



TOLOMA LODGE

LODGE OFFICERS ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATION, SELECTION

- A. All Lodge 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, Chapter Adviser and Lodge Adviser.
 2. He must be under twenty-one years of age during his entire term of office.
- B. Nominations for Lodge Officers may be made by any Chapter Chief, or his designated representative, when nominations are declared open at any meeting of the Lodge Executive Council meeting or at the election event. Nominations shall require no second. The nominee must accept the nomination. 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 Lodge Officers. The newly elected Lodge Officers shall take office at the end of the election event; and their terms shall expire at the end of the next annual election event. The following election procedures shall be used:
1. After the nominations for a given office are declared closed, the Chapter chief shall poll his delegates who are under twenty-one years of age to determine how the chapter shall cast its votes. Such a poll shall be taken before each ballot.
 2. Each Chapter in good standing with the Lodge may cast one vote per youth member present at the time of the election, up to a maximum of 10 votes, for each office on all ballots. The designated Chapter youth representative must cast his votes in proportion to the poll of the members (in whole votes, not fractions). The Lodge Chief, in consultation with the Lodge Adviser and Lodge Staff Adviser, has final authority to determine any questions about whether a Chapter is officially representing a Chapter at the election. Such judgments shall be based on written or verbal certification by the Lodge Adviser, Lodge Staff Adviser, or council Scout executive of the council in question. In no case shall adults vote.
 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 Lodge members 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.