

Because of the recent amendment to the Division by-laws regarding election of Regional Directors, specifically:

5.3 Region Director Election Procedures. Each Region shall appoint a Region Election Committee of at least three Active Members to oversee the nomination and the election process for the Region Director, with one member appointed to act as Chair. The identity of the Region Election Committee shall be sent to the Chair of the Division Nomination and Election Committee and shall be posted on the Region's website along with a call for candidates and other election notices. Notice of upcoming elections shall be given to the members of a Region by email and such other method as the Region shall decide by no later than January 30th of the year in which an election is to be held...

I propose the following amendment to be voted on by the Region members at during the 2010 elections. I propose January 15 as the date to appoint the election committee so they have two weeks to issue the notice of the upcoming election to be in compliance with the Division by-laws..

Amend Section 3.5 of the Northern Vermont By-Laws as follows:

Section 3.5 - Region Election Committee

No later than January 15th of each year Regional Director shall appoint at least three active members to the Region Election Committee, as required to meet the Eastern Division By-laws, and to properly staff the oversight of the election.

At least one appointee shall have served on a previous election committee within the past 3 election cycles.

The committee shall appoint one of their number to act as chair of the Election Committee.

Any patroller who is running for an elected office shall be excused from serving on the Election Committee, and shall be replaced by the Regional Director within 15 days of notification of intent to run for office.

The Election Committee shall be responsible for conducting the voting for Regional Director in accordance with the Eastern Division By-Laws.

Election of Section Chiefs shall follow the procedure described for Regional Director.

The Election Committee members shall be selected each year.

END OF AMENDMENT

The current section:

Section 3.5 - Region Election Committee

At least 90 days before the first annual meeting(s), the Region OEC Administrator shall appoint the IT's for the various refresher courses in the region. The Region Director shall appoint three IT's to the Region Election Committee, or other patrollers as required to meet the Eastern Division By-laws and to properly staff the oversight of the election . The committee shall appoint one of their number to act as chair of the Election Committee. Any IT who is running for office shall be excused from serving on the Election Committee, but not excused from IT duties of QA/QC at the assigned refresher.

The Election Committee shall be responsible for conducting the voting for Regional Director in accordance with the Eastern Division By-Laws. Election of Section Chiefs shall follow the procedure described for Regional Director. The Election Committee members shall be selected each year.