

ELECTION TIPS

At the meeting before elections, the Worthy Advisor should remind the girls of the upcoming elections and any one interested in running for an office should speak to the Mother Advisor BEFORE the night of elections.

If there is a concern about any line officer, to her ability to advance, or that she has not met the responsibilities of her current office, the Advisory Board should deal with the matter before the night of elections.

The tallying committee should be asked in advance and should count ballots at the Recorder's desk. They do not leave the room. The tallying committee consists of 2 girls and 1 adult. Avoid asking girls who are running for an office to be on the tallying committee. The committee consists of one adult and two girls. The first girl opens and reads the name on the ballot. The second girl tally's the votes, and in the case of Faith, Recorder and Treasurer reads each ballot out loud. The adult member verifies the names and the final count.

Any girl given the honor of being elected into an office should accept the election with happiness, sincerity and with appreciation.

Only girls who have paid their current years dues are eligible to vote or be elected into an office. If there is a financial hardship with a girl, the Mother Advisor should bring the matter up to the Advisory Board.

Each Assembly should have requirements for the office of Faith. These requirements should be a part of the Assemblies Standing Rules and are reviewed and possibly modified by the membership each January.

After each ballot, for the offices of Faith, Recorder or Treasurer, girls receiving a vote should have the opportunity to stand and decline.

EXAMPLE: **WA:** "There has been not election for the office of _____
(Faith, Recorder, Treasurer) does anyone wish to decline?"

A majority is always exclusive of blank ballots. A ballot with the name "no one" will not decrease the majority.

Funny nicknames count as a vote unto it's self. The Worthy Advisor should remind the members voting how important it is to use correct names when casting a ballot.