

Metis Of Maine Nomination Procedures

1. Nominations are to be submitted in writing by using the designated nomination form.
2. All nominations must be given to the nominating committee chair person on or before the October membership meeting.
3. The person who is already in the position that is up for election may choose to run again for the same position. If this person does wish to run again, his or her name will be added to the ballot.
4. The nominating committee will review all nominations to make sure the person being nominated is qualified for the position. No one will be given a reason for a name not qualifying other than the nominating committee doing the screening, the acting arbitrators, and the person who was being nominated (If he or she asks).
5. Someone on the nominating committee will be appointed to call chosen qualified candidates to see if they wish to run for a specific position. If a qualified candidate agrees to run his or her name will be placed on the ballot.
6. Qualified candidates will be announced at the November meeting. Campaigning can begin at this time.
7. Chosen candidates who wish to run for a specific position will be given the opportunity to do their own campaigning in order to reveal why he or she would be the best choice for the position. Candidates running for a position may only promote themselves. Any candidate running for a position who says anything negative about someone else running for the same position will be automatically disqualified.
8. Some ways a person might choose to do campaigning are; handing out flyers, asking the Grand Chief for time to speak during a meeting (no more than 5 minutes), having something written up and added to the Turtle Island newsletter, talking to members after the meeting, etc.
9. The nominating committee will consist of two people from the Grand Council of Elders, two people from the Grand Council, the nominating committee chair person, and the acting arbitrators.
10. The Grand Chief and First Chief will act as the arbitrators for the nominating committee.
11. At any time the nominating procedures and nominating form may be brought before the house and a vote can take place to make any changes to the nominating procedures and nominating form if deemed necessary.