



Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Ogimaakewin Tibaahigewin (Election Process)

- 1) *Ogimaag ashij Odaakeshkaaganag (Chiefs and Council) will be elected by eligible TAA citizens who have registered for online voting. The election voting will be conducted online.**
- 2) *Nominations for all Council positions must be opened 40 days before the Fall Assembly, and Nominations received 30 days before the Fall Assembly**
- 3) *Valid Nominations require a mover and seconder and a list indicating support for the candidate authorized by at least 25 eligible TAA citizens.**
- 4) *Election voting will be conducted online, over a ten (10) hour period during the day of the election, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm N'dakimenan time.**
- 5) *The Ogimaag ashij Odaakeshkaaganag shall appoint an Electoral/Voting Officer to conduct the elections and Referenda, and three (3) qualified individuals to serve as an Appeals body. Together, a process in accord with this document shall be developed for the purpose of conducting Elections/Referenda in a fair and reasonable manner.**

Ogimaakewinens (By-Elections)

- 6) *By-elections will be conducted in the same manner as the general election, although the date of the by-election shall be no later than ninety (90) days after the office had been vacated. By-elections need not be called if the term for the position is due to end one hundred and twenty (120) days or less from the day the office was vacated.**

***** These above clauses come directly from the Interim Constitution and require a formal amendment before they may be changed.

Election Guidelines

- 7) The Electoral Officer may appoint Deputy Electoral Officers**
- 8) The Electoral Officer, Deputy Electoral Officers and members of the Appeals body shall not publicly indicate support for, or opposition to, any candidate putting their name forward in an Election or By-Election.**
- 9) The Electoral Officer shall promulgate official notices of Nominations, Elections, By-Elections and any pertinent information needed by the citizens to inform them of the process. The TAA administration will assist in this endeavour.**
- 10) The Electoral Officer shall ensure all forms required to conduct an election are prepared and made available**
- 11) The Electoral Officer shall manage the online voters list and all system aspects required to conduct an online vote.**
- 12) Notice of a Nomination period, elections and pertinent information regarding the processes, must be shared publicly at least ten (10) days before the event opens.**
- 13) Nominators, Seconders or supporters of candidates may only Nominate, Second or indicate support for only the number of positions available in each section, for example, 1 Ogimaa (Chief), 1 Aanike-Ogimaa (2nd Chief) and 4 Odaakeshkaaganag (Councillors). The date which a citizen adds their name in a candidate's nomination process must be no more than ninety (90) before the opening of the Nomination period.**
- 14) Nominated candidates may only run for one position and must select their preferred candidacy before the closing of the Nominations period. Nominated candidates may not withdraw from the election process after the closing of the Nominations period.**
- 15) The Electoral Officer shall acclaim a candidate as duly elected in the event that the number of candidates required within a section to trigger an election was not met. The acclaimed candidate shall assume office on the day of the election after the polls were scheduled to close, subject to the appeals process.**



- 16) In the event of a tie in the election results, where only one candidate is required to hold that office, a run-off election will be held 7 days later, with only those tied candidates on the ballot.**
- 17) The Electoral Officer may determine that an elector who requires assistance to vote, may receive such assistance from the Electoral Officer, a Deputy or designate a responsible person, (ie: a guardian, power of attorney, spouse, caregiver or family member) the task of assisting that person so that their vote is cast.**
- 18) Any candidate, if they choose to do so, may submit a 1 page (8 ½" x 11" or digital equivalent) piece of campaign literature, including any pictures/letterheads etc. and text, to a maximum of 400 words, that will be posted on all TAA official online sites (unless the candidate opts out of certain places) and will be shared through the TAA's official email list. A link to a video, 60 seconds in maximum duration at normal speed may also be included. Private campaign advertising is not subject to these limitations.**

Election Appeals

- 19) Alternate individuals may be selected to serve with the body charged with addressing election appeals in the event any of that body's members determine that they cannot participate in the appeals process due to a conflict of interest.**
- 20) The Appeals body has full determining authority of any appeals submitted, whether or not they have merit to conduct a more thorough review into the matter, what that review may entail, or to reject an appeal out right due to, for example, frivolous grounds or that the concern raised would not result to a change in the outcome of the election in terms of what candidates were elected. The body ought to strive for a consensus decision, however, may render a judgment with two (2) of its members in support, in such cases, both the judgement, and the dissenting opinion are to be publicly released that include the rationale for the decision and, if applicable, what part(s) of the election conducted were not in accord with the constitution or these regulations.**



The scope of their determination ought to have impact only upon those areas of the election that were determined to have erred, and its resultant impacts on the outcome, although they have the authority to issue recommendations, to calling for full new elections and setting the dates of conducting that election.

- 21) Within seven (7) clear days of the closing of the election polls, any elector may submit an appeal to the Electoral Officer who will then forward the appeal to the Appeals Body. A deposit of \$250 must be submitted with the appeal, fully refundable in the event the appeal is successful.**
- 22) The Appeals body will render a judgement of an appeal they deem worthy of review within ten (10) clear days after the closing of the appeals period. Their judgement on the matter shall be final.**
- 23) OneFeather Online voting track records of all voting events that include the devices the votes were cast upon, the time and where in the world the vote was submitted and more data available to the Appeals body upon request to assist in their work.**

