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Speaker: Ștefan Snagoveanu
Agenda: 156th Session Agenda

Delegations in Attendance:

1. Snagov
2. New Athens
3. Pibocip
4. Berry Empire
5. Englica
6. Pontunia
7. Pinelandia
8. Vishwamitra
9. Saspearian
10. Soyuzist Republic
11. Avalonia
12. Ponderosa Hills

Discussions and Proposals:

Second reading: Nomination of Larry Martin for Lieutenant Chair
Majority in support of the nomination.

Second reading: An Act to Reestablish the Ministry of MicroWiki Affairs
Majority in support of the act.

Second reading: Calendar Act, 2021
Majority in support of the act.

Second reading: An Act to Repeal the Gazette Act
Majority support of the act.

Second discussion: Admit the Grand Duchy of Australis as a Provisional Member
Majority in support of the applicant.

Second discussion: Admit the United Sea Bass Islands as a Provisional Member
Majority in support of the applicant.

New business:

Proposal to create a Cupertino Alliance merchandise shop.
Majority in support of the proposal.

Member reports:

Our President will attend the Dobroşeşti Christmas Festival, where he will try and promote the Snagovian Federation to local Snagovians.

Myself and a small group of citizens will be traveling again to the City of Avalon for the holidays. We will be sure to post images of the trip.

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Session transcript:

[2:02 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: @Members @Provisional Members @Observers European-African session is starting now. Please state your attendance.
[2:02 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: Phillip - Pibocip is Present
[2:02 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: Berry Empire is present.
[2:02 PM] Max I - Englica: Englica is present

[2:02 PM] Andrew I - Pontunia: Pontunia is Present.
[2:02 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: I would like to propose the idea of selling CA merch.
[2:03 PM] Max I - Englica: I'm not sure about this idea
[2:03 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: New funds for the non-existing CA treasury.
[2:03 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fIwgPkJpyFBh5F2-gCD-zAR_7dGEHKBs/edit
[2:03 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: This is today's agenda.
[2:03 PM] Charles Burgardt - Pinelandia: Pinelandia is present.
[2:03 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Let's discuss things on the agenda first, okay?
[2:03 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: Okay
[2:04 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: We have our second reading on: The approval of Larry Martin as Lieutenant Chair
[2:04 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1etp3upyZi-2W-e13-6voYhVdZ8wvyPuT/edit
[2:05 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: I obviously support Larrys nomination.
[2:05 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: I fully support this.
[2:05 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Any other thoughts?
[2:05 PM] Christopher Miller - Vishwamitra: Vishwamitra is present
[2:06 PM] Christopher Miller - Vishwamitra: I support the nomination
[2:06 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Not a lot of members present.. should we continue with the session?
[2:06 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: Yes let's just move on to the next point
[2:06 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Alright.
[2:07 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: Me too.
[2:07 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: We have our second reading on: The act to Reestablish the Ministry of MicroWiki Affairs
[2:07 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fyuggDHxcVb8Tmcq_BRRG5s2MnhJbHcG/edit
[2:07 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: MicroWiki affairs and Public Affairs were merged to form the Ministry of Press and Promotion, but given the recent revival of the Edinburgh and Glasgow projects, it makes sense that it should receive a dedicated minister again.
[2:08 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: I support this - I don't like how the CA's MicroWiki pages are very outdated.
[2:08 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: I think that would be a good idea considering MicroWiki is one of the primary means of documenting and exhibiting micronations
[2:08 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: I concur.
[2:09 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Any other opinions?
[2:10 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: Their main responsibility will be to keep the CA's MicroWiki updated?
[2:10 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: Yes, in addition to overseeing our MicroWiki development projects.
[2:11 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: I think it can also motivate member states to improve their pages.
[2:11 PM] Peter Stefanik - Kerban: I have an idea to make intermicronational trades faster and simplier.
[2:11 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: The Edinburgh project should help with that.
[2:12 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: I was just going to say that... Probably a good idea. Perhaps the individual could also serve as a resource for Micronations wishing to boost their pages
[2:12 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: Definitely.
[2:12 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Should we move on?

[2:12 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: I think we can.
[2:13 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: We will now discuss on the: Calendar act, 2021
[2:13 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1futBsXvkTpF9uJXmX-945gFmKZj5bSCr/edit
[2:13 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: This act builds on what Mr. Roy's Calendar Act does. This act includes keeping records all of the dates specified in Mr. Roy's act, but will also include event and session dates. This act also mandates that a google calendar be created and access be provided to the delegates. The dates are currently well kept and utilized through a google sheets document, but I feel that the system could be improved.
[2:13 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: I support this act.
[2:14 PM] Anthony I - Saspearian: Saspearian is present
[2:14 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: An easy to use and easily accessible CA calendar is not too bad of an idea.
[2:14 PM] Anthony I - Saspearian: I concur
[2:14 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: I agree. The more organized we are, the better.
[2:15 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: I think it would be nice, but what kind of dates specifically? Maybe like each nation’s independence/national holiday?
[2:16 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Yes, I think so.
[2:16 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: I think we can continue.
[2:16 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: We shall now discuss on this:
[2:16 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g4AqBEvNu1HZJuxDOzX8IDlO2hFM4jr_/edit
[2:16 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: The act to repeal the Gazette act.
[2:16 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: A bit of background on the Act: The Gazette Act transferred responsibility of the Gazettes from the Chair to the Ministry of Press and Promotion. That ministry is busy enough and it makes more sense to me for the Chair to manage them, since the Chair publishes the agendas and host sessions. Gazettes had fallen quite inactive during Mr. Roy's term as the ministry was preoccupied with other tasks. I've been publishing them during my term with the Minister's blessing, but after doing it for a while I think it's most efficient this way and should be kept this way. It's a small technicality on who's in charge of it, but I think that setting it up this way will help to ensure that it doesn't fall inactive again. This is ensured through the fact this places the responsibility on the Chair to ensure they're published, but also allows the Chair to delegate responsibility of the Gazette to the Minister if the Chair is unable to publish them, as delegation of duties is already a common practice in the cabinet.
[2:17 PM] Hicham Soyuz - Soyuzist Republic: The Soyuzist Republic is late but present.
[2:18 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Any thoughts?
[2:19 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: I think I support it.
[2:19 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: I firmly believe it will help to ensure that Gazettes continue under future administrations
[2:20 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: So is this to serve as a way of holding each of the two responsible? So the minister of the press would normally publish these under the direction of the chair?
[2:22 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: The Minister is just the backup mechanism if the Chair can't publish them. Right now gazettes are legally designated to be the responsibility of the Ministry of Press & Promotion. If the minister fails to produce the Gazettes, they have no backup except for the Chair to step in and do their job, which is not a good practice.
[2:23 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: Sorry for being late. Avalonia is present
[2:23 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: The Chair makes the agendas and manages sessions, so it's best for them to have the first responsibility. If they fail, the Minister should be next in line to do it.

[2:24 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: As it currently stands, Gazettes are the only session-related task that the Ministry has, while the Chair does everything else regarding sessions. This just makes more sense to me from an organizational standpoint as well.
[2:24 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: Okay! Understood! So basically reversing roles of responsibility
[2:24 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: Yes
[2:25 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Anyone got anything more to add? Otherwise we will move on to the applications
[2:25 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Alright.
[2:26 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: We have two applications.
[2:26 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: First:
[2:26 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ozslb3DZZKY_I_iVUxD_PPYEVWNMvVO96UqfNpTONmk/edit
[2:26 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: The Grand Duchy of Australis
[2:27 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: I am in support of their readmittance. Hopefully their activity issues are sorted.
[2:27 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: I support Australis's reentry, though inactivity is a concern with their delegation. I'd keep an eye on that during their provisional membership.
[2:28 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: I support their readmittance.
[2:28 PM] Hicham Soyuz - Soyuzist Republic: I support it as well.
[2:28 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: I believe Australis will do well once it gets back on its feet
[2:29 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Second:
[2:29 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U1bLhtUQqVLWz2DD8L14x7j65CkmnvgT1oQa5WIHFnA/edit
[2:29 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: I support their entry.
[2:29 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: I support. They have a nice Micronear page.
[2:30 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: I think this micronation has a lot of potential, I support their entry in the CA.
[2:31 PM] Leon Montan - Ponderosa Hills: Ponderosa Hills is present.
[2:32 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: They seem to be a good fit
[2:33 PM] Hicham Soyuz - Soyuzist Republic: They seem lovely.
[2:34 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: I agree.
[2:34 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Well, I think that's everything on the agenda!
[2:34 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: @Redberry - Berry Empire Do you still want to discuss your idea? You can do it now
[2:35 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: Sure, I'd like to hear opinions of others on the idea of CA selling some merch, for example tshirts.
[2:36 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: I'd support setting up a redbubble shop like the one we have for New Athens, since it's free and no maintenance, but we'd need to set up a CA paypal account first.
[2:36 PM] Ştefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: That would be nice.
[2:38 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: I think it would be neat to do Cupertino Alliance merchandise. We would need to figure out how/if we would be taxed on the sale of merchandise
[2:38 PM] James B. - Desert District: Isn’t this already done?
[2:38 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: Not in an official shop.
[2:38 PM] James B. - Desert District: I have a CA shirt.
[2:38 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: I don't know
[2:38 PM] James B. - Desert District: I suppose.

[2:39 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: There's also the issue of copyright. I believe Jayden Lycon owns the rights to all logos that he's made.
[2:39 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Can you send me a photo of it?
[2:39 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Hmm, that's correct
[2:39 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: I'm not sure, but redbubble could tax it for us.
[2:39 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: We wouldn't pay any fees with redbubble.
[2:40 PM] James B. - Desert District: This was featured in an article if I am not mistaken.
[2:40 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: Teespring I've found to be better than redbubble
[2:40 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Is it stitched on?
[2:40 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: The latest Factbook I believe
[2:40 PM] James B. - Desert District: It's printed on, it's an athletic type shirt.
[2:40 PM] James B. - Desert District: I had multiple options.
[2:41 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: Awesome. That would be good then we don't have to worry about it. I would assume the tax would go to the government where our server is.
[2:41 PM] James B. - Desert District: There was cotton and several other materials, colors, designs, and things like sweatshirts, buttons, etc. too.
[2:41 PM] James B. - Desert District: I have a sticker too.
[2:42 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: I like that idea
[2:42 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: We'd need to pass legislation to allow us to set up the shop and create the paypal account, then also designate who has access to the account and we'd have to clear copyright with Mr. Lycon. It's definitely doable, but we'll have to work out some things first.
[2:42 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: I think that we could use any funds generated to directly help member states
[2:42 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: There could also be CA flags for sale, CA mugs.. etc.
[2:43 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: Things like domains and hosting would be useful, even though I know we have the subdomains
[2:43 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: We need the designs sewn in, not printed.
[2:43 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: I don't think there's any company online that does that
[2:43 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: Printed would work fine
[2:43 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: Yes and we could also use profit for our MircoNear and MicroWiki
[2:43 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: The CA's
[2:43 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: At least not for cheap or in a store setting
[2:44 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: Flags - that's a great idea.
[2:44 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: Just to add, most top level domains cost around 10-12 dollars a year, so a single purchase could really help with getting member websites up and running
[2:45 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: We definitely can't afford to pay domains for individual member states, but we could get a shorter domain that could be used with subdomains.
[2:45 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: I think I can get domains for cheaper
[2:45 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: I think it's possible if we sell enough
[2:45 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: Let's continue this discussion in a different channel.
[2:45 PM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: We need to finish the session.
[2:46 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: I agree. The following 5 minutes will be for delegates to post updates about their nations.
[2:47 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: Has anyone else heard of the principality of Atlantida?
[2:47 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Our President will attend the Dobroșești Christmas Fair, where he will try and promote the Snagovian Federation to local Snagovians.
[2:48 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: We often receive emails from them. Sadly they are unable to understand english.

[2:48 PM] James Murray - Avalonia: Myself and a small group of citizens will be traveling again to the City of Avalon for the holidays. We will be sure to post images of the trip.
[2:48 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: Berry Empire has an official instagram account. @berryempire_gov
[2:49 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: Thank you. I have received a few Facebook messages from them about an embassy. Wasn't sure how legit they are.
[2:50 PM] Redberry - Berry Empire: Usually they spam others but aren't capable of continuing the conversation.
[2:51 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: Thank you for your information!
[2:51 PM] James B. - Desert District: Mugs are there I believe.
[2:51 PM] Ștefan Snagoveanu - Snagov: Session is adjourned. Thanks everyone for attending!
[2:51 PM] Phillip - Pibocip: In other news, members of the Pibocian Royal Family and Friends are planning to serve our monthly meal for those in need at the Catholic Worker this Tuesday, especially as we prepare for Christmas.