

AUGUSTUS-UBERQUIE 2022

Foreword:

We have decided to put ourselves forward for election as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Grand Unified Micronational, out of a desire to restore the prestige, cohesiveness, and activity of this great organisation after a difficult period in its history. We consider ourselves best placed to serve in this capacity due to our unparalleled shared experience in administering and serving the GUM.

Jonathan I has previously served as the 9th, 11th, and 23rd Chair, and von Uberquie as the 31st. Both of us have served successful terms as Vice-Chair and as Supreme Justice. Furthermore, Jonathan I is the last remaining delegate who has served as such since 2009. Our joint experience is frankly unmatched, and that applies not only

to experience in ordinary administration, but to experience in pulling the organisation out of a difficult situation. Jonathan I restored order to the GUM after its near-collapse in January 2013, and revived it as an intergovernmental organisation in June 2016; likewise, von Uberquie agreed to serve as Acting Chair this June to provide stable leadership after the chaos of that month. Both of us have a proven track record of stepping up, both in the past and in the present day, to help the Grand Unified Micronational pull itself together.

That is what our administration seeks to do now: to pull the GUM together, with a steady hand at the wheel. Although (as this manifesto will explain) we do have reforms in mind, we do not seek any *radical* overhaul. Above anything else, we simply pledge to provide firm, active, and committed leadership to this great organisation.

Policy:

Reform -

The Augustus-Uberquie campaign is committed to required and relevant reforms within the Grand Unified Micronational, to ensure day to day running of the organisation is continually effective. With our large body of judicial experience and statutory knowledge, our campaign is best suited to finding gaps in our legal codes and implementing fair and productive changes.

Responsibility is imperative within the executive of the Grand Unified Micronational, and therefore we will, upon election, seek to implement the following constitutional and statutory changes to ensure the administrative body is subject to continual oversight:

- The secretariats and office of the Chair will be statutorily obliged to make a statement to Quorum at least once a month updating Quorum on their progress during the term.
- We will statutorily require the Chair to publish an initial agenda at least 10 days in advance of the Quorum, amending the current rules for a more efficient, legally mandatory timespan.
- Our campaign will seek to abolish the Regional Secretariat, which has not been a necessary Secretariat nor a properly utilised office for some time. We are confident that the amendments to the statutes to allow out-of-Quorum statements has balanced equality within the Grand Unified Micronational.
- We will expand and create new Secretariats where necessary, and ensure all officers involved in the administration are pulling their weight.

Furthermore, the Grand Unified Micronational has expectations of its members as much as its administration. To ensure all members are actively involved within the organisation, the Augustus-Uberquie manifesto will seek the following changes:

- We will pass an amendment to the statutes which specifies what the minimum contribution a delegation must make under 2(2) so as not to be eligible for expulsion on grounds of unsatisfactory participation; bringing it in line with the minimum requirements for absentee attendance which is one statement on an issue on the agenda.
- Our campaign will explore the possibilities for private Quorum voting to ensure that members are voting with their conscience and based on the facts; rather than simply following the voting trend.
- We shall use, where necessary, the Chair's right to executive reject nations in very obvious circumstances to allow for Quorum's resources to be used more efficiently.
- Our campaign shall seek to reduce the required number of sessions a nation must be able to attend in order to ensure continuation of their membership from six to three sessions. For a nation to only attend a single monthly Quorum during a Chair's term is not an acceptable level of engagement. With out-of-Quorum statements now available, Quorum and the organisation at large should be able to expect this level of participation.

Projects -

The GUM Heritage Association Committee (GUMHAC):

The Augustus-Uberquie campaign will propose to create a new committee for the purpose of classifying and documenting heritage sites and works within the entirety of the membership:

- **The Purpose of the Committee:** The GUMHAC shall adopt the same goals and principles as the Micronational Heritage Association, and incorporate that organisation into the GUM.The MHA serves to create a database of important heritage sites within its membership. The Augustus-Uberquie campaign will seek to repurpose that organisation to serve the GUM membership, as well as exterior nations, in order to build a huge, ever expanding repository of heritage sites and works.
- **Rotational Assessors:** In order to ensure fairness within the committee, but to keep it from clogging up the Quorum docket, sitting assessors shall rotate every month. This means that the job of validating and assessing heritage sites, and voting on their classification, shall be done by a rotating group of micronations throughout the year. The Augustus-Uberquie campaign proposes that four member states may send a delegate to the committee every month, meaning there will be forty-eight sitting assessors every year. This is more than enough to ensure every member state sits on the committee at least once a year.
- **Regulation and fairness:** In order to ensure one group of members does not monopolise every submission, the committee shall have a monthly limit on heritage sites it can accept. This will also ensure longevity for the committee, and, of course, keep each assessor group equal. The limit our campaign will aim to set will be created after trialling the committee to see what limit works best.
- **Oversight:** In order to ensure the committee has adequate oversight, Quorum will have the right to dismiss an assessor on grounds of abuse of procedures, as well as have the right to override any

decision the committee makes. As well as this, the sitting Chairman of GUMHAC shall be appointed by Quorum and re-elected every three months to convene the committee, receive applications, and report to Quorum the progress of each meeting, as well as maintain the database of heritage sites.

The GUM Summit:

Using our wealth of micronational experience, our administration will promise to organise and host a long overdue GUM summit by the end of our term. Two in-person GUM summits have taken place in the past: the first in 2012, and the second in 2019. Jonathan I organised and chaired the first, and assisted with running the second; he is also the only person to have attended both of them. Both Jonathan I and Newton von Uberquie are also the only Chairmen of the GUM to have met their Vice-Chairs in person, further attesting to their competence in successfully arranging physical in-person meetings for the organisation.

With the age and income of the average GUM delegate having steadily risen since 2009, there is very little stopping at least a local summit happening in a city such as London which is in travelling distance for several delegates. This would enable an in-person Quorum to take place, as well as presentations and speeches on matters of micronational interest. Depending on the number of expected attendees, attendance could also be opened up to non-members, subject to further discussion.