

MES Membership Handbook Changelog September 2014

- Page 9 - Under “Domain” remove the line and link starting with “Information on forming a domain can be located at...” Replace with “To form a new Domain or change a solitary chapter into a Domain, get approval from the Regional Coordinator and the National Coordinator.”
- Page 9 - Under “Solitary Chapter” add a line “In order to form a new Solitary Chapter, contact the Regional Coordinator with jurisdiction over the area.”
- Page 9 - Under “Venue” section, after the parenthetical that starts with “(though characters from anywhere...)” add the sentence, “Refer to the relevant rules addendum for the approval level of a new or changed VSS.”
- Page 15 - Under “Code of Conduct”, add the sentence “Members are courteous and cordial with one another.” to the end of #1
- Page 28 - Under “Social/Non-game support” add a bullet point “Moderating a sanctioned email list or forum”
- Page 28 - Under “Non-administrative in-game support” remove bullet point “Moderating a sanctioned IC email list”
- Page 28 - Under “Social/Non-game support” change bullet point “Creating or updating a website” to “Creating or updating a website, or providing other technology services.”
- Page 28 - Under “Non-Administrative Game Support” remove both parentheticals referring to “(comes from prestige budget)”.
- Page 29 - Under “National and Regional Convention Events” add two more bullet points. The first is “Donating needed items to the event.” The second is “Other similar tasks as determined by the convention lead.”
- Page 32 - Under “Prestige budgets”, add the sentence, “Similarly, if an officer assigns a one-time project to a volunteer, they may award prestige outside of their budget within normal caps for the member.”
- Page 33 - Under general duties of coordinators, change “Enact immediate corrective action as described in chapter 8 when necessary” to “Enact immediate corrective action as described in Chapter 8 when necessary and deliver letters of counseling within their area of jurisdiction.”
- Page 33 - Under general duties of coordinator, change “Handle all necessary out of game counseling letters...” to “Handle all necessary letters of counseling for members of their constituency.”
- Page 33 - Under general duties of coordinator, add bullet point "Assign OOC membership to organizational units within their jurisdiction"
- Page 34 - Under specific authority for CC, change to “May award up to MC 5 after prestige review and refer disciplinary issues to the Regional Coordinator for investigation.”
- Page 34 - Under specific authority for DC, change to “May award up to MC 8 after prestige review and refer disciplinary issues to the Regional Coordinator for investigation.”
- Page 34 - Under NC Specific authorities add “Open, close or alter organizational units

(including Domains) within the United States.”

- Page 34 - Under RC Specific authorities add “Open a new solitary chapter (not Domains)”
- Page 34 - Under RC Prestige budget, change the first level to 250 Regional and unlimited General, the second level to 300 Regional and unlimited General, and the third level to 350 Regional and unlimited General
- Page 35 - Under NC Prestige budget, change to 450 National and unlimited General
- Page 35 - Under general duties of storytellers, change “Conduct investigations for game-related issues...” to “Enact immediate corrective action as described in Chapter 8 when necessary and deliver letters of counseling within their areas of jurisdiction.”
- Page 35 - Under authorities wielded by all storytellers, add a bullet point “Sanction or desanction characters within their jurisdiction.”
- Page 36 - Under VST specific authority, change to “May deliver letters of counseling to players within their jurisdiction for game-related issues, review open items pending low approval according to the sanctioned rules, and sanction/desanction characters within their jurisdiction. May make changes to a scene within the same game session.”
- Page 36 - Under DST specific authority, change to “May deliver letters of counseling to players within their jurisdiction for game-related issues, review open items pending mid approval according to the sanctioned rules. May make changes to a scene within the Domain any time before the next game session.
- Page 36 - Under RST Prestige budget, change the first level to 250 Regional and unlimited General, the second level to 300 Regional and unlimited General, and the third level to 350 Regional and unlimited General
- Page 37 - Under NST Prestige budget, change to 450 National and unlimited General
- Page 39 - Under “Assistants to the Board of Directors”, change “National Philanthropic Advisor” to “National Philanthropic Administrator”. Add “National Marketing Manager”. Add “National Club Services Administrator”.
- Page 40 - Change “An officer who earns enough prestige to go up in MC while in office does not get to recalculate their MC based on the loan, nor does the member recalculate if they are reelected to the same office concurrently.” to “An officer who earns enough prestige to go up in MC while in office does not get to recalculate their MC based on the loan. An officer does recalculate their loan if they are reelected to the same office or to a different office.”
- Page 41 - Under the second paragraph of “Interim Appointed Officers”, change “The length of time an interim officer may serve is determined by...” to “The length of time an interim officer may serve is limited to 90 days, but may be extended by 90 days once by the supervising officer. This appointment may not exceed the normal remainder of the office’s term.”
- Page 42 - Under #3 “An officer steps down from their position,” add “(see *Interim Appointed Officers* above)” to the end of #3
- Page 49 - All 5 instances of “fewest votes” changed to “fewest first place votes”
- Page 57 - Under “3. Formal investigation” add bullet point as on #1 and #2 of the previous page. “* Is the investigated behavior under the storyteller jurisdiction or the coordinator

jurisdiction or both? Refer to page 33 and 35 under officer duties. If both, the officers will work together on the investigation.”

- Page 57 - Under “Judgment”, Change to the following:
 - A. Based on a full and thorough analysis of all relevant evidence on file, including the response of the accused, the primary officer in charge of the investigation makes a judgment call. The jurisdictional punishment limits are listed in Chapter 6, under specific authorities for each level of officer.
 - B. The primary officer evaluates all evidence, including a final statement of defense/mitigation from the accused.
 - C. If the primary officer finds the accused member guilty by substantial and convincing evidence, the following are initial judgment options:
- Page 58 - Under “Aggravating factors,” change “The reviewing officer” to “The primary officer”
- Page 59 - Under “Moderate offense” remove the last two bullet points referring to assistant position bans
- Page 60 - "8 months of experience traits (coordinator only)" should read (storyteller only)
- Page 62 - “Rulings or official actions made by a single officer” changed to “Rulings or official actions made by an officer within their jurisdiction.”
- Page 62 - Near the top, change “In addition, a member who receives more than two Letters of Counseling relating to the same issue within a six month period must be subjected to Disciplinary Action. The member’s failure to abide by the Letters of Counseling shall be considered an aggravating factor.” to “In addition, a member who receives more than three Letters of Counseling relating to the same issue within a six month period will be reported to the RST or RC, who will determine if there is a need for a formal investigation.”