

**Society Seneschal's Policy on Event Sites Owned by SCA Members, approved by the Board  
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*A representative of the SCA cannot also represent any private entity with which the SCA does business. There must be a clear separation.*

*Property owned by SCA members may be used for SCA events. However, the following conditions must be met:*

- 1. The site owner(s) may not be event stewards for events occurring on their property.*
- 2. There must be a written contract, signed by the site owner and the SCA's legal representative (typically the local seneschal) spelling out the terms under which the site is used. This contract must spell out any monetary or other consideration given the site owner in return for the use of the property.*
- 3. This contract must be approved by the kingdom seneschal prior to signing.*
- 4. Property owned by the seneschal or exchequer of the sponsoring branch may not be used for an SCA event sponsored by that branch.*

*Exception: If the member-owned property is being used strictly for local meetings or practices, and no monetary or other consideration is being given by the SCA to the site owner, the site owner may oversee the meeting or practice if they hold a local office whose duties would normally include such oversight, such as local branch seneschal or marshal.*

*A "local meeting or practice" cannot be advertised outside the local area, cannot appear in the kingdom newsletter or on the kingdom calendar unless the kingdom customarily lists all such local meetings or practices, and cannot be a multi-day event.*

Explanation: Both the Governing Documents and Society Financial Policy emphasize that SCA activities must have a designated person representing the SCA's interests, and that even the appearance of private inurement to an individual is forbidden. It has recently become clear that the above, which has long been told to kingdom seneschals and exchequers, needs to be explicitly written down somewhere as a rule. After discussion with the President and both incoming and outgoing in-house legal counsel, it was determined that the Seneschal's Handbook is the appropriate place for it, and therefore it is a "new policy" of my office.

As local officers offering up their homes for meetings and practices typically do not charge any fee to the group or receive other consideration, such meetings would still be allowed. The issue is with SCA events that involve budgets and financial committee decisions. For such events, the event steward clearly represents the SCA's interests, and the property owners have their own interests which they represent. The same person cannot represent both. Further, if the property owner is also the local seneschal or exchequer, they are representing the legal and/or financial interests of their branch in that capacity, and again, cannot do both.