

ANB GRAND CAMP ELECTION BYLAWS
(PROPOSED)

ANB GRAND CAMP ELECTION POLICY. Grand officers of the Alaska Native Brotherhood shall be elected to office by delegates representing Alaska Native Brotherhood local camps, current ANB Grand Camp officers, and past ANB Grand Presidents who are present when elections are held.

These bylaws provide for

1. General Requirements for Elections;
2. Duties of Election Tellers;
3. Ballot Contents and Format;
4. Election Procedures; and
5. Tellers' Report.

1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

(a) ELECTION TIME AND PLACE. ANB Grand Camp elections shall be held at the ANB Grand Camp annual meeting in October or at such time as may be set by the ANB Executive Committee.

(b) ELECTIONS SHALL BE BY SECRET BALLOT.

(c) MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

(d) ALL OFFICES SHALL BE VOTED FOR CONCURRENTLY ON A SINGLE BALLOT. Nominations of candidates for all ANB grand offices shall be made in a single session of the ANB Grand Camp, and the election to all offices shall be on one ballot. (Note: Roberts Rules of Order permit a member to stand for more than one office in an election, but election may be accepted to only one office.)

2 ELECTION TELLERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

- (a) **TELLERS APPOINTED.** The ANB Grand President shall appoint a chief teller and two additional tellers from the membership of the ANB Grand Camp, including at least one teller who is a proficient computer typist. The tellers shall manage the election.
- (b) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** A person may not serve as a teller if that person is a parent, grand-parent uncle, aunt, cousin, child, or sibling of a candidate on the ballot.
- (c) **OBTAIN OFFICIAL DELEGATE LIST.** Tellers shall obtain from the ANB Grand Secretary an official list of all ANB former Grand Presidents, all ANB Grand Officers, and all ANB local camp delegates seated at as members of the current ANB Grand Camp.
- (d) **RECORD NOMINATIONIS FOR EACH OFFICE.** As candidates are nominated, tellers shall record the name of each nominee for each office.

3. **BALLOT CONTENTS AND FORMAT.**

- (a) **HEADING.** "BALLOT FOR ANB GRAND OFFICERS; ELECTION DATE.
- (b) **NAMES OF CANDIDATES.** Last name first and listed in alphabetical order, immediately below the name of the respective offices. (Leave enough space under each name so tellers can use blank ballots as tally sheets.)
- (c) **BOX LEFT OF CANDIDATES NAMES FOR VOTE.**
- (d) **ONE PAGE.** Use two columns if necessary.
- (e) **PRINT BALLOTS.** Print enough ballots for each qualified voter to vote, plus ten extra ballots. (Extras are needed in case of spoiled ballots, and for tally sheets.)

4. **ELECTION PROCEDURES**

- (a) **ONLY TELLERS MAY HANDLE BALLOTS.**
- (b) **BALLOTS READY!** Chief Teller shall immediately inform presiding officer when ballots are ready.
- (c) **PLACE BALLOT BOX UP FRONT.** Immediately before the election, tellers shall setup a ballot box near the presiding officer's rostrum. Do not leave it untended.
- (d) **BEGIN BALLOTING.** The Grand Camp presiding officer shall announce the opening of the ballot box and shall direct the tellers to distribute the ballots.

(e) CHIEF TELLER ANNOUNCES ELECTION RULES.

- (i) **We vote by secret ballot.** Respect everyone's privacy;
- (ii) **Mark the box clearly** for each candidate you vote for.
- (iii) **Tellers may invalidate the vote for any particular office if there are marks on a ballot** that make the vote for a that office uncertain in the judgment of the tellers. The tellers' decision is final.
- (iv) **Obtain a new ballot** if you make a mistake that you can't correct. Bring your spoiled ballot forward before the ballot closes and exchange it for a new ballot.
- (v) **Drop ballot in the ballot box** when finished voting;
- (vi) **Last call.** When it appears that all ballots have been placed in the ballot box, we shall call for any remaining ballots and, after a reasonable pause, we will announce that the ballot box is closed and shall take the ballot box and tally the votes.
- (vii) **When your name is called, please come forward promptly and pick up your ballot.**
- (viii) **Place your ballot in ballot box when finished voting.**

(f) CHIEF TELLER SHALL CALL QUALIFIED VOTERS.

(g) ONE TELLER HANDS OUT THE BALLOTS.

(h) DEPOSIT BALLOTS. One teller shall tend the ballot box.

(i) CLOSING THE BALLOT BOX. When it appears that all ballots have been cast, the chief teller shall announce

“Are there any ballots that have not yet been placed in the ballot box?” (Pause for several seconds of silence.)
The ballot box is now closed.”

(j) **PREPARE TALLY SHEETS.** Use blank ballots as tally sheets.

(k) **COUNTING THE VOTES.** In a separate room -

- (i) **Chief teller shall organize and read ballots aloud.**
- (ii) **Each teller, including the chief teller shall carefully tally the votes** on his or her tally sheet.
- (iii) The tally shall be considered complete when all ballots are counted and **the tallies of all three tellers match exactly.** If there is a disparity that cannot be resolved, recount on fresh tally sheet, if necessary, to arrive at an exact match.

5. **TELLERS' REPORT.** Prepare a written report.

(a) **The following numbers determine who is elected –**

- (i) **The number of qualified ANB Grand Camp voters seated at this grand camp;**
- (ii) **The number of votes cast;**
- (iii) **The number of invalid votes, if any;**
- (iv) **The number of votes that constitute a majority;**
- (v) **The number of votes received by each candidate.**

(b) **DISTRIBUTION OF TELLERS' REPORT.** The chief teller shall have five copies of the tellers' report printed, and shall deliver one copy to the presiding officer, one copy to the ANB Grand Secretary and each teller shall retain one copy and shall have the tellers' report e-mailed to the ANB Grand Secretary.

(c) PREPARE SECOND BALLOT (IF NEEDED). Before delivering the tellers' report to the presiding officer, the tellers shall determine which offices, if any, had no candidates with majority votes and shall prepare and print sufficient ballots for a second ballot. A second ballot for any office shall be between the two candidates that received the highest number of votes on the first ballot, and the second ballot shall contain only those two names. More names may be added if necessitated by tie votes on the first ballot.) When delivering the tellers' report on the first ballot, the Chief Teller shall inform the presiding officer that the second ballot is ready so it can be distributed immediately after the tellers' report on the first ballot has been disposed of.

(d) TELLERS' REPORT TO ANB MEMBERS. The presiding officer shall call for the report, and the chief teller shall read the report in its entirety, but may not announce who, if anyone has a majority or is elected to office. The tellers' report may be shown on screen, if available.

(e) ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED. As soon as the chief teller has finished reporting, the presiding officer shall announce who, if anyone, is elected, for example, as follows:

“For the office of Grand President, (name) received a majority vote. I declare that (name) is elected to the office of Grand President of the Alaska Native Brotherhood for the forthcoming year.”

(f) FORMALIZING ELECTION RESULTS. This announcement constitutes formal recognition of the election to office. (Roberts Rules of Order says election results should not be subjected to a vote for approval.). Repeat the announcement for each office to which a candidate receives a majority vote.

(g) SECOND BALLOT, IF NEEDED. If no candidate receives a majority for one or more offices, the presiding officer shall announce:

“The offices of _____, _____,
_____ remain open. Our bylaws require that a second ballot shall be cast between those two candidates with the highest number of votes. The tellers have a new ballot that includes the names of only the two candidates with the highest number of votes for those offices yet to be filled. (If there are more than two listed for any office, explain the tie-vote rule.

We shall now cast a second ballot for those offices. Tellers, please distribute the ballots.

(h) THIRD, ETC. BALLOTS. Repeat the process until all officers have been elected.

(i) INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Newly elected officers shall be sworn in at a ceremony provided for in the Grand Camp program.