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# FIVE FEATHERS

The Official Newsletter of Southern Region, Section 5 - Order of the Arrow

## Section Officer Elections 2020-21

Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, the Dixie Fellowship originally scheduled for April 24-26 was postponed until the rescheduled Carolina OA Conference on August 28-30 at Camp Old Indian in Travelers Rest, South Carolina. As safety and health concerns continue throughout the summer, the rescheduled Carolina OA Conference has been cancelled. With this adjustment, the election of the SR-5 Section Officers will take place through an online (Zoom) media platform where each individual Lodge Chief will convene as a collective group to vote on the slate of officer candidates. Each candidate will have a biography here and will present their speech during the election period.

**In order for a candidate to run for Section Office, the individual must 1) be in good standing, dues-paid member of their lodge. 2) be under the age of 21 for the duration of the term (ending on Sunday, April 25, 2021). 3) have a letter of approval from their Scout Executive.**

A full list of national guidelines may be found in the Field Operations Guide, Rule IV. Eligibility, Nomination, Selection of Officers and Appointees, located on page 16-17.

### Section Chief - Duties and Responsibilities

A. Organizes and gives positive leadership to achieve a successful annual conclave and fulfill section operations responsibilities.

B. Holds no other elected position in the Order of the Arrow during his term. Must resign from all lodge and chapter offices within 30 days of his election as Section Chief.

C. Presides over meetings of the Council of Chiefs and the conclave business meeting.

D. Delegates duties to other Section Officers and members of the Council of Chiefs.

E. Works closely with the Section Advisers. Keeps the Section Adviser and Section Staff Adviser fully informed on all his activities related to the Order of the Arrow. Shares copies of all correspondence pertaining to the business of the Order with these individuals and with others that

are concerned.

F. Assures that all aspects of section activity are conducted according to the Section Rules.

G. Compiles the conclave reports within 45 days of the end of the conclave and, along with the final financial statement, submits copies to the following members of the Council of Chiefs: Area Director, Region Chief, Region Chairman and Staff Adviser; and the Director of the Order of the Arrow (this is the responsibility of the Section Chief completing his term of office at conclave).

H. Serves as an example of the ideals of the BSA and Order of the Arrow.

I. Wears the Scout uniform correctly

J. Attends section officer seminars and appropriate national leadership seminars

K. Represents the section at

region and national functions and activities of the Order of the Arrow, when invited.

L. Participates in an annual National Planning Meeting. The section will pay for the transportation and planning meeting fees to attend. The Section Chief will serve as a member of the committee planning the national program of emphasis for the coming year.

M. Promotes participation in region and national events.

N. Appoints and oversees a section assistance team that will operate under the leadership of the Section Vice Chief.

**Per the latest edition of the Field Operations Guide, Rule III. Officers and Administration, page 12-13**

# Leadership

**Hunter Hackett**

Section Chief

**Robert Bolton, Jr.**

Section Vice Chief

**William Webb**

Section Secretary

**Mac McLean**

Section Adviser

**Michael Thompson**

Associate Section Adviser

**Tripp Clark**

Associate Section Adviser



## Section Vice Chief - Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Assists the Section Chief, as directed by him, to carry out the operations of the section.
- B. Organizes and gives positive leadership to the section assistance team appointed by the Section Chief.
- C. Assures that the conclave is promoted in all councils.
- D. Assumes other responsibilities and duties assigned by the Section Chief.
- E. Promotes participation in region and national events.
- F. Assumes the responsibilities of the Section Chief until the Council of Chiefs elects a

- successor for the unexpired term, in the event the Section Chief resigns or is unable to fulfill his term of office.
- G. Serves as an example of the ideals of the BSA and the Order of the Arrow.
- H. Wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- I. Attends Council of Chiefs meetings, Section Officer Seminars, and appropriate national leadership seminars.

**Per the latest edition of the Field Operations Guide, Rule III. Officers and Administration, page 13**

## Section Secretary - Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Assists the Section Chief in communicating with members of the Council of Chiefs and advisers. Provides written or email notification of all Council of Chiefs meeting at least 15 days in advance.
- B. Records the minutes of all meetings of the Council of Chiefs, and the conclave business meeting. Distributes copies of all minutes to Council of Chiefs members within 15 days following each meeting.
- C. Maintains an up-to-date roster of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of the Council of Chiefs members. The distribution of the roster, and

- all changes, shall be to members of the Council of Chiefs, Region Chief, Region Chairman, Region Staff Adviser, Area Director, and the Director of the Order of the Arrow.
  - D. Promotes participation in region and national events.
  - E. Serves as an example of the ideals of the BSA and the Order of the Arrow.
  - F. Wears the Scout uniform correctly.
  - G. Attends Council of Chiefs meetings, Section Officers Seminars, and appropriate National Leadership Seminars.
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## Rule IV. Eligibility, Nomination, Selection of Officers and Appointees

A. All section officers must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. A registered member, in good standing, of the Order of the Arrow in a council within the section who has the approval, in writing and in advance of being nominated, of his Scout Executive or designee.
  2. Younger than 21 during his entire term of office.
- B. Nominations for section office may be made by the designated council youth representative, when nominations are declared open at any meeting of the Council of Chiefs or at the conclave business meeting. Nominations shall require no second. Nominations for each office

shall be closed only once - just before balloting for that office.

C. A business meeting shall be held at the conclave to elect section officers. The newly elected officers shall take office at the end of the conclave, and their terms shall expire at the end of the next annual conclave. The following election procedures shall be used:

1. After the nominations for a given office are declared closed, the designated council youth representative shall poll his delegates who are under 21 to determine how they will cast their votes. Such a poll shall be taken before each ballot.
2. Each council in the section, in good standing (renewed its OA charter) with the

national service center, may cast one vote per youth member present at the time of the election, up to a maximum of 10 votes, for each office on all ballots. Telephone, email, or other electronic votes are not permitted.

3. A nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast on a given ballot to be elected. Where a majority is not achieved, the nominee(s) receiving the least number of votes is (are) dropped and another ballot is taken. This procedure continues until one nominee achieves a majority and is declared elected, or until two ballots in succession result in tie votes and the balloting is declared deadlock.

## Rule IV. Eligibility, Nomination, Selection of Officers ... Cont'd

4. When balloting is declared dead-locked, the youth conducting the election (note: this is the Section Chief or a youth appointed by the Section Chief and approved by the Section Adviser) will announce to the voting delegates that one more ballot will be taken to break the tie and, if another tie results, he shall cast sufficient votes for the nominee of his choice to achieve a majority and declare him elected.

D. The Section Chief may make appointments to special

positions with the approval of the Council of Chiefs. Such appointments shall have no vote in the Council of Chiefs. An appointment must be a registered member in good standing of the Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts of America in a council within the section and younger than 21 during the entire tenure of his appointment.

E. Vacancies in unexpected terms of section officers shall be filled by majority vote of the Council of Chiefs (one vote per council in good standing voting). Elected officers and the

immediate past Section Chief shall not vote. Deadlocks, as defined above, will be decided by the youth conducting the election, after one additional tie. Replacement section officers must meet the same eligibility and approval requirements defined in paragraph A, above.

**Per the latest edition of the Field Operations Guide, Rule IV. Eligibility, Nomination, Selection of Officers and Appointments, page 16-17**

## Candidates for Section Chief

### Hunter Hackett Muscogee Lodge 221

Hunter Hackett is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member in the Indian Waters Council, home of Muscogee Lodge 221. In 2019, Hunter was a recipient of the Founders Award. Hunter has spent five years on the summer camp staff at Camp Barstow. He has served in numerous roles throughout his tenure with Muscogee Lodge, including his most enjoyed role as Lodge Chief from 2017-2018. He has attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2015

at Michigan State University and in 2018 at Indiana University, where he served on the NOAC Communications Staff. Hunter has also attended NEXT: A New Century and Prism in 2016, and the National Leadership Seminar in 2016 and 2018. He also served on staff at the National Scout Jamboree in 2017, and on the Communications Team at the World Scout Jamboree in 2019. Following the cancellation of NOAC 2020, Hunter served on Momentum Staff as the Wide



Game Lead. Hunter has served SR-5 as the 2018-19 Vice Chief and Section Chief 2019-20.

### William Webb Muscogee Lodge 221

Hello brothers, my name is William Webb. I am 18 years old and I am a Vigil Honor member of Muscogee Lodge 221, and I spent the last year's term as Section Secretary. Over the past year working with our Section Officers, I got a good feel for how the section is run behind the scenes and how I think it could run better. One of the biggest things I have learned from traveling our lodges is we have an incredible pool of skilled and motivated Arrowmen. I would like to involve as many of these youth in the section planning process

as possible both to innovate the program we already have at conclave and develop brand new opportunities for adventure and fellowship. This would be quite a large undertaking, but I've found support from Lodge Chiefs and coordinators alike. Together, I think we can really get this ball rolling in a direction of meaningful and positive change for the section. Even in the trying time we find ourselves in I have many ideas and ambitions to make this section great. I will have even more to share in my speech come



Saturday, which I hope you will join us for, I am grateful for consideration to this position and thank you for your time.



# Candidates for Section Chief

## Robert Bolton, Jr. Bob White Lodge 87

Hailing from Bob White Lodge, Robert Bolton currently serves as the SR-5 Section Vice Chief and has previously served SR-5 as Dixie Host Lodge Coordinator (2016), Associate Coordinator (2017, 2019), and Section Secretary (2017-18). Running for Section Chief, Robert plans to develop several key focus areas: Leadership Development, Media and Communications, Conclave 2.0, and Performance Measurement Program. Through these objectives, the SR-5 officer team will help grow available resources for developing successful lodge training and LLD programs, promoting the participation in NLS/DYLC, while also implementing the newly created ACT Conference program for section, lodge and chapter leaders. With growth in media communication, the officer team will host bi-monthly virtual round-ups with lodge leaders to share best practices, ideas, upcoming events and news between lodges. In an effort to improve section communication, a monthly media plan will be created to publish quality

social media and website content for members, while also publishing monthly Five Feathers newsletters. In support of the Performance Measurement Program, each virtual round-up will serve as a tool to discuss and work towards growth within each lodge's PMP objectives, with the ability to receive neighboring lodge help, ideas and best practices improving needed PMP objective areas. Following the national FOCUS '19 initiatives, the COC will also use the guidelines and practices of the Conclave 2.0 initiative to improve, enhance and grow the quality and spirit of the section's annual conclave. The team will also continue to carry the mission of the section leadership outlined in the Field Operations Guide. Within the Bob White Lodge, Robert has served multiple chairman and officer positions including Vice Chief and Lodge Chief. He has twice attended the National Leadership Seminar (2017, 2018). In 2018, Robert served as a PILOT Academy Trainer at NOAC, and was selected to serve as the



Chairman of the Goodman Edson Observatory (GEO) at NOAC 2020, and will continue this role for the next conference. Following NOAC's cancellation, was selected to serve on the Momentum Delta training staff. In 2019, Robert served on the Southern Region Communications Team as the Editor-in-Chief of the Southern Standard, and currently serves as a Social Media Platform Lead on the national OA communications team. Before its postponement, was selected to serve on the Operation Arrow's OA Leadership & Administration Staff for the Jamboree in 2021. Outside of the OA, Robert is an Executive Board member, VOA President, and is a volunteer on the BSA Alumni National Committee. Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor and Founders Award recipient.

## Kevin Tidwell Muscogee Lodge 221

Kevin Tidwell is a Vigil Honor member of Muscogee Lodge, where he currently serves as the Vice Chief of Inductions. Since his election into the OA, Kevin has served in a number of positions, including as Lodge Chief 2018-19. If elected as Section Chief, Kevin would like to host monthly Key 3 meetings. SR-5 is full of unique lodges and Arrowmen, and each lodge has its ideas of how certain events/activities should run. By adding these Key 3 meetings, we would provide an excellent forum for discussion to communicate how to effectively engage youth members. As the OA moves further into its second century, it's important that each lodge knows how to actively engage

Arrowmen. With the 48-29-6 Task Force, each lodge would provide a member of their lodge to help create an efficient plan to ensure growth of active youth participants. Each year, SR-5's Conclave shines as an example of well-run program. But how do we create new experiences while keeping our familiar "southern feel?" If elected, I promise to work closely with each Coordinator to create both an in-person and virtual option when attending Conclave. Getting information out in an effective time frame is important to actively engage Arrowmen. Regular updates about section or lodges will be posted on our website and social media. SR-5 will have



stretch goals on gaining social media followers. Lodges will be given information during the monthly Key 3 to pass on to their lodges.

# Candidates for Section Vice Chief 2020-21

## Christian Blackburn Unali' Yi Lodge 236

My name is Christian Blackburn, and I am an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Unali' Yi Lodge 236 in Charleston, South Carolina. In the spring, I graduated from Academic Magnet High School in Charleston, and am currently a freshman at Clemson University majoring in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology. During

my time in the Order of the Arrow, I have been privileged to serve in the position of Lodge Treasurer, as well as Lodge Chief this past year. Furthermore, I was able to attend the National Leadership Seminar in January of this year. Currently, I am the Area 5 Boatswain for Sea Scouts.



## Stephen Hercka Skyuka Lodge 270

Stephen Hercka is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Skyuka Lodge in the Palmetto Council. Stephen has previously served as a two-term Vice Chief of Program, as well as Chapter Chief of Spartan Chapter in Skyuka. In February of 2020, Stephen was presented the Indian on the Mountain Award, a prestigious award presented within Skyuka Lodge for exemplary service. Stephen is also a founding member of Venturing Crew 28

in Spartanburg, where he has served as the founding Crew President. He also serves on the council's High Adventure Committee and assists in management of the GOLS outdoor leadership property of the Palmetto Council. He is a recipient of the council-level Venturing Leadership Award. Stephen is a firm believer that Section SR-5 is the greatest Section in the nation, and is grateful for the opportunity to serve the member of SR-5.



## Andrew Salisbury Eswau Huppeday Lodge 560

My name is Andrew Salisbury, and I am a senior at Cramerton Christian Academy. I've earned my Eagle Scout, Summit Award, and am a Vigil Honor recipient. I have worked on the area for two years within Venturing and also served two years on camp staff at Camp Bud Schiele in

Rutherfordton, North Carolina. I have attended and will serve on staff at NYLT. Through my past experience working in the area within Venturing and trainings I feel I would be a worthy candidate for office.



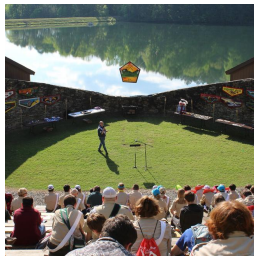
# Candidates for Section Secretary 2020-21

At this time, there are currently **no candidates** for the office of Secretary. A candidate may fill this opening by dropping down during the election process on Saturday evening.

**Virtual Election Process:** The virtual election process will take place on Saturday, August 29 at 6:00 PM via the online Zoom platform. The link to participate in the virtual election experience has been communicated with each Lodge Adviser and Lodge Chief to join. Each Lodge Chief is able to share the link with key youth leadership to allow for discussion and input during the election process. Candidates will have the ability to present their speech during the process. A representative of each lodge, Lodge Chief or Chief's designee, will communicate the lodge's designated votes through the Section Adviser. Each lodge holds ten (10) votes per office election. Those participating in the Zoom conference will join displaying their lodge's name and their first/last names.

**The election will follow in this order:** Section Chief, Vice Chief and Secretary. Once a winner is determined, following any needed run-offs, the remaining candidates will have the option to drop-down to Vice Chief or Secretary.





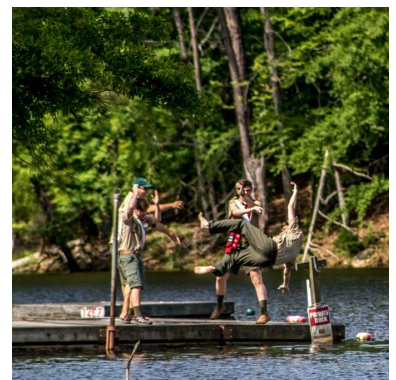
**Join us for our Section Conclave in 2021!**

**April 23-25, 2021**

**Hosted by Tsali Lodge at Camp Daniel Boone**

**"He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."**

*~Dr. E. Urner Goodman  
Order of the Arrow, Founder*



## **A Legacy of Leadership**

**A timeline of past Section Chiefs 1947-2020**

*Hunter Hackett ~ Cole Taylor ~ Jakob Helderan ~ Matthew Watson ~ Reed Powell ~ Travis Broadhurst ~ Matthew Forster ~ Tanner McFeeters ~ James Hylemon ~ John Cuenin ~ Lee Gaston ~ Josh Higgs ~ Mason Thomas ~ Greg Bajan ~ Ryan Bajan ~ Dustin Counts ~ Frank Sturges ~ Jonathan Hardin ~ Michael Kirby ~ Jason Laney ~ Jay Widby ~ Tee Pruitt ~ David Barton ~ Selven Jones ~ Russell Cann ~ Collin Crick ~ Jason Spangler ~ James Barton ~ Matthew Delk ~ David Kafitz, Jr. ~ Boyd Gilpin ~ Ward Richardson ~ Johnny Odom ~ Walt Barefoot ~ Mac McLean ~ William O'Tuel ~ David Moody ~ Derek Harbin ~ Jody Clark ~ Robby Robinson ~ James Simpson ~ Craig Bass ~ Leland Summers ~ Robbie Colones ~ Preston Reid ~ Dennis Hall ~ Barry Starney ~ Richard Chalk ~ Julian Fowler ~ Irving Pike ~ Earl Harris ~ David Vaughan ~ Don Blackmon ~ Joe Pate ~ Richard Hurley ~ Dan Biggerstaff ~ Edward Salter ~ Gene Waddell ~ Dan Campbell ~ Thad Dankel, Jr. ~ Francis Clark ~ E.W. Rabon ~ Billy Wilkes ~ Kirk Sullivan ~ Tommy Gasque ~ Ronald Brown ~ Ray Williams ~ Bob Parker ~ Ted Braid ~ Jack McKay ~ J. Robert Tye ~ Fielding Fry ~ Harold Leamond ~ Eugene Pate*

