



TOLOMA LODGE

CHAPTER OFFICER ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATION AND SELECTION

- A. All chapter officers and appointees must meet the following eligibility requirements:
1. A registered member, in good standing, of the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America in the Council and in the Lodge, who has the approval, in writing and in advance of being nominated, of his Parent(s), Scoutmaster and Chapter Adviser.
 2. He must be under twenty-one years of age during his entire term of office.
- B. Nominations for Chapter Officers may be made by any unit Representative, or his designated representative, when nominations are declared open at any scheduled meeting of the Chapter or at the election event. Nominations shall require no second. Nominations for each office shall be closed only once, just before balloting for that office.
- C. A business meeting shall be held at the election event to elect Chapter Officers. The newly elected Chapter Officers shall take office at the annual Lodge Dinner or at the end of the election event if the election is held after the annual Lodge dinner; and their terms shall expire at the next annual Lodge Dinner. The following election procedures shall be used:
1. After the nominations for a given office are declared closed, the unit Representative shall poll his unit members who are under twenty-one years of age to determine how the unit shall cast its votes. Such a poll shall be taken before each ballot.
 2. Each Unit represented by at least one youth member may cast ten [10] votes for each office on all ballots. The Unit shall cast its ten votes in proportion to the poll of its delegates [in whole votes, not fractions]. The Chapter Chief, in consultation with the Chapter Adviser and/or Lodge Adviser, has final authority to determine any questions about whether a delegation is officially representing a Unit at the election event. The Chapter Adviser, Staff Adviser or District Executive of the Unit shall base such judgments on the competent authority, such as written or verbal certification, in question. In no case shall any adult vote or cast a ballot for a Unit.
 3. A nominee must receive a majority [one votes more than fifty percent (50%)] of the votes cast on a given ballot to be elected. Where a majority is not achieved, the nominee(s) receiving the least number of votes is (are) dropped and another ballot is taken. This procedure continues until one nominee achieves a majority and is declared elected, or until two ballots in succession result in tie votes and the balloting is declared deadlocked.
 4. When balloting is declared deadlocked, then one more ballot of all the Chapter members present will be taken to break the tie. The nominee receiving a majority [one vote more than fifty percent (50%)] of the votes cast on this ballot shall be elected.