

Secular Franciscan Order
Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada
Nomination Guidelines for Regional Elections

1. The Regional Council shall appoint a Nominations Committee 3 months prior to the Regional Chapter to obtain nominations for the offices of the Regional Council.
2. It is preferable that the slate of nominees received by the Nominations Chairperson be conclusive. However, nominations from the floor are permitted and must have a mover and seconder.
3. Nominees must be **professed** and **active** members of the Region. They do not have to be on the Local Council or Regional Council to be eligible for nomination.
4. Nominees must consent to allow her/his name to stand for the given office. Nominees may be nominated for more than one office.
5. Nomination records shall include the name and signature of the proposer, and the name and signature of the seconder.
6. Nominees, when elected, may hold one Regional Council office only. If the nominee is not elected for the original office to which they were nominated, they may be nominated to run for another office.
7. A Local Minister, may not, at the same time, hold the office of a Minister on a **higher level**. They may, however, hold the office of Vice-minister, Secretary, Treasurer or Director of Formation.
8. A lay **Spiritual Assistant** is appointed by the First Order and cannot vote in **any** elective chapter.
9. Nomination Forms are to be filled out by the Local Fraternity Council, but may include names of members from another fraternity. Where possible, all fraternity members should be encouraged to participate in the nominations process and be informed of the Nominees thought to be capable of filling the various Offices for the Regional Council.
10. The term of office is for three years. A person may be elected to serve a second term **but** to serve for a **third term in the same office** would require that the nominee obtain **two-thirds** of the votes cast on the first ballot by those present.
11. All Nomination forms should be signed and dated by the nominator, seconder and the nominee.
12. Nomination forms should be returned to Nomination Chairperson or Committee member by the deadline, usually one month prior to the start of the Elective Chapter. The Chairperson in turn prepares a report of nominations for the National Presider.
13. At the Regional Chapter, nominations from the floor can be accepted provided the above mentioned nomination details are recorded in the minutes.