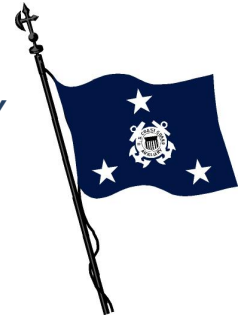




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From: NACO

To: National Board

Subject: NACO Guidance #6 - Elections during Government Shutdown

As of this date, many divisions have been unable to hold their regular annual elections as a consequence of the current fiscal situation. Should the situation continue, flotillas too would have to cancel their regular elections.

Pursuant to COMDTINST M16790.1G Chapter 4 subsections F.3.f and g, if a flotilla fails to hold its annual election by 15 December, after consultation and approval by the DCO and Director, the DCDR may appoint an interim FC and VFC. Similarly, if a Division fails to hold its annual election by 15 December, after consultation and approval by the Director, the DCO may appoint an interim DCDR and VCDR.

Therefore, if the present situation continues and divisions and/or flotillas are unable to hold their regular annual elections by 15 December, the DCO shall appoint such interim DCDRs and VCDRs as may be required after obtaining the Director's consultation and approval. The incumbent DCDR shall appoint such FCs and VFCs as may be required after obtaining the consultation and approval of the DCO and Director.

All qualifications for office as set forth in COMDTINST M16790.1G Appendix C shall apply to the interim appointments. The Director, with the concurrence of the DCO or DCDR as appropriate, is authorized to grant waivers of the requirements of Appendix C, including, without limitation, appointing the incumbent to serve on an interim basis even if that incumbent is completing the second consecutive term in office.

Regular elections will be held as soon as practicable after authorization to resume Auxiliary activities is granted. Pursuant to COMDTINST M16790.1G Chapter 4 subsection F.5.a, the interim term does not necessarily establish eligibility for the next higher office. Incumbency of more than half the regular term will be considered a regular term of office. This service establishes eligibility for the next appropriate higher office. An interim term (less than half of the regular term) does not render the incumbent ineligible for a subsequent regular term in that office. Service of less than half the regular term does not entitle the incumbent to wear the insignia of that office with the Past Officer Device.

Very respectfully,

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