

Ch. 1: GOVERNANCE

Sec. 1: DEFINITION OF LEADERSHIP ROLES

- 1) Fleet Commander: Functions as Chair of the Command Council. Gives direction to this Council and dictates priority on all matters relevant to this Council. Elected by majority vote of the Command Council in annual elections.
- 2) Deputy Fleet Commander: Functions as assistant to Fleet Commander. Takes over responsibilities as Fleet Commander in the event the Fleet Commander is unable to complete the elected term. Selected by the Fleet Commander and approved by the Command Council.
- 3) Sector Commander: Functions as the administrative lead for the assigned Sector. Reports to Fleet Commander. Elected by representatives of the given Sector during annual elections.
- 4) Command Council: A collective of appointed representatives from all Chapters of Fleet 31 that together defines the forward motion of the fleet through its votes and actions.
- 5) Executive Council: A group comprising the Fleet Commander, Deputy Fleet Commander, and Sector Commanders that runs the day-to-day business of the fleet and votes on minor changes to regulations and procedures.
- 6) Legislative Council: A small collection of individuals with a Chair selected by the Fleet Commander and approved by the Command Council. This body is responsible for the creation of all new legislation for regulations and procedures, as well as modification of existing legislation to adjust to changing needs.
- 7) Judicial Council: An ad hoc tribunal functioning as an investigative team for matters pertaining to the conduct of Fleet 31 leadership. Selection and formation of this Council is to be described in the regulations chapter regarding Conduct.

Sec. 2: VOTING PROCEDURE

- 1) Any proposal presenting change of regulation or procedure written for and by Fleet 31 shall be presented to the Command Council or Executive Council for consideration and vote of ratification.
 - a. Any change of policy that affects day-to-day operations at the chapter or fleet level is considered major legislation. Other items are considered minor.
- 2) Major legislation of regulation or procedure is to be presented in full by the Chair of the Legislative Council directly to the Command Council by electronic means for consideration and discussion. All other matters for general vote will be presented to the Command Council by the Fleet Commander.
 - a. A vote may open only once discussions on proposed legislation have closed.
 - b. Each of the Sector Commanders is to notify the appointed representatives of each Voting Chapter in their jurisdiction within 24 hours. These representatives will be given 5 calendar days to consult with their constituents and return their Chapter's vote to the Sector Commander. Each Chapter is allotted one vote.
 - c. Final vote tallies reported by Sector Commanders to the Command Council are to be presented openly as totals of Yay, Nay, Abstain, and No Response. These results, reported thusly in aggregate form, will not carry the names of any individual chapter or respondent.

- d. For a vote to be considered complete, a quorum consisting of one-half of all voting chapters must respond with Yay, Nay, or Abstain within the allotted time. The time will begin for all chapters when all chapters have been notified of the vote.
 - e. A quorum reached will not signal the end of the voting period. The vote will continue for the full duration, and all votes rendered in that time will be counted.
- 3) Minor legislation is to be presented by the Chair of the Legislative Council to the Executive Council for consideration and discussion.
 - a. Votes may be rendered by all Sector Commanders and the Deputy Fleet Commander.
 - b. For a vote to be considered complete, a quorum consisting of two-thirds of all voting parties must respond with Yay, Nay, or Abstain.
 - c. The vote will be considered active for 5 days or until all votes have been cast, whichever is sooner.
- 4) The summation of votes presented by the Sector Commanders is to be completed by the Deputy Fleet Commander, thus to be reported with a final disposition on the proposal. If a quorum is not reached, the proposal does not pass.
 - a. Within the Executive Council, only Sector Commanders are considered voting parties. The Fleet Commander will cast a vote only as a tiebreaker. The Deputy Fleet Commander does not vote.
- 5) Disposition of a motion is determined by the majority of all non-abstention votes rendered. In the event of a tie in Yay vs Nay, the deciding vote shall be cast by the Fleet Commander.

Sec. 3: ANNUAL ELECTIONS

- 1) All elected positions are held for a term of one year. There is no limit to the number of terms for which a candidate may be elected, nor must all terms of a particular office served by one candidate be consecutive.
- 2) An Elections Integrity Officer is to be appointed by the Deputy Fleet Commander to take nominations, oversee the elections, and ensure fidelity of results reported. This officer is to be appointed during the month of January.
- 3) Nominations for each elected position are to be submitted by constituent representatives of the appropriate jurisdiction. Self-nominations are allowed but must be seconded. Other nominations must be accepted by the nominee.
 - a. Fleet Commander nominations must be submitted by members of the Command Council.
 - b. Sector Commander nominations must be submitted by members of that Sector.
- 4) A period of four days is to be allotted by the Elections Integrity Officer at the beginning of February for nomination submission. A further week is provided for nominated candidates to answer questions from the representative constituents.
- 5) Following the nomination period, the vote for Fleet Commander will be administered by the serving Sector Commanders, who will report the aggregate results to the Elections Integrity Officer by February 24. The Elections Integrity Officer must report the summation of all votes to the Command Council no later than February 26.
- 6) Sector Commander election tallies will be received and tallied directly by the Elections Integrity Officer and reported to the Command Council no later than February 26.
- 7) As dates are defined to occur on an annual basis, a quorum is not required but is expected.

- 8) Elected officials will begin their term on March 1.
- 9) Officials appointed by the Fleet Commander must be presented to the Command Council for approval by March 4. Four days will be allotted for the appointee to answer questions presented by the Command Council. Three days will be given following this for any objections to be presented. If no objections are received by the Command Council in that time, the appointee will be considered approved. If any objections are received, the appointee will face an immediate one-week simple majority approval vote, and this vote will require a quorum.

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