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El_Chapotato for Devolved Speaker

Campaign platform



Who is that guy, and why is he on my ballot papers?

So I am Chapo, otherwise currently known as the guy who posts “Twitter for Discord” on the twitter channel every* day. I’m here to present a push for reform, specifically electoral reform by running as a candidate for Devolved Speaker.

Why devolved speaker?

Devolved speaker is very wide ranging in responsibility within MHoC. Not only is it responsible for all the devolved elections, it oversees the operation of three sims and now, events. Many issues I see are within devolved elections, and I would like to use this position to promote changes to how it functions.

But you've never been a mod here, how can we expect you to do anything good

True, I've never actually been a mod on MHoC. That does mean on many issues I do have the perspective of an outsider. I don't think that's necessarily a bad thing.

However, I've been a mod on two other sims for the span of a year, having done just about everything. For a brief while I was a top level mod of two sims at the same time. This includes being head mod of CMHoC and elections quad of ModelUSGov. Lots of lessons learned from those experiences that I can apply here as mod.

If it counts for anything, in sim I have also spent a fair amount of time in Holyrood as a MSP and a party leader.

Running Holyrood, Stormont and Senedd

I don't think that it is essential to propose any reforms to the process. The various devolved parliaments are run by a team of individuals who (I hope) are trying their best to make things work smoothly.

Therefore as Devolved speaker I would more or less be willing to step in as oversight to resolve issues and be a backup when staff are unable to do their work effectively.

What are some things that can be reformed?

As a guy who has run a few elections in the past there's some things I want to work on based on what I have seen:

Post limits: discussion

The post limit itself just happened one day and historically there had been a fairly vocal backlash against it in the past. Now that it has happened I would like to hear new opinions on whether anything should be changed. This could include making the system more flexible and finding alternatives.

Adding more people to an elections team

Currently it seems the running of elections themselves is very insular and onboarding more people to the electoral process for a variety of roles following votes of confidence could be beneficial for increasing participation for the system and improving it.

Bases

A criticism I raise of bases is that it's super dependent on previous elections. In theory that is fine but it creates dynasties. The pace of electoral change, as well, is fairly slow and could discourage interest long term. What I would do is investigate the calculations of bases and seek to increase the modifying effect of term activity.

Merger framework

Currently, it seems like when two parties merge together it would just combine the modifiers of both. I want to propose new calculations when mergers between parties are conducted.

And possibly more or less

I don't know how the calculator specifically works now, only the quad does. Some of the things above could be dead wrong or there could be more problems uncovered. Who knows.

The other stuff

Events

I like the way mg did the Brexit event and would like to do that myself. Too bad I'm Canadian, so I lack expertise on the matter.

Discord moderation/punishments

I hate dealing with these things so as long as it isn't an emergency I try to not get involved.

Final disclaimer

I'm only serving for about a month. I have no energy nor interest in being in a mod position for a long period of time due to exhaustion and it is not in the best interest for me or my policies to stay.

Besides, those seeking to be long term position holders shouldn't even be judged by manifesto, instead they should be elected based upon character.

Tl;dr

Voting for me would be like getting your piano tuned or taking your car to the mechanic. I'd then reform electoral institutions and mechanics. Once that's done I'll get out and you can have a normal quad again.