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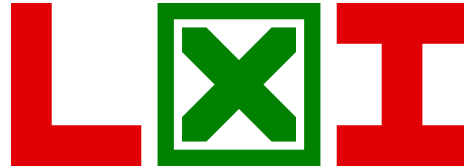
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ELECTION 61 SOON

As is a frequent occurrence in Talossa, citizens will soon head to the polls to select the next Cosă, the **61st** such legislature in Talossan history. Secretary of State Lüc da Schir has assembled the Electoral Commission for the April 2025/XLVI general election, to consist of Puisne Judge I Stefan Perponest of the Cort Pü Inalt, Sir Ian Plätschisch UrN, and Sir Cresti Siervicül UrN. The Secretary opened registration for political parties and Senäts candidates on February 27. Balloting will begin on March 15 and last until April 1, with a certification deadline of April 14 and the First Clark of the 61st Cosă being held in May.

In the Cosă, the governing *iAvant!* Coalition, comprised of the Free Democrats of Talossa (FreeDems), the Citizen Outreach For Fun and Enjoyable Events (COFFEE), and *el Partì da Reformaziun* (PdR) have submitted a joint electoral list to the Chancery, appearing on the ballot simply as *iAvant!* The parties have stated, however, that this is not a merger, and the three will retain their individual party status. Eight different citizens appear on this list as of press time, the largest such list assembled in recent elections, headed by the three party leaders, respectively incumbent Seneschal Miesträ Schivă, incumbent Distain Brăneu Excelsio, and Mic'haghl Autófil.



Apart from the governing coalition, the only other party to have registered at this point is the Green Party, formerly known as Open Society, led by current Opposition Leader Breneir Tzaracomprada. The remainder of the current parliamentary parties – the Independent Party, the Progressive Alliance, and independent monarchist Dien Tresplet – have yet to register.

In the Senäts, Atatürk, Cézembre, and Vuode will be electing new Senators as part of the regular rotation. Incumbent Glüc da Dhi of Cézembre has registered for reelection, while Marti-Pair Furxheir of Atatürk and Tric'hard Lenxheir of Vuode have yet to indicate their intentions regarding possible campaigns. Antagha Somelieir has likewise cast her hat into the ring in Atatürk.

National COA Updated

The College of Arms has released an updated rendering of the nation's arms. While the blazon (the official description) of the arms remains unchanged, as with any heraldic

achievement, any depiction of a given blazon is considered valid so long as it aligns with the blazon in question. This update, overseen by Long Fellow Mic'haghl Autófil, is intended to bring the arms into the 21st century in terms of image quality. The King, satisfied with the updates made, has stated that he will take the new rendering as the official image; it is anticipated that he will issue a proclamation to formally adopt it in the coming weeks.



Previous image



Updated image

BE Adopts New Constitution

Continuing a prodigiously productive term for provincial proposals, Belacostă's citizens have adopted a new constitution. Following approval by both houses of the province's legislature, Maestro Lüc da Schir opened a referendum on February 6, such that the new constitution, per its own terms, may take effect upon the dissolution of the current Cosă session at the end of February. Written largely by Mic'haghl Autófil – who da Schir named to the Order of Belacostă for his efforts in revitalizing the province, enabling him to sit in the Provincial Senate just long enough to help abolish it – the new system of provincial government will take place under a directorial system, with a “citizen's assembly” legislature known as the Provincial Assembly, and a three-member executive known as the Provincial Council. While this is largely inspired by the Fiovan model, one important distinction is that the Provincial Council would be elected using a Borda count, as opposed to the Fiovan Praisdieu using Single Transferable Vote. The King, acting directly as Belacostă did not have a Cunstaval at the time, promulgated the Constitution on February 22, shortly after the results of the referendum were finalized; it entered into effect when the Cosă dissolved, enabling the first Provincial Council to be elected in the upcoming general election starting March 15.

A New PermSec

STUFF Minister Brăneu Excelsio has named Ɔerxh Sant-Enogat as the new Permanent Secretary of Social Media (a.k.a. the Permanent Secretary of Propaganda). In this role, Sant-Enogat will take over management of the nation's social media presence, one of the places in which the Ministry has been falling short in recent years due to its multitude of other commitments.

TN Accredited by MicroWiki

The staff at MicroWiki, the premier wiki and community for online micronationalists, have approved this newspaper's application for media accreditation. As a result, Talossan news will now more easily reach a wider audience, helping to spread the good word of Talossanity far and wide. We would like to thank the fine folks at MicroWiki for their approval, and while we won't take too long patting ourselves on the back for quality content, if you're a MicroWiki reader who's found your way here, drop us a line! It would be good to see our reach.

Cunstavais Appointed

King Txec has named several new Cunstavais for various provinces with the goal of ensuring that his viceregal representatives remain active and accountable. In Maricopa, Sir Ian Plätschisch UrN replaces Count Ma la Mha (aka Baron Hooligan). In Vuode, Baron Alexandreu Davinescu fills what is believed to be a vacant position (last recorded Cunstaval being Çesli da Chilseu). In Atatürk, Sir

Lüc da Schir UrB fills a vacancy. Istefan Perbonest remains Cunstaval in Fiovă, while Glüc da Dhi replaces Ieremiac'h Ventrutx in Belacostă.

King's Brother Immigrates

In a rarity, Talossa has recently seen a royal naturalization. Pôl dal Nordselvă, the twin brother of the King, applied for citizenship in mid-December, with his petition granted January 5. It will be interesting to see what he will undertake as a Talossan citizen, though he has agreed to stand as a member of the *iAvant!* party list.

Reform Efforts Begin

As discussed during the consensus-forming stage, concrete legislative proposals to bring forth the Consensus Plan on Reform are beginning to make their way through the Ziu. The first of these, the Fixed Term Amendment, will set the length of a Cosă term at six Clarks, meaning elections will be held every eight months exactly, with three Cosas in two years. The Vote of Confidence is retained, but instead of its failure leading to a dissolution and a new general election, the result going forward is that the Leader of the Opposition becomes Seneschal instead. The amendment, on the sixth Clark as 60RZ21, passed with the requisite two-thirds majority in the Cosă and majority in the Senäts, and will face a referendum on the upcoming general election ballot as the final hurdle to implementation.

HOCKEY LEAGUE RESUMES

The *Aḃociú Talossan Naziunal del Hachi* (Talossan National Hockey Association), fresh off a break for the Four Nations Faceoff, is into the final month of its inaugural season, and the results have shown that the standings have solidified somewhat. Compared to their situation at the last issue of *TN*, the top six teams have remained unchanged, despite some minor rearrangements in the group's order. Since that issue, five of the six playoff teams have been determined, though finalized matchups for the first round (as well as which two teams will finish atop the standings and earn a bye to the semifinals) are still unknown. A win this week by *els Tigreux dal Belacostă*, currently leading the league, would guarantee that they are one of those two teams, but equally important is the outcome of their game for their cross-province rivals, the Cjovani Squilats – *els Tigreux* are playing the Manager-less Team this week, and a win by the latter would clinch the final playoff spot for the NPC team, eliminating the Squilats from playoff contention. (It should be noted that the Manager-less Team is currently projected to lose this week's match in a blowout.) For that matter, the Squilats need to win out to extend their season, as well as needing the computer-drafted squad to lose all of their final three. To that we can only say *bun-escasençă*.

Aḃociú Talossan Naziunal del Hachi Standings through Week 19 (of 22)

Pos.	Team	W-L-T	Total Pts.	Gen. Manager
1*	<i>Tigreux dal Belacostă</i>	16-3-0	6452.50	Mic'haglh Autófil
2*	Vuode Villains	15-4-0	6495.10	Tric'hard Lenxheir
3*	<i>Banqueu da Cézembre Zambonis</i>	13-6-0	6647.10	Glüc da Dhi
4*	Maricopa Havana Hijinks	10-9-0	5968.70	Carlüs Vilaçafat
5*	Gordon Hiatus Support Team	8-11-0	4754.00	Lüc da Schir
6	Manager-less Team	7-12-0	5116.70	
7	Cjovani <i>Squilats</i>	4-15-0	4525.60	Iason Taiwos
8e	Cézembrean Amateurs on Ice	3-16-0	4232.60	Perxh Sant-Enogat

* = clinched playoff spot

e = eliminated from playoff contention

Cestour Sports

The Belacostă Bucks (d.b.a. the Milwaukee Bucks), our nation's franchise in the National Basketball League, enter the final stretch of their season in fairly strong position. They currently sit in fourth place in the Eastern Conference with 61 games played out of 82, a position that would see them qualify directly for the NBA Playoffs, bypassing the Play-In Tournament held amongst the teams in seventh to tenth place. A few teams have begun to clinch spots in some form of postseason action, though the Bucks are not yet one of them.

Meanwhile in baseball, the Maricopa Brewers are off to a lukewarm start in spring training, with a 6-7-1 record so far. While *TN* is not, strictly speaking, a Brewers-affiliated paper – our editorial staff has asked for more pro-Red Sox coverage, as well as something positive out of Boston to report on in the first place – we would like to express our hopes that the Crew can get things rolling this season, if for no other reason than the memory of the late, great Bob Uecker.

Letter from the Editor

Another Cosă session has come and gone, and within a week and a half, Talossan citizens will once again have the opportunity to go to the polls and elect another legislature to represent them. I will cut to the chase on this one: in a move that I'm sure readers will find very surprising, *TN* endorses the *iAvant!* list for re-election to govern another term. Stable government, continued democratization in the Organic Law, increased moderation powers (sorely needed on Witt), and placing more emphasis on the

separation between Government and Civil Service. As their motto puts it, "Let's Unite!"

While we make no endorsements for the Senate, *TN* also endorses both referenda to amend the Organic Law at vote in this election. 60RZ06 creates a way to memorialize Talossans who have passed on, and 60RZ21 stabilizes our electoral schedule. On both referenda, vote **për**.

Adüc Talossa non isch pierdadă!
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