



May 18, 2020

Dear Venturers, Sea Scouts, Advisors, and Skippers:

The Great Smoky Mountain Council invites nominations for eligible Venturers and Sea Scouts to serve as officers for the Council's Venturing and Sea Scouts Officers Association ("VSSOA") for a one-year term beginning June 16, 2020.

The VSSOA's purpose is to provide support and guidance to maintain and grow the Senior Scouting programs—Venturing and Sea Scouts—in our Council. The VSSOA is a team of Venturers and Sea Scouts, supported by adult Scouters, which organizes events, provides training, and leads forums to bring together Crews and Ships throughout our Council. VSSOA officers should expect to organize and attend monthly meetings and quarterly Council-wide activities.

Interested Venturers and Sea Scouts are encouraged to review the attached position descriptions.

All nominees must be under 21 years of age, registered with the BSA as Venturers or Sea Scouts, and a member of a Crew or Ship within the Council for the duration of his or her term. Nominees must be a positive representative of Venturing or Sea Scouts within their community. Self-nominations will be accepted.

President/Boatswain nominees must (1) have held or currently hold a Venturing or Sea Scouts position of responsibility at the unit, district, council, area, region, or national level; (2) submit a completed nomination form on or before May 29, 2020; and (3) complete an interview with the Selection Panel between May 30 and June 6, 2020. The selected candidate will be notified and announced by June 7, 2020. President/Boatswain nominees who are not selected will have the opportunity to be considered for a Vice President/Boatswain's Mate position.

Vice President/Boatswain's Mate nominees must (1) submit a completed nomination form on or before May 29, 2020 and (2) complete an interview with the Selection Panel between June 7, 2020 and June 14, 2020. Selected nominees will be notified and announced by June 15, 2020.

Nominations must be made using the enclosed form. Submit completed forms by mail to Great Smoky Mountain Council, Attn: VSSOA Selection Panel, 1333 Old Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, TN 37909 or via email to David Williams, Scout Executive, at davidm.williams@scouting.org.

Thank you for your interest in helping to strengthen the Venturing and Sea Scouts programs in our Council.

Yours in Scouting,

Grace Williams
VSSOA President

George Shields
VSSOA Advisor

Anthony Spencer
VSSOA Staff Advisor

GSMC VSSOA Officer Nomination Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, & ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

District: _____ Crew/Ship #: _____

This person is nominated for the following position:

(please mark only one position):

President/Boatswain

Vice President/Boatswain's Mate of Administration

Vice President/Boatswain's Mate of Communication

Vice President/Boatswain's Mate of Program

Qualifications for Office: _____

I have read and understand the duties associated with the officer position for which I am nominated. I agree that, if I am selected, I will commit to carry out the duties to the best of my abilities and keep that commitment for the full term of my office.

Date

Nominee

We support this nomination and will do our best to encourage and enable this nominee to meet this commitment.

Nominee's Parent/Guardian

Nominee's Advisor/Skipper