



Election fever fails to take hold

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The elections to the 52nd Cosa are underway with the protagonists setting out their policy stalls and, in the case of the two coalition parties, publishing their lists of candidates.

Perhaps noteworthy in the MRPT manifesto are such policies as a potential levy on elected Senators and a proposal to merge inactive provinces. The party will hope to be seen as responsible as it sets out aspirations to tackle the national deficit.

The FreeDems have presented their platform as unfinished business, restating their plan to charge senate candidates, a different approach to their partners in Government. Their Republican ideals are not to the fore, but they make it clear that the constitutional role of the monarch should be strictly limited. Support for cultural activities is promised. They seem to be the only party campaigning through email.

Main opposition party the RUMP have published a statement of philosophy without specific policies, at least as far as La Coraziun has been able to determine. This has not stopped them picking up some public votes on Wittenberg.

Make Talossa Great Again (MTGA), the current vehicle for perpetual agitator, Mximo Carbonèl focuses on immigration reform in typically uncompromising language.

It appears that the lack of controversy at this election is not helping to increase participation in



the democratic process nor stimulating debate on Wittenberg. Although parties are beginning to start debate on Witt, this may have come too late for early voters.

Senäts races are also taking place. Most provinces see only a single declared candidate, save two where contested elections are underway. In Benito, Eiric Börnatfiglheu has been endorsed by both the FreeDems and the MTGA where he faces Lüc da Schir who receives the backing of the MRPT. Meanwhile in Vuode the contest is between Trotxâ Betiñéir who has the support of the RUMP and Viteu Marcianüs who recives the same endorsements as Börnatfiglheu