namron Baronial Polling Schedule**

- January 2018: Sample polling form is printed with candidate letter(s) in newsletter.
- Thursday, January 18, 2018: Both sets of candidates will present 5-minute introductions at the beginning of Namron's monthly business meeting. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Tuesday, January 30, 2018: (One week before polling.) Send an email to Crown and Heirs with commentary about the candidates. (crown@ansteorra.org, coronet@ansteorra.org)
- Thursday, February 6, 2018: Polling occurs. This will take place during populace meeting. If you are unable to attend populace meeting, absentee polling forms will be available, see below for deadline associated with absentee polling forms.
- Thursday, February 13, 2018: All absentee polls are due by email to kingdom seneschal (seneschal@ansteorra.org). All commentary is due to Crown and Heirs (crown@ansteorra.org, coronet@ansteorra.org)
- TBD Date: Crown announces their decision.

**There are often questions that come up around a polling. Below are some clarifications and answers to commonly asked questions, as written in the Seneschal Handbook. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact the local, regional, or kingdom seneschal.**

- Local Seneschal: Lady Uliana Haiduk (mka Julia Haiduk); seneschal@namron.ansteorra.org; 713-653-3869
- Regional Seneschal: Lady Cadhla Ua Cellachan (mka Jan Quayle); northern@seneschal.ansteorra.org
- Kingdom Seneschal: Master Modius von Mergentheim (mka Erik Langhans); seneschal@ansteorra.org

### **Polling Clarifications**

Baronial pollings are not a democratic vote and do not necessarily determine who will be chosen for a position. Rather, pollings provide a way for the Crown to hear and consider the opinions of the populace on the matter of Baronial landed nobility.

### **Candidate Discussion**

Candidate discussion on email lists and social media should be avoided. If you have questions for the baronial candidates, contact them directly, not on a list. The Crown and Kingdom Seneschal will determine if there will be candidate Q&A sessions or speeches to be conducted at local functions.

### **Where to send commentary**

The opinion poll form does not include space for written commentary, so any commentary about the baronial candidates should be emailed directly to the Crown at [crown@ansteorra.org](mailto:crown@ansteorra.org) and to the Heirs at [coronet@ansteorra.org](mailto:coronet@ansteorra.org). *Do not* send commentary to the Kingdom, Regional or Local Seneschal.

### **Who can fill out an opinion poll form?**

*Everyone: member and non-members, residents and non-residents.* If you are a member, bring proof of membership with you to the polling.

### **Absentee Polling Forms**

The Kingdom Seneschal will establish the procedures for absentee polling. Typically, this will entail the person wishing to poll emailing the Kingdom Seneschal for a ballot and returning the completed ballot to the Kingdom Seneschal by email prior to the deadline established by the Kingdom Seneschal. This is so all may have the opportunity to participate in the polling. Polling multiple times is not permitted.

### **Results of the polling**

The results of the baronial polling *will not* be made public. *This is the norm for opinion polls conducted in Ansteorra.* The results of the polling will be known only by the Kingdom Seneschal, the Crown, and the Coronet. The results will not be shared with anyone else: not the candidates, not the current local Landed Nobility, not the populace, no one. If anyone hints that they know the numbers, they are not from this plane of existence.

Please understand that the poll is a measure of your opinions, not a democratic vote. The Crown alone makes the decision, in consultation with their Heirs.

If anyone has any questions, they may contact the Kingdom Seneschal at [seneschal@ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@ansteorra.org).

# Sample Polling Form

## Opinion Polling: Barony of Namron Landed Nobility

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The following candidates have declared their intent to run for the position of Landed Nobility of the Barony of Namron. Please rank each couple or candidate in order with 1 being your **first** choice. Remember that the final decision rests with Their Majesties.

Candidates Rank (with 1 being your **first** choice)

Andrew Turnbull and Kyna Terricsdottir	
Gaelan Garrett and Brenna (ravn) Garrett	

Please enter your information below.

Legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

SCA name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (legal name): \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

SCA group of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Unto your Royal Majesties, and the Kingdom Seneschal, doth HL Gaelan Garrett and Ldy. Brenna (ravon) Garrett send greetings and Felecitations this fine 19th day of December 2017.

Your Majesties and Sir Modius,

My Lady and I wish to be considered for the position of Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Namron. Both of us have served as officers in a 501c3 Not for Profit. My experience includes 3 terms as President/CEO, 3 terms as Sergeant at Arms. I am a post graduate scholar.

Thank you for considering us for this position.

In Service,  
HL. Gaelan Garrett, celticnorthstar@aol.com

Unto Their Stellar Majesties Gwen and Lochlan, Queen and King of Ansteorra, Master Modius von Mergentheim, Ansteorran Kingdom Seneschal, and the Populous of the Barony of Namron, and the Canton of Skorragardr, do We, Andrew and Kyna send our greetings. We would like to put forth this letter as our official intent to be considered to continue to be the Baron and Baroness of Namron.

Three and a half years ago Their Majesties entrusted the lands of Namron to our care as Baron and Baroness. We entered that service humbly, with goals in mind but with the understanding that the Will of the Baronies people would influence how these goals would be accomplished. Namron was a fount of possibilities and we have been blessed time and again with seeing these possibilities come to reality.

In our original letter of intent, we focused on three main topics. We would like to go back and look at these.

Your Canton of Skorragardr to the east of Namron has been a focus for us. We admit that we have not put as much focus as we would have liked, and we wish to be able to rectify that in the coming months and years. There is a small, dedicated group of members that have kept Skorragardr growing and thriving. Recently, the Barony of Namron has purchased a period pavilion for the Canton, with the provisions that they decorate it within a year. We believe this will help Skorragardr create a feeling of unity and acceptance, as well as a continued identity of their own. Right now, we are working on the strength of the groups people, making sure that everyone has a place to feel accepted. We hope to support Skorragardr in their efforts to expand to the east once again, when they are ready.

Also during our tenure a strong group of people to the South have banded together to try and form an SCA group of their own. Not only have they held an event with support of the Barony but they made a HUGE profit in doing so. They have had the full support of the Barony, as well as Andrew and Kyna, not only as Baron and Baroness, but also as a Centurion of the Sable Star and a Pelican of Ansteorra. They have the heart, strength, and determination to not fail. We look forward to seeing where that determination will lead them.

Our second focus was to identify those "fringe members" or groups and to help them find their niche within the SCA. We have helped many of those members become integral persons within Namron. They are more active taking offices, autocrating events, and helping out when and wherever they're able. The SCA is growing daily and with that comes more members that will need guidance and direction. We hope to be able to continue to welcome these people, showing them that a shiny "pointy hat" is nothing to be scared of. One of our greatest joys becoming Baron and Baroness has been helping these new members find their place within this family. Whether we remain as Baron and Baroness or not, this will not change

Our third goal was to make your Barony more beautiful than she already was. While we have sat as Baron and Baroness we have gathered every summer for major work days. We, as a Barony, have painted all our pavilions, repainted those pavilions that needed it, worked on repainting and repairing the list field, held sewing workshops, helped to make new silk banners, and tried to keep our Barony as polished as the Crowns that sit upon your brow. We still have so much left to help with. Our next big project, the Great Wall of Namron, has been entirely spearheaded by one of our newer members, Kolfina. We are working on painting personal devices and images on walls to help distinguish Namron as one of the Known World's finest at Gulf Wars, Medieval Fair, and other events where Namron shows up in force. We, as Baron and Baroness, have merely been helping those in your Barony to beautify not only the possessions but the people as well. We will continue to help those who ask, whether we hold offices or not.

Your Majesties, we feel we have made great strides towards accomplishing the goals we set when we took our first steps on this long and joyous road. We also feel that we have so much more to offer this great Barony. It is our most sincere hope that you allow us to continue to serve the people of your Barony of Namron as their Baron and Baroness.

Yours in Service,

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