

- 16.1 FOLLOWING DIVISION ELECTION POLICY: Candidate qualifications and election procedures for Region Director and Section Chiefs will be followed as specified in the Central Division Bylaws (Article XI).
- 16.2 ELECTION DATES: Election dates for Region Director and for Section Chief must allow the newly- elected candidate to be in office effective July 1 of the election year. *Ohio Region Bylaws* Article 5.1 requires that Ohio Region Election results be available for announcement during the Region Spring Meeting, which will advance the schedule published in the *Central Division Bylaws* by about six weeks to provide the required election process times.
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| Election announcement for Section Chiefs/Region Director | February 1 |
| Nomination deadline for Section Chief/Region Director | February 25 |
| Candidate résumés and position papers due | March 20 |
| Ballots, résumés, position papers mailed to electors | April 1 |
| Ballots returned postmarked not later than | April 20 |
| Announcement of Section Chief/Region Director election results | May 1 or Spring Meeting |
- 16.3 VOTES TO WIN ELECTION: The successful candidate shall receive a simple majority of the votes cast.²⁴ If the vote is tied in a Section Chief election, the tie will be broken by the Region Director.
- 16.4 VOTE FOR SECTION CHIEF: Patrol Directors shall cast the single Patrol vote for Section Chief provided that he/she is not a candidate, in which case the Patrol will select a representative.
- 16.5 VOTER ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: Names and addresses of all eligible from a Patrol to vote in Section Chief and Region Director elections must be supplied to the Region Election Coordinator by the Patrol Director before the published deadline to facilitate distribution of candidate information and election ballots.
- 16.6 CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN INFORMATION: Within the limitations of its publications schedule, the *DOWNHILL* will keep the Region Patrollers informed about elections, candidates and election results. In addition, the Ohio Region Election Coordinator will distribute candidate résumés and position papers with ballots for Section chief to designated electors. Region Director candidate contacts with the electorate are regulated by the Division Bylaws. Section Chief candidates may solicit votes by personal contacts and by distributing election campaign materials to electors, with a copy to the Region Election Coordinator. No candidate for any elected office may use Patrol, Section or Region resources or their present position for advocating for promoting their own candidacy or any other candidate. Campaign expenses are not reimbursable by the Division, Region, Section or Patrol.

²³ *NSP Policies and Procedures*, Board Minutes MWM-85 Section Chief Candidate Requirements.
The Ski Patroller's Manual, 13th ed., Chapter 3, Region Director and Section Chief responsibilities.
Bylaws of the Central Division (as amended September 19, 1992), Article XI - Selection of Division Leaders, Patrol Director, Section Chief, and Region Director.

²⁴ Note that if there are more than two candidates, it is possible that no candidate would receive a majority of votes cast. Presumably, if there is no tie in the vote for the candidate receiving the most votes cast, the candidate receiving a plurality of the votes would be selected.