

- 21.1 SECTION REVIEW PANELS:³² Section reviews of National Appointment, Leadership Commendation Appointment, and Distinguished Service Award nominations shall be conducted prior to the Region reviews to ensure that the nomination documents are complete, the information on the nomination is valid, and that in the opinion of the reviewers, the nomination is merited. The Section review shall be conducted by a panel of Section Patrollers holding National Appointments or Leadership Commendation Appointments and representing, if possible, each Patrol in the Section. The Section review will be chaired by the Section Chief, if that Patroller holds a National Appointment or Leadership Commendation Appointment, otherwise, the Region NSP Appointments Review Board Chair shall appoint a Chair for the Section. The Section Chair shall appoint the other members of the Section Review Panel after consultation with the respective Patrol Directors.
- 21.1.1 SECTION PANEL REVIEW RECOMMENDATION DEADLINE: Section Panel recommendations must be sent to the Region NSP Appointments Board Chair and postmarked by the 1st day of December to be eligible for Board consideration.
- 21.2 REGION REVIEW BOARD AND CHAIR FUNCTIONS: The Chair of the NSP Appointments Review Board presides at the Board meetings and receives all documentation for nominations for National Appointments, Leadership Commendation Appointments, and Distinguished Service Awards from the Section Review Panel Chairs. The Board shall review and vote on the approval of all the recommendations for National Appointment, Leadership Commendation Appointment and Distinguished Service Award nominations that the Chair forwards to the Central Division Awards Advisor. Voting by the Board to approve nominations shall take place at a closed meeting, but discussions of nominations shall take place at a prior session open to all Ohio Region patrollers holding a National Appointment or a Leadership Commendation Appointment. The Chair shall vote only when necessary to break a tie vote of the Board.
- 21.3 REGION NSP APPOINTMENTS REVIEW BOARD MEETINGS: At least one meeting shall be held by the NSP Appointments Review Board during the year to consider recommendations from the Section Review Panels and to decide which nominations should be recommended by the Region to the Central Division. The scheduled date for this meeting shall be published in a *DOWNHILL* issue prior to the meeting. With the approval of the Region Director, additional meetings to discuss nominations and decide on Region recommendations for nomination approvals may be called and scheduled by the NSP Appointments Review Board Chair.
- 21.3.1 QUORUM: To establish a quorum, a majority of the Board, including the chair, shall be present. Past Region Directors shall not be counted in establishing a meeting quorum.
- 21.3.2 VOTING: At a duly constituted scheduled meeting, a two-thirds vote of members present is required to approve a Region recommendation for a National Appointment, Leadership Commendation Appointment, or Distinguished Service Award.
- 21.4 AWARD SPONSORS: Only a holder of a National Appointment or a Leadership Commendation Appointment can sign as sponsor of a nomination for a National Appointment, Leadership Commendation Appointment or a Distinguished Service Award.

³¹ *NSP Policies and Procedures*, section 11.1.1 Appointments and section 11.2 Distinguished Service Award

³² *Ohio Region Operating Policies*, section 5.5