



PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS AND CANDIDACY **LSS ELECTION PRESIDIU**

BULLETIN No. 1
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Please note: This letter will not be sent through regular mail unless asked.

Please read the entire content of this bulletin carefully to fully understand the election and nomination process.

It is important to be familiar with the organizational structure and regulations of the LSS, especially the parts governing elections, which can be found in section 15 of the by-laws.

LSS organizational structure:

<https://skautai.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/LSS-Santvarka-1.pdf>

LSS by-laws (enable translation on your browser):

<https://skautai.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/L-S-S-Nuostatai-UPDATED.pdf>

PART 1: PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS

As LSS members, it is the duty of all of us to participate in the elections. We encourage all units to announce and discuss this during meetings, email communications, Facebook postings, etc. to encourage all broliai and sesės (18 years of age and older) to follow our announcements in the bulletins. Elections will be the most successful if everyone participates diligently.

We invite everyone to seriously think about finding candidates for LSS officer positions. Perhaps you yourself have the necessary skills to perform those duties, so don't be afraid to step forward to apply for candidacy! Maybe someone in your unit has the right skills but is hesitant to introduce themselves. Encourage them, nominate him/her, help them write their bio, build their confidence to apply. We need them!

LSS elections will be conducted according to the 'LSS Election Regulations' which were revised 20th November 2017 and can be found in section 15. We will also post all notifications about voting progress, voter lists and correspondence on the LSS website.

Click here: <https://skautai.net/lss-rinkimai-2023/>

Please check whether all members of your units are on the voter roll on our website. If someone is missing, he/she has not paid their 2023 membership fees. If this is a mistake, contact LSS treasurer sesė Lilija Gelažis (izdininke@skautai.net), otherwise they cannot run for office nor vote. If there are members in your unit who do not have an email address, please forward this message to him/her (pdf copy can be found on our website) and offer to let them use your email address for voting. That doesn't mean they'll have to look in your inbox, it's just a way of sending/receiving communications on their behalf using your email and internet connection. This will also enable them to vote online through VotingPlace.

If there is anyone in your unit who has an e-mail address but did not receive this letter, have them inform sesė Lilija of their exact e-mail address. If we find any e-mail errors, their respective units should expect to be contacted by us to fix the issue.

If you have any questions, please write to the presidium by e-mail or regular mail:

LSSrinkimai@gmail.com

-or-

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E-mail will be checked daily, and all members of the election presidium have the right to read and respond using that email address.

2023 LSS Election Presidium Officials:

ps. Andris Jonas Dunduras - chairman

s. Andrius Belzinskas

j.b.fil. Ed Kizys

v.s. fil. Amanda Muliolis

v.s. Vilija Nasvytis-Klimas

PART 2: INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES AND NOMINATIONS

Please note: In the interest of streamlining the voting procedure, voting will be conducted online using the services of VotingPlace.

According to the LSS Bylaws, voter eligibility is determined by the membership registrations of those 18 years of age and older, provided by the Šakos (Seserija, Brolija, Akademinis Skautų Sajūdis), Rajonų Vadai, Taryba, and Pirmija.

Those listed above have provided us with a roll of eligible voters, and this bulletin is being sent to every individual listed on those rolls. Voter rolls can be reviewed by clicking the link shown in Part 1.

This bulletin constitutes notification of your eligibility to vote. Since you've received this bulletin via e-mail, you should be able to download and/or print off any forms you may require directly from the LSS website.

General nomination forms (Bendrijos dalis):

All eligible voters have access to nomination forms for Garbės Teismas (3 members will be elected from the candidate pool), Kontrolės Komisija (3 will be elected from the candidate pool), Rajono Vadas, and Proposals/Suggestions.

Other nomination forms (Šakos dalis):

Will be specific to your Šaka, and/or affiliation with Akademikai.

- 1. Proposals/Suggestions for consideration by LSS Taryba** (Pasisakymo ir/ar siūlymo lapas): This form is used for submitting suggestions or ideas which you would like to suggest to the next Taryba for consideration.
- 2. Nomination form for leadership positions on the general ballot** (Kandidato/ės/ų siūlymo lapas 'Bendrijos dalyje'): Must be accompanied by a 'Kandidato paraiška' from the candidate you wish to nominate, along with their bio and photo.
- 3. Nomination form for leadership positions within the Šakos (Brolija, Seserija, and Akademikai)** (Kandidato/ės/ų siūlymo lapas 'Šakos dalyje'): Must be accompanied by a 'Kandidato paraiška' from the candidate you wish to nominate, along with their bio and photo.
- 4. Candidate application form** (Kandidato paraiška): must be filled out by the actual candidate.

If you are nominating a candidate via email, the nominee must still send their own application form (Kandidato Paraiška) and brief biography with photo attached. If possible, please write your biography in both English and Lithuanian or ask someone to assist you.

PLEASE NOTE: Once approved, all candidate bios and photos will be published on the LSS website in the election information section for voters to view.

The **deadline** for submitting proposals/suggestions, nominations, candidate applications with photos and bios is **7th DECEMBER, 2023**.

Please submit by email to:
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-or by post-

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Election Calendar:

Today or tomorrow: Review the by-laws and check the voter roll

From now – until December 7th 2023: Candidate nominations, applications, and proposals / suggestions accepted. Candidate bios and proposals / suggestions will be posted on the LSS election website after being fully vetted by the presidium.

December 8th-10th 2023: Election presidium meetings, voting system set-up

December 11th – 28th 2023: Elections online

December 30th 2023: Election results released

By Agreement: LSS Taryba conference, elected officials begin their term

Budėkime! Gero Vėjo! Ad Meliorem! Aukštyn! Aukštyn!

2023 LSS Election Presidium