**Election teams**

1. In an effort to reach High Performance Status, Aracoma Lodge #481 must adopt a more nationally compliant election process. In recent history, the lodge has allowed troops to conduct independent elections for new potential Arrowmen. Although this process was effective and efficient, the LEC believes that now is the time to retrace its steps to the past and once again conduct and regulate all troop elections. This process will not only provide for the lodge members to reconnect but provide a platform that will allow for the education of the unit members as well as provide for a uniform process for all.

In order to conduct these elections, specific teams of youth and adults will be formed to provide the support for the election process. The desired quota will be individuals from each district as well as a balance of adult members from the districts. This election committee will be active by not only organizing the unit elections but also participating in annual training to include review of Polestar.

The committee will attempt to conduct unit elections at local meetings, camporees or summer camp. No youth or adult will facilitate their own unit election. Units will be expected to give a two weeks’ notice before an election is held at a regular meeting. This will allow for adequate scheduling and transportation to be arranged.

The Vice Chief of Inductions will work closely with the Election Committee Chair and election teams to ensure that all elections are completed between January 1 and summer camp each year. All election processes and procedures should follow the prescribed national model. The Election Team program, Committee and Chair information should be added into the current lodge policies and procedures. The program shall undergo an annual review with other permanent and ad hoc committees. No changes in the approved policies shall be altered without approval from the LEC.

**Summary**

* Election Committee will reside under Vice Chief of Inductions responsibilities.
* Youth Election Committee Chair shall be annually appointed by LEC. They must be in good standing with the BSA and Aracoma.
* Election teams will be made of no less than 2 youth and one adult. All must be in good standing with the BSA and Aracoma.
* All policies and procedures must be annually reviewed by the Election Committee. Any changes should be submitted to the LEC. and must receive approval of the LEC before they are approved
* All units must host elections with an Aracoma election team. No candidates from outside unit elections will be accepted.
* Elections teams are to support the mission of the OA and Aracoma by encouraging non-conflict scheduling by units
* The election committee will hold an annual training event to review Polestar.
* The election committee will annually host an information session with unit representatives to review critical election and conversion information.
* All policies and procedures are subject to the review of the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.