

DISTRICT ELECTION PROCEDURES

DISTRICT

I. Purpose

To elect district officers and district members at large.

II. Those eligible to vote

- A. Chartered Organization Representatives registered and currently representing chartered organizations within the district's geographical boundaries
- B. Registered district members at large duly elected at the last annual district committee meeting or during the interim at a regular, duly called district committee meeting.
- C. Registered council members at large residing in the district

III Time

The annual district committee meeting at which elections are held occurs in the month preceding the council annual meeting, but may vary according to the council's bylaws.

IV. Process

- A. Ninety days prior to the district annual meeting the district chairman will submit his suggestions for members of the nominating committee to the council president for his approval. This committee should consist of three to five members. It is recommended that the council president appoint a member of the council executive committee to serve on this committee.
- B. When approval is received from the council president the committee will meet with the district executive as advisor to form the slate comprised of nominees for district chairman, one or more district vice chairmen, and district members at large, plus a nominee to be submitted by the district chairman for council executive board approval to serve as district commissioner.
- C. The nominating committee will not only agree on the slate but will also secure the

nominees' permission to stand for election and to serve if elected.

- D. The members of the nominating committee will be identified to the district Scouters between 60 and 45 days prior to the annual district committee meeting so that suggestions may be given to them for consideration. (This information may be included in one formal notice of the annual meeting.)
- E. Suggestions may be made in writing to the nominating committee for inclusion in their report providing the nominees thus entered are received by the nominating committee at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the district. If accepted by the nominating committee, the candidate will be contacted by the nominating committee and permission received from the person to stand for election and to serve.
- F. At the district annual meeting the district chairman will call upon the chairman of the nominating committee for his report and "turn over" the chair to him to conduct the elections.
 1. The chairman of the nominating committee will then present his committee's nominees for district members at large. He will call for a motion, second, and vote.
 2. The chairman of the nominating committee will then present his committee's nominees for district chairman and vice chairman; call for motion, second, and vote.
 3. The district commissioner is to be an elected member at large but is offered for appointment and approval as district commissioner by the council executive board through the report of the district chairman and with the concurrence of the Scout Executive. The district commissioner is not elected at the district annual meeting.
 4. Vote of the majority of the members present at the district annual meeting is required for election.

V. Details and Contingencies

- A. Newly elected officers and members at large take office immediately upon election.
- B. If any portion of the nominating committee's report is rejected, this portion must be reintroduced at another meeting within 30 days. However, the second meeting cannot be held earlier than 3 weeks later for two reasons:
 - 1 to give time for the nominating committee to receive nominations from Scouters in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting, and
 - 2. To make certain that eligible voters receive notice of the meeting at least 3 weeks prior to the meeting. (Formal notice must be sent immediately.)
- C. In the even that a resolution is still not obtained, then the matter will be referred to the council president and/or executive board for final resolution.
- D. Because of V(A) above, the new members at large, plus Chartered Organization Representatives and council members at large, are eligible to vote at postponed elections if they were elected and the officer's slate was not accepted.
- E. Voting should be done by ballot. Ballots need not be collected and counted if the secretary (DSE) is instructed by motion to "cast a unanimous ballot for the proposed candidates" and the motion is carried. If not carried, then the secretary should be instructed to collect ballots only from those eligible to vote, these should be marked with the name of eligible voters, and counted by clerks appointed by the chairman of the nominating committee.