Navajo Election Administration

Qualifications for Chapter Officials

11 NNC – Navajo Nation Election Code

1. Must be a registered voter of the Chapter they seek to represent and be on the census roll of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

2. Must be 21 years of age at the time of the election.

3. Must not have been convicted of a felony within the last five (5) years.

4. Must not have been convicted of any misdemeanor in any Courts involving crimes of deceit, untruthfulness and dishonesty, including but not limited to extortion, embezzlement, bribery, perjury, forgery, fraud, misrepresentation, false pretense, theft, conversion, or misuse of Navajo Nation funds and property, and crimes involving the welfare of children, child abuse, child neglect, aggravated assault and aggravated battery within the last five (5) years. Must not have been found in violation by a trial court or the Ethics and Rules Committee of the Navajo Nation Council of the Navajo Ethics in Government or Election Laws.

5. Must have permanent residence and been continually physically present within the Navajo Nation as defined in 7 NNC § 254 at least three (3) years prior to the time of the election.

6. Must have an understanding of the Navajo Nation governmental affairs.

7. Must not have been removed from a chapter office within the five (5) years preceding the date of his or her filing for candidacy.

8. Must not, if elected, serve in any other Navajo Nation elective offices, with the exception of the office(s) of school board member(s).

9. Must be a high school graduate or must have a GED certificate, if the candidate seeks the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

10. Must not allow employment with the Navajo Nation, federal or state governments, or any private organization to interfere with the performance of Chapter officer duties.

11. If a candidate is an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Indian Health Services, prior to filing, the candidate shall obtain written clearance from the BIA or IHS stating that there is no conflict of interest for the candidate in the event the candidate is elected as Chapter official. Clearance shall be provided to the Election Administration Office.

12. Must not be a chapter community service coordinator (Title 26)