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A Quick Summary of Changes

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SENA PN1B2g – Existing Registration Allowance (ERA)

- Major revision to ERA for names.
 - Prior: Only the exact, actual name phrase can be registered under the ERA
 - Current: Only the exact, actual name phrase can be registered under the ERA **EXCEPT** if changes are required to indicate a relationship and that relationship matches a modern, legal relationship **OR** someone wants to change the gender of a registered byname to match the gender of a given name.
- A new appendix – Appendix O – is created to help when using these exceptions. The appendix is included on the Cover Letter and will not be added to SENa until the Board of Directors approves the revision to PN1B2g in April 2022.

Existing Registration Allowance

- Some important items:
 - The gender of the submitter and the owner of the registered name is irrelevant when determining the legal status of the relationship. For example:
 - A relational byname indicating that a submitter is a daughter of the person whose name is already registered only requires that a parent/child relation exists, not that the submitter is actually female.
 - A relational byname indicating that the submitter is the grandson of the person whose name is already registered only requires that a grandparent/grandchild relation exists, not that the submitter is actually male.
 - A name element that is considered offensive under PN5B may only be registered to the original owner, not a legal relative. This restriction is new.
 - For example, someone with the registered name Amy the Gypsy could register William the Gypsy but their child could not register that name using the ERA.

Existing Registration Allowance

- More important items
 - Any name submitted under one of the two new exceptions will be decided on a case-by-case basis.
 - If modifying a name element using the relationship exception, make sure to include a letter attesting to the legal relationship or proof of that relationship.
 - Appendix O is neither exhaustive nor exclusive, it is simply meant to provide guidelines for using the ERA. It provides guidelines and examples for how name elements may be modified and still be registered under the ERA.
 - The assumption is that the Board of Directors will approve these changes to PN1B2g therefore names submitted prior to SENA being updated will be considered under the standards as stated on the Cover Letter.

Existing Registration Allowance

- A few examples:
 - Allowed: A daughter of a registered *Hrafn* can register a Demotic Egyptian given name with a patronymic byname, *Djehutyiirdis Hrafnsson*, as a legal parent/child relation exists between Hrafn and Djehutyiirdis.
 - Not allowed: A brother of a registered *Hrafn* can not register a Demotic Egyptian given name with a patronymic byname, *Sedjemniykhnnum Hrafnsson*, could not be registered, as a legal parent/child relationship does not exist between them.
 - Allowed: The above brother could register *Sedjemniykhnnum Hrafnbróðir*, as a legal sibling relationship exists between Hrafn and Sedjemniykhnnum.

SENA PN2C – Name Requirements

- Name phrases submitted under the legal name allowance are considered gender neutral.
 - We don't need to know the gender of the submitter
 - Legal given names can be used in relational bynames without regard to the gender of the submitter.
 - A legal byname that is gendered (e.g., an inherited or literal matronymic/patronymic) may be used with any given name without regard to the gender of the submitter.
- Also, an editorial change is made in the description of Appendix A; this has no effect on registration of names.

Other Changes to SENA

- **A2B2c** – Constructed Monsters: Slight modification to this section of SENA making it easier to register constructed monsters.
- **PN2B** – Name Phase Requirements: Editorial change in the description of Appendix A; this has no effect on registration of names.
- **Appendix A** – Patterns That Do Not Need Further Documentation: Added double descriptive bynames as a pattern in Old Norse
- **Appendix D** – Acceptable Transliteration Systems for Non-Latin Scripts: In Old English the letters ð (edh) and þ (thorn) are generally interchangeable; both may be transcribed as th or d; this need not be consistent in the same name.
 - What this means: Based on a documented Æþelbert the name could be registered as Æþelbert, Æðelbert, Æthelbert, or Ædelbert.

From Pelican: Sounds That Are Similar

- Pelican provided a link to a blog about the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) that can help show why some sounds are too similar to register.
 - <http://dialectblog.com/the-international-phonetic-alphabet/ipa-consonants/>
- Example: Bond and Pond were ruled too similar in sound. The chart shows B and P in the same cell, meaning that the sounds are produced in the same manner with the same part of the mouth.
- The technical terms are explained at the website.

CONSONANTS (PULMONIC)

	Bilabial	Labiodental	Dental	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Retroflex	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	Pharyngeal	Glottal
Plosive	p b			t d		ʈ ɖ	c ɟ	k ɡ	q ɢ		ʔ
Nasal	m	ɱ		n		ɳ	ɲ	ŋ	ɴ		
Trill				r					ʀ		
Tap or Flap				ɾ		ɽ					
Fricative	ɸ β	f v	θ ð	s z	ʃ ʒ	ʂ ʐ	ç ʝ	x ɣ	χ ʁ	ħ ʕ	h ɦ
Lateral fricative				ɬ ɮ							
Approximant		ʋ		ɹ		ɻ	j	ɰ			
Lateral approximant				l		ɭ	ʎ	ʟ			

Where symbols appear in pairs, the one to the right represents a voiced consonant. Shaded areas denote articulations judged impossible.

Consulting heralds are not required to understand IPA – this is simply a tool to help you understand why some things may be ruled “too similar” even if they look different

From Pelican: Classical Arabic Grammar

- Pelican noted that the transliterations most commonly used in the SCA do not show the way the article *al-* is pronounced in classical Arabic.
- The article *al-* (“the”) changes pronunciation depending on whether the next consonant is a “sun” or “moon” consonant. Sun consonants elide into the *al-* particle, so *al-Zhara* is pronounced *az-Zhara* and *al-Rabi'* is pronounced *al-Rabi'*.
- See the article by Sara al-Garnatiyya, Beacon Principal Herald at <https://sarasartsandsciences.wordpress.com/2021/12/12/classical-arabic-grammar-diatrical-marks-the-definite-article-sun-letters-and-moon-letters/> for details.
- Pelican noted “We encourage people to consider transliterations that include that pronunciation information but remind submitters and heralds alike that any standard transliteration of non-Roman letters is acceptable, as long as the whole name is consistent, per SENA Appendix D.”

Updates to the Admin Handbook

- Appendix D will be updated with a standard letter that branches may use to grant permission to conflict for augmentations.
- Permission to conflict is not required when a badge is designated in the O&A as a “standard augmentation” so long as no changes are being made when the badge is used as an augmentation.

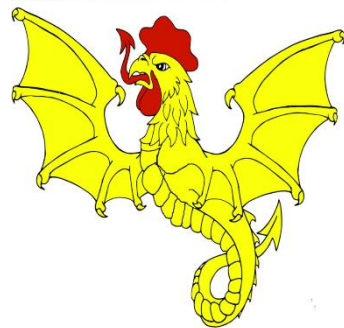
Reminder: The October 2021 Cover Letter (and summary) included information on when such permission to conflict is required.

From the LoAR: Names

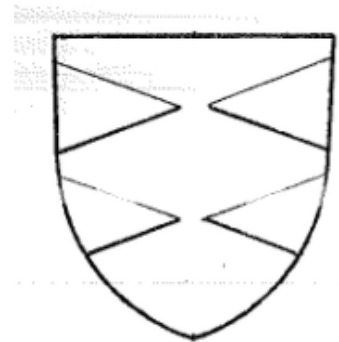
- In the household name Bjarnarstaðir, the designator is *–staðir*.
[Beorn of the Northern Sea, A-Caid]

From the LoAR: Armory

- *Jelloped* is a blazon term that means the tincture of a bird's wattle [Ismeralda di Lucio, A-An Tir]
- *Two pairs of piles issuant from the flanks* is a period arrangement of charges. [Ingrid Audadotter, A-Drachenwald]
- There is not a step from core practice for the use of a *natural tiger* since it is found as a period heraldic charge. [Dafydd ap Iorwerth ap Rhodri de dena, A-Lochac]



Crested and jelloped gules



Two pairs of piles issuant from the flanks

From the LoAR: New Charges

- *Pair of stag beetle's attires proper*, a period charge. When *proper* they are brown. At this time no difference will be granted between stag's attires and stag beetle's attires based on their visual similarity. [Iago ab Adam, A-An Tir]
- *Nock*, part of an arrow; it is a period artifact. The *nock* registered is a tap-in nock rather than a self-nock. [Lochac, Kingdom of, A-Lochac]
- *Catkin*, a small, spike-shaped cluster of flowers found in certain kinds of trees. The term is found in period literature to describe this particular part of a tree. At this time there is no difference between catkins and other cones. [Lochac, Kingdom of, A-Lochac]



A pair of stag beetle's attires
(period example from
Stammbuch Johannes Fabri)



A nock



A spring of three hazel
catkins slipped and leaved

From the LoAR: New Charges

- *Qilin*, a fantastical beast of Chinese origin. The depiction includes flames, scales, cloven hooves, ox's tail, and optionally horns. It is registrable with a step from core practice. [Choi Min, A-Middle]
- *Mandorla*, a period charge that is a variant of a lozenge. [Þórfriðr Hrólfsdóttir, A-Middle]
- *Per fess engrailed trefly at the points* is a period line of division. Note that the trefoils are at the end of every other point. [Winifred de Canterbury, A-West]



A qilin



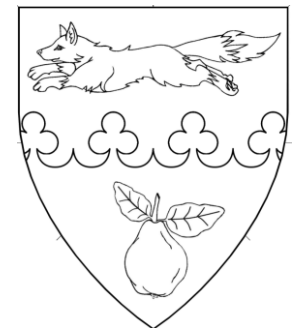
Period examples of mandorlas



Registered: *Vert, on a mandorla azure fimbriated Or a rose argent slipped and leaved vert*



Period and registered per fess engrailed trefly at the points



Webbed Updates

- SENA PN1B2g, PN2B, PN2C and A2B2c will be updated, and SENA Appendix O added, after the April 2022 Board of Directors meeting.
- SENA Appendices A and D and Admin Handbook Appendix D should be updated about January 15th.