

New Election Process for Troop 695 Leadership:

1. **Qualifications:** The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) should hold the rank of Life Scout. The SPL should be 14 years old as a minimum and have previously served as an ASPL. The ASPL should be 13 years old as a minimum. Ideally, the scouts running for this position should already have served in a leadership position as a Life Scout.
2. **Nominations:** Nominations are open to all qualified scouts. The number of nominations will not be limited but a runoff will be conducted immediately following nominations (the same meeting night) to reduce the field to four candidates. This is consistent with election processes in the United States (primary/runoff elections) and reduces the fragmentation of voting that occurs when there is no clear majority.
3. **Process:** The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) would be elected for a 6-month term. In order to implement this program with a degree of fairness, the first election under this process (September 2002) will involve electing the SPL without the qualification of having to have previously served as an ASPL. We are doing this in order to ensure fairness to older scouts who want to be SPL but have not served as ASPL. This delay until the elections in March 2003 will allow older scouts an opportunity to run for SPL under the previous procedure.
4. **Second ASPL:** A 2d ASPL will be selected by the SPL from a list (prepared by the Scoutmaster) of scouts qualified to hold that position. It is suggested that the SPL select his ASPL quickly but should perform due diligence to include possibly interviewing each before making a decision. Ideally this position would be a scout desiring to be a mentor to other scouts and understand he has the opportunity to be elected to the position of SPL. He would be eligible to run for ASPL at a subsequent election. This list of qualified scouts could include scouts that ran for the position but did not get elected and include scouts that want the leadership experience but for whatever reason do not run for the position. The Scoutmaster would compile this list with input from the Advancement Chair and Patrol coaches. It is important to note that the SPL chooses the 2d ASPL, we just provide him a list of qualified scouts.
5. **Terms of Service Completion:** If an SPL does not complete his term of service the *elected* ASPL will fill the remainder of the term and the full extent of his successive term. The *selected* ASPL would then be the only ASPL for the remainder of his term.