

**Vote on AB97-06: *Criteria for Command Grade Promotions***  
***(Officially replaces EC-217)***

Vote started August 23, 1997

Vote ended August 23, 1997

Text of resolution:

Absent unusual and compelling circumstances, the following guidelines shall be followed for a candidate to be considered for promotion to the ranks of Captain and above.

I. Eligibility:

A. No candidate for promotion shall be considered qualified unless, in addition to the criteria set forth herein, said candidate shall have graduated from STARFLEET Academy's Officer Training School and Officer Command College.

B. Except as presented herein, all promotions will be one-grade promotions within the established rank structure as set forth in the current Membership Handbook.

C. Except as specified in II.B and II.D below, all candidates nominated for a promotion from one Flag Rank to another must have held their current Flag Rank for a period of twelve (12) months before any recommendation or nomination for promotion may be made or considered.

D. Except as set forth in section II.D below, a member must meet the following minimum "time in STARFLEET" to be eligible to the ranks listed:

- Captain - three (3) years;
- Fleet Captain - four (4) years;
- Commodore - five (5) years;
- Rear Admiral - six (6) years;
- Vice Admiral - seven (7) years;
- Admiral - eight (8) years

E. In no event shall there be more than two (2) promotions to any successive Command Ranks within a twelve (12) month period.

II. Service Promotions:

A. For Outstanding Service to STARFLEET, a member may be nominated for promotion if they meet all the eligibility requirements in Section I above.

Qualifications for "Outstanding Service" Promotions shall include, but are not limited to:

- Performed with honor the essential functions of their office or position to the satisfaction of their Commanding Officer and crew.
- Performed actions above and beyond the normal scope of their position

B. For Exceptional Service to STARFLEET, their Region, or their Chapter, a member may be nominated for promotion in accordance with the procedures outlined below, if they meet these eligibility requirements:

1. Satisfaction of all eligibility requirements in Section I if allowed to drop one of those requirements, namely item C or D
2. Served with distinction in any office or position for a minimum of six (6) months, where the term "served with distinction" shall mean:
  1. The candidate has performed with honor the essential functions of their office or position to the satisfaction of the Regional Coordinator or the Commander, STARFLEET, or;
  2. The candidate has performed with honor the essential functions of their office or position to the satisfaction of a majority of the Commanding Officers within their region, as evidenced by an informal poll of said Officers conducted by any member of the Executive Committee or by the Inspector General of STARFLEET.
3. Members who are selected for Exceptional Service Promotions during the 12-month probation period (Section IV), shall remain at their present rank and have the probation period waived. Such a waiver constitutes a promotion that must meet the guidelines specified in Section I, most notably sub-sections D and E.

C. For Steadfast Service to STARFLEET, a member who has attained the rank of Commander or higher and held said rank for five (5) consecutive years may receive a promotion in accordance with the procedures outlined in III.A.2 below, provided they meet all the eligibility requirements listed in Section I above.

D. For positions of Notable Responsibility within STARFLEET, a member who has been elected or appointed to one of these specific positions will receive the following corresponding promotion, subject to the terms specified in Section IV and Section I, with the exception of sub-section I.C and I.D:

1. Chapter Presidents (Chapter Commanding Officers): Persons holding the rank of Commander or below shall be promoted to Captain by the Chief of Operations, upon confirmation of qualifications outlined in the current membership handbook.
2. Regional Coordinators:
  - a. In Regions of two or more chapters: Persons holding the rank of Captain or below shall be promoted by the Commander, STARFLEET to the rank of Fleet Captain.
  - b. In single-chapter regions, the decision to promote the Regional Coordinator to Fleet Captain shall rest with the Commander, STARFLEET.
3. Executive Committee Members: Persons holding the rank of Commander or below will be promoted to the minimum rank of Captain by the Commander of STARFLEET provided they meet the criteria in Section I.A above. Executive Committee members include:
  - Chief of Operations
  - Chief of Communications
  - Commandant, STARFLEET Academy
  - Chief of Shuttle Operations
  - Chief of Computer Operations
  2. Vice President, STARFLEET: Persons elected to the position of Vice Commander, STARFLEET will be promoted to the minimum rank of Rear Admiral, as determined by the Commander, STARFLEET.
  3. President, STARFLEET: Persons elected to the position of Commander, STARFLEET will be promoted to the rank of Fleet Admiral.
  4. Acting President, STARFLEET: Persons obtaining the position of Commander, STARFLEET through attrition will be promoted to the rank of Admiral. After six (6) months of service as Acting Commander, STARFLEET, said person shall be promoted to the rank of Fleet Admiral.

### III. Procedures for Promotions:

#### A. Nominations:

1. Outstanding Service Nominations:

Members may be nominated for promotion upon submission of an application bearing the original signature of any STARFLEET member in good standing.

2. Exceptional Service Nominations:

- a. With the exceptions of candidates where located in a Region where there are three or fewer STARFLEET members of Command Rank, all

candidates nominated for a promotion to the rank of Captain or above must submit an application bearing the original signatures of two (2) persons of Command Rank.

- b. Candidates who reside in a Region where there are only three or fewer STARFLEET members of Command Rank may be nominated for a promotion to the rank of Captain or above only upon submission of an application bearing the original signatures of one (1) person of Command Rank, who may be from any Region, or their Regional Coordinator.

3. Steadfast Service Nominations:

- a. Steadfast Service nominations shall contain proof of the following:

- (1) Five (5) consecutive years of honorable service;
- (2) Current rank and length of time in that rank; and
- (3) Current STARFLEET membership in good standing.

- b. The promotion shall be by the Commander, STARFLEET, or, in the event the Commander, STARFLEET fails or refuses to act upon an application for promotion, by a majority vote of the Admiralty Board.

4. Positions of Notable Responsibility:

- a. Commanding Officers of Chapters: The Commanding Officer of a chapter may be promoted to the rank of Captain regardless of their length of membership in STARFLEET, upon a submission of an application bearing the following appropriate original signatures:

- 1. The signature of the Regional Coordinator for that chapter's region;
- 2. In the event that the chapter is a new ship or starbase that has just successfully completed the shuttle stage, that the signature of the commanding officer from the former shuttle's mothership is also required.

- b. Regional Coordinators and Executive Committee members:

Regional Coordinators and Executive committee members shall be promoted in accordance with II.D.2-3 above upon submission of an application bearing either the signature of either the Vice Commander or Commander, STARFLEET.

- c. Commander and Vice Commander, STARFLEET:

Persons elected to these positions shall be promoted upon submission of

verification of election to the Admiralty Board and confirmation of qualifications as outlined in the current membership handbook.

B. Processing of Nominations:

1. All nominations for promotion shall be submitted to the appropriate Regional Coordinator with the exception of those noted in II.D.2, 3, 4 & 5 which will be submitted to the Admiralty Board.
  - a. The nomination will be promptly forwarded by the Regional Coordinator to the Commander, STARFLEET or his designated representatives, and when appropriate, to the Chief of Operations.
  - b. Barring special circumstances, the Regional Coordinator shall inform the superior officer of the individual being nominated that a nomination has been made.
2. The Commander, STARFLEET upon receiving promotion nominations shall confer with the members of the Executive Committee and upon reaching a decision, shall notify the individuals involved in the promotion nomination process.

C. Notification of Results:

1. All nominees for promotion or the nominees' senior officer will receive, in a timely manner, written confirmation of the acceptance or denial of the proposed promotion.
2. If the promotion decision is appealed:
  - a. The nominee will receive some form of notification of the receipt of the appeal.
  - b. The nominee will receive additional notification of the outcome of the appeal.

IV. Resignations

- A. Should any person whose signature is required upon a promotion application fail or refuse to sign, that failure may be appealed by either the Applicant and/or his or her immediate superior officer, hereinafter referred to as Appellants.
- B. Appeals alleging wrongful refusals to sign promotion applications shall be made in writing directly to the immediate superior of the person who failed or refused to sign and to the Inspector General, with a copy of the appeal being furnished by Appellants to the person or persons who failed or refused to sign. In the event that the Commander, STARFLEET refuses to sign the nomination, the appeal shall be made to the Admiralty Board via the Inspector General.
- C. All appeals shall contain the following:

1. The current rank of the Applicant and his or her length of time in that rank;
  2. All information necessary to identify the Applicant in the membership rolls of STARFLEET, including but not limited to his or her full name, address, and SCC number; and
  3. The reasons why the Applicant should be promoted in rank.
  4. A copy of the original nomination form.
  5. A copy of the written notification of refusal.
- D. The Admiralty Board of STARFLEET shall have sole authority to render the final decisions in all appeals alleging wrongful refusals to sign promotion applications. All such final decisions shall be upon majority vote. If the Board determines the failure or refusal to sign was, or was not, wrongful for any reason, the Board shall so inform the Commander, STARFLEET, who shall act in accordance with the decision.

**Report of the voting:**

R1: Aye	R2: Aye	R3: Aye	R4: Aye
R5: Aye	R6: Nay	R7: Aye	R9: Abstain
R10: Aye	R11: Aye	R12: Aye	R13: Abstain
R15: Aye	R17: Aye	R21: Aye	CS: Aye
VCS: Aye	Ops: Aye	ShOC: Aye	Com: Aye
	SFA: Aye	CompOps: Aye	

By a vote of 18:01:03 this motion passes