

DELEGATE

In-Game Appointment: Citizen

BACKGROUND

Delegates speak and act on behalf of the un-landed citizens of a town or locality and, as such, are chosen for their position by an annual popular election. This election takes place in the springtime, when every citizen of a town, landed or not, is able to submit a vote for the 3 candidates they feel will best represent their town. Ballots are written down and submitted anonymously, though scribes are usually employed to write down the vote of any illiterate citizens. Whichever candidates receive a majority of the votes are elected to the position, with the Tiarna making the final decision in the event of a tie. Should any candidate or candidates run unopposed, they must still receive a majority of support from the townsfolk.

Significantly, although they are heavily involved in their town's diplomatic affairs, delegates differ from diplomats because they represent and carry out the will of the townsfolk as a collective unit, whereas diplomats act independently on behalf of a specific noble. In general, the assembly of delegates convenes once per moon to discuss formal requests or issues that have been brought to their attention. Depending on the delegates' preferences, these meetings might be open to the public or not. Although citizens may approach individual delegates at any time with questions or concerns, no delegate is allowed to act without first consulting their fellow delegates. Both the assembly of delegates and its individual members typically work quite closely with the forester and the mayor.

MECHANICS

As a delegate, you are expected to represent the non-noble citizens of their town during diplomatic affairs involving said town. During an event, you must be available to help settle disagreements and disputes among non-landed citizens, and will work with your fellow delegates to accomplish tasks assigned by the Tiarna. For these services, you receive a stipend of 1 silver per moon for the duration of your term. On average, there are 3 delegates per town, although larger towns and cities sometimes have more.

Please note that this profession is not tiered. Your stipend will be included in your character bag at check-in each event.