

## **2.10 - PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Reference : Branch By-law 1.2 The President of the Branch shall be elected annually by the Branch Council.

1. Nominations for election shall be called not less than 12 weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting of the Branch Council.
2. Any member of the Branch Council may nominate in writing a candidate for election.
3. Candidates for election must sign an acceptance of nomination, and provide a brief statement of service to Scouting or other relevant community service. If they wish they may also submit a brief statement of current policy issues which they believe important for the well-being of the Movement.
4. Nominations close at the Branch Office six weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting. Within the following week the nominations (including supporting statements) shall be distributed to all Council members.
5. Should no nominations be received, by the closing date, the Branch Executive Committee shall place a nomination before the Annual Meeting.
6. Should only one nomination be received, that candidate shall be declared elected at the Annual Meeting.
7. Should two or more nominations be received, a secret ballot shall be held in such manner as the Chairman of the Annual Meeting directs. The number of votes cast for each candidate shall not be announced by the Chairman.
8. Should the incumbent President be a candidate, the Chief Commissioner shall take the chair for the election.

### AUTHORITY

This policy statement was approved by the Branch Executive Committee on 28 February 2001.