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NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF SCOUT HONOR CAMPERS
EASTERN ARK. AREA COUNCIL • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

THINGS ARE A BIT DIFFERENT NOW

By D. Lyttle

INTRODUCTION

In response to the desires of lodge and area chiefs and representatives attending the 1969 National Order of the Arrow Conference, our National Committee has approved a new set of membership requirements and election procedures. These rules became effective Jan. 1, 1971. I have studied them and have here attempted to summarize the more important points for your reference.

BOY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. **Unit Leader Approval** To become eligible for election, a Scout or Explorer must have the approval of his unit leader prior to the election. The leader must certify as to his Scouting spirit, his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, and his participation in unit activities. He must also certify that the nominee meets all specified requirements.
2. **Camping Requirements** A Scout or Explorer must have 15 days and nights of camping under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The 15 days and nights must include one long-term camp (6 consecutive days) within the two-year period prior to election. The balance of the 15 days may be made up of short-term (overnight, 2, 3, 4 days) camps.
3. **First Class Requirement** A Scout must have attained the rank of First Class to be eligible for election. There is no rank requirement for Explorers, but they must have been registered post members for at least six months prior to the election.

VOTING

Fifty per cent or more of the registered active unit membership must be present to hold an election.

Troops—Every registered active member of the troop under the age 18 at the time of election is eligible to vote.

Posts—Every Registered active male member of the unit under the age 21 at the time of the election (except associate post adviser) is eligible to vote.

PROCEDURE FOR UNIT ELECTIONS

1. **Informing Units of Elections** At a time determined by the lodge, the troop and post leaders are mailed a letter announcing the elections. The date of the election is determined by the unit leader, in coordination with the elections committee of the chapter.
2. **Holding the Elections** At a time and place determined after reading the letter, the unit members assemble with their unit leaders to elect candidates.

When a unit leader is a member of the Order, he may explain to the group the "purpose of the Order of the Arrow," outline the basis on which candidates should be selected for this highest camping honor, and describe the method of election. If the unit leader is not a member of the Order, an Arrowman should make this presentation.

The election should be conducted by a 2 or 3 member team from the chapter in cooperation with the unit leader.

3. Before the election, the team verifies that at least 50% of the registered active unit membership is present. If 50% is not present an election cannot be held. The number registered and the number present are entered in the spaces provided on the election report form.
4. The unit leader provides a list of all members of his unit whom he certifies have met all eligibility requirements, including attitude and participation. The names of these members are entered on the report form and the unit leader signs the certification.
5. The election team member explains the following to the unit leader:
 - A. This is the current method of election and it supercedes all previous methods.
 - B. All of the eligible boys who receive votes from

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at least 50% of those who turn in their ballots are elected. There is no fixed quota. In the event that no one is elected, a second vote may be held immediately and the result of this vote is final.

- The election team determines the maximum number of names a voter may list on his ballot by reading the chart below as follows:

Find the number of boys eligible for election in the first column. (O. A. members in the unit are not included in this number.) Then move to the right and find the row which corresponds to the number of registered active members in the unit. The MAXIMUM number of names a voter may list is given by the number immediately to the right in the third column.

Example: Voters in a unit having 9 eligible and 35 registered may list no more than 4 names on their ballots.

No. Eligible	No. Act. Reg.	Max. no. on ballot
1-2	2 & up	1
3-4	4-14	1
	over 14	2
5-6	6-24	2
	over 24	3
7-8	8-18	2
	19-34	3
	over 34	4
9-10	10-30	3
	31-44	4
	over 44	5
11-12	12-20	3
	21-41	4
	42-54	5
	over 54	6
13-14	14-33	4
	34-52	5
	53-64	6
	over 64	7

- The team conducts the election, using the revised text and instructions given to the chapter officers for the election ceremony.
- The election team counts the number of ballots turned in and enters this number on the election report form.

- The team determines the number of votes a boy must receive to be elected as follows: If the number of ballots turned in was even (2, 4, 6, 8, etc.) divide this number by two. If the number was odd (1, 3, 5, 7, etc.), subtract one and then divide by two. The number of votes a boy must receive to be elected is entered on the election report form.
- The votes are counted to determine who has been elected. All votes count equally. If at least one boy has been elected, this result is final. If no one is elected, the team announces this fact and states that the unit will now be given the opportunity to vote again. Time is allowed for questions. (No information about the votes received by candidates is to be revealed at any time.) The second ballot is then held immediately and, if the unit still elects no one, this is the final result for the year's election. The team places a check mark next to the names of those who have been elected on the election report form.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

As soon as the election is completed, the unit leader will announce the names of members who have been elected to the entire unit. Candidates will be tapped out at the district spring camporee and should be made aware of this.

The names and addresses (plus additional information) are listed on the back of the election report form. Team members then sign the form and mail it to the specified address immediately.

CANDIDATE STATUS

After election, a Scout or Explorer remains a candidate until he takes the Ordeal. If this period of candidacy exceeds one year, his name is dropped and he is no longer a candidate. To become a candidate again, he must be re-elected.

CONCLUSION

I am convinced that the use of these guidelines will insure the selection of only the best—the honor campers—to membership in the Order of the Arrow. I ask that you please read and study these new election procedures and membership requirements so that we will be able to answer any questions you have at our Annual Business Meeting.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February	Scout Month
12	Council Annual Banquet
20	O. A. Annual Business Meeting Camp Promotion
March	Camp Promotion continues
	O. A. Chapter Meetings
20	O. A. Staff Training Session
31	\$3.50 per Scout in Office by this date
April	
23-24-25	Sectional O. A. Meeting
30	Camporee
May	
1-2	Camporee O. A. Ordeals
15-16	Explorer Olympics
22	O. A. Service Day at Pine Trail Reservation
29	National Camp School begins at Pine Trail Reservation
June	
6	Staff moves into camp
13	1st Week of camp begins
20	2nd Week of camp begins
27	3rd Week of camp begins
July 4	4th Week of camp begins
11	5th Week of camp begins
18	6th Week of camp begins
8	Camp inspection will be held and Executive Board Meeting at camp.
August	
2-10	World Jamboree
September	
1	Roundup begins

CHAPTER PLAQUE FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

We have a large Walnut plaque, 13" x 16" with the Indian in the middle and it will have small brass plates to put the chapter name on it and the year. This plaque will be awarded to the chapter that has the best attendance multiplied by the miles traveled, which will be called "attendance" miles.

O. A. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HELD

Date for our Annual Business Meeting is Saturday, February 20 at the Carl R. Reng Center, Arkansas State University. Registration will begin at 9:30 and our sessions will begin at 10:00. We should be through by 4:30 p. m.

Items that we will be covering are a final draft and vote on our By-Laws, there is now a new method of election and time will have to be spent on how to hold a unit election. (Please read Article in this bulletin by D. Lyttle.) Chapter meetings for election of officers who will take over after the Spring Camporee tapout. Lodge officers to be elected who will take over after our Area meet. Vigil Committee meet. Final decision on Ordeals, Indian Costumes, etc. for Chapters. Notice change in camporee date on calendar of events.

FALL FELLOWSHIP HELD

November 14, 1970, at the Blytheville Air Force Base, 150 members of Lodge 413 met for their annual Fall Fellowship.

At 11:30 registration began. The noon meal was served at the base cafeteria at 12:15 and soon afterward the the afternoon session began.

A thorough explanation of election procedures began at 1:30 with Charles Ellis and Ray Woodruff assisting John Phillips in speaking to the group about these procedures.

Twenty minutes were taken for a break after election procedure talks. After the break a discussion of proposed by-laws was headed by Bill McCracken. The session disbursed around 4:15 for the evening meal which was served at 5:00.


Patch trading, volleyball, chapter meetings, and lodge executive meetings were held before and after supper. Among other night activities were bowling and a movie.

Breakfast was served at 7:00. Catholic and Protestant services were held at 7:45 and 9:00, respectively.

The morning session began at 10:00 with tapout procedures and a mock tapout ceremony presented by some of our fellow campers. Questions were answered about the tapout and the entire meet broke up shortly before noon.

O. A. Members who will receive small footballs at the Annual Business Meeting for recruiting and signing up a new Cub or Scout are as follows:

Steve Pounders Troop 27, Lepanto
Michael Bowers Troop 97, Blytheville AFB
Billy Steed Troop 42, Leachville
Tom Conner Troop 13, Helena
Pat Cunningham Troop 13, Helena
Mike Cunningham Troop 13, Helena
Tom Butcher, Jr. Troop 13, Helena
Ken Swindle Post 6, Jonesboro



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