

# **The Association of Comprehensive Studies for Independence of the Lew Chewan peoples**

## **Election Rules and Regulations**

Article 1 The Association of Comprehensive Studies for Independence of the Lew Chewan peoples' (ACSILs) members shall elect board members and audit inspectors.

Article 2 Three election inspectors who shall be elected in a general assembly will manage elections.

Article 3 Only those ACSILs members that have paid membership fees for the prior fiscal year as of April 1st shall be eligible for elective office, so only these members may be elected to serve as members of the board and audit inspectors.

Article 4 Qualification of candidates for office are as follows;

- (1) A candidate who declares within the period specified by the election committee;
- (2) A candidate recommended by members within the period specified by the election committee;
- (3) The board may recommend candidates after the lapse of the period specified by the election committee.

Article 5 Each member recommending candidates under Article 4(2), may recommend one candidate for each board and audit inspectors set out in Article 10 of the ACSILs bylaws.

Article 6 The board may recommend candidate(s) as long as the number of all Article 4 candidates does not exceed 15 people.

Article 7 Voters select board members before inspectors.

Article 8 Voters select five people to serve on the board, and two people to serve as audit inspectors.

Article 9 The candidates that receive the most votes shall be elected. If candidates tie the tie shall be resolved by "drawing lots".

Article 10 The following people cannot be elected because of term limits, as a matter of principle.

- (1) The Board: A person who has served on the board for the preceding three terms, or who has served on the board more than six terms in total may no longer serve.
- (2) Inspectors: A person who has served on the board for the preceding term, or has

served as an inspector for more than two terms in total may no longer serve.

Article 11 No more than two members belonging to the same outside organization may be elected to the board, as a matter of principle. For the purposes of this rule, candidates are judged based on their affiliations on the day they are nominated. Among candidates that belong to a common outside organization and receive enough votes to be elected, the two that receive the most votes shall be elected.

Article 12 When a post becomes vacant mid-term, the candidate of the previous election with the next highest number of votes can fill the vacancy. The association does not select a candidate that would place three members of an outside organization on the board at the same time.

Article 13 The number of votes that each candidate receives sets their place in the election results (the Article 12 list), regardless of Article 11.

#### Additional Rule

- (1) These election Rules and regulations shall enter into force with the first general meeting of 2013.
- (2) Members seeking amend or repeal these rules regulations should raise this issue in a general meeting.

\* A partial amendment of these Election Rules and Regulations has been conducted and become effective since 2019 March 10.

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