

Lance Bowstring
Chapter Unit Elections Chairman

You are the Unit Elections Chairman of the Chippewa Chapter. In this position, you are responsible for holding OA unit elections in all eligible Troops and Explorer Units of the District.

Please read the rest of your package to find out how many Units there are in this council. You will find it somewhere, believe me. But you gotta look for it. It's there, really!

You were appointed Unit Elections Chairman by Bill Arrowsmith, the Chapter Chief, at the Fall Fellowship, so you have had the job only about 2 months. You asked for this job, and you wanted it.

The reason you really wanted this job is that you like to ACT IMPORTANT in front of Scouts, and you figured that you could do this by holding the elections YOURSELF in all the best and biggest troops. You are a "COOL" person, concerned about appearances, and you really like to stand in the "spotlight" every chance you get. All your shoes are NIKES at \$100.00 a pair.

Lance Bowstring, you have a SECRET problem. Nobody else really knows about it, but several others may have guessed right. You don't really have enough time to do this job. You are in the band at school, and you are active in several other activities. You have a girlfriend who likes to spend a lot of time with you. All this adds up to a TIME PROBLEM and the OA comes out LAST most of the time.

As a result of your time problem, you have decided that the best way to get the unit elections job done is to let each troop hold its own. You think the Chapter should send out a postcard to each scout troop, asking the Scoutmaster to hold the election and send his candidates to the Ordeal. You know this will get the job done without a lot of work.

If you can do this, you will look good, the job will get done, and you won't have to spend much time (which you don't have) on it.

IN THE MEETING YOU WILL BE CALLED ON FOR A UNIT ELECTIONS REPORT.
(See the Meeting Agenda for your time)

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Suggested script for your little speech....
When Bill Arrowsmith calls on you,
You might want to say something like this...

SAY.... WE HAVEN'T HELD VERY MANY ELECTIONS YET, BUT THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM (yet). WE ARE GOING TO LET EACH TROOP HOLD ITS OWN ELECTION THIS YEAR.

I PLAN TO SEND EACH SCOUTMASTER A NICE POSTCARD WITH INSTRUCTIONS. THE DEADLINE WILL BE ON MARCH 15. IF YOU KNOW ANY SCOUTMASTERS, SPREAD THE WORD.

You don't have to use these exact words, (although you can) but you must STAND UP and say something with just the same meaning. You need everybody to know that you are VERY COOL PERSON WHO GETS IT ALL DONE!

Be prepared with some arguments Like these (or make some up)... It's a lot easier, and won't require all that travel. It's 200 miles from one corner of this district to the other. since we cover 4 counties (Cocke, Sevier, Blount, and Monroe). Any Troop that can't read its mail doesn't deserve to have OA elections. And this will make record-keeping very easy, since we won't have to do any election forms or anything.

Now, Lance, deep in your heart, you know that these are VERY WEAK arguments for your (silly) plan to hold MAIL-ORDER ELECTIONS, but you don't really know any other way to get the job done. You know that you can't hold all those elections yourself, scattered all over 4 counties and 5,000 square miles. How many elections are there. anyway?

You always run a big "one-man-show" with yourself at the center of everything. You are an over-confident person who can do almost anything, when you are allowed to do it your own way.

Jack Paleface, another member who is present at this meeting, has volunteered to help with Unit Elections, and he has some ideas he told you about several weeks ago. You have (OR HAD) your mind made up, so you didn't really listen to him. You told him you could handle it OK without any help.

{ {--Guess what? You'll have another chance--} }

How do I know? I wrote the script, you dummy.

Your time problems will get worse in the next month or so, with band concerts, the BIG GAME (of course), and 2 or 3 track meets, plus some interesting videos you haven't rented yet...

The only way you can keep control of Unit Elections is to hold them by MAIL-ORDER. You can expect some arguments about this at the meeting.

Note from the script-writer: Unfortunately, Lance Bowstring, you got stuck with one of the REAL LOW-LIFE parts in this game. Although your part calls for a "COOL PERSON" who is supposedly quite popular, you will not win any popularity contests today. Sorry about that. Somebody has to do it, and you're it.

Actually, I rather enjoyed re-writing this part. I invented you in 1976, and you were a nice guy back then. But you were dull and boring and I decided to "upgrade" you to an evil slime-face in 1980. There you were too much like J.R. Ewing, so in 1989 I re-did you again. (Right Here.)

If you are a NICE GUY in "real life," you may have trouble playing this part. You are now selfish, stressed-out, over-committed hero with too many irons in the fire. You have very little patience, and one of the best words to describe you is ARROGANT. Please act like it.

This (arrogance) may damage your image, for a while, but LATER you may have an opportunity to become a polite, friendly, happy, nice person again. For more information, please look at the next page

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How to Win This Game

Each player has different objectives in this game. To win, you may need to cause someone else to lose. There will be PRIZES for WINNERS, and nothing not even polite recognition for losers.

If ALL of these things happen, you will WIN. If not, you LOSE.

Check off here the things that happen

1. You must follow the instructions in your package as well as you can. This is one you can control, and your personal opinion is all that counts. You should check this one. All you need to do is DO YOUR BEST to act out your part.
- _____ 2. You must GET FIRED as Unit Elections Chairman. More than that, you must get fired UGLY. You can't just resign, but you might say "YOU CAN'T FIRE ME-- I WILL QUIT HRST!" The Only way you can get this check-off is to get the Chapter (or the Chief) stirred up enough to FIRE YOU. Either the Chapter Chief can fire you, or the WHOLE CHAFFER can do it, but it has to happen. If you are still the Unit Elections Chairman at the meeting's end, you lose the game. But you can win, I know it. GET FIRED!
- _____ 3. The Chapter must VOTE IN FAVOR of a motion to buy materials for a teepee. They must actually decide to spend some money on the project. It must come up for a vote, and it must pass. As long as we vote to approve the teepee proposal, and if we approve spending any money (even one dollar) for a teepee, you WIN this check-off.
- _____ 4. The meeting must END ON TIME. As long as the Chapter Chief declares the meeting adjourned within 2 hours after he calls it to order, you win this check-off.

After the meeting, if you want a prize, give this sheet to CONTROL.