



Section E5 Lodge Chiefs Call (LCZC)

Monday, November 3rd, 7pm ET

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Attendance:

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| ☒ Section Chief | ☒ Oseeola |
| ☒ Section Vice Chief | ☒ O-Shot-Caw |
| ☒ Section Secretary | ☒ Semialachee |
| ☒ Aal-Pa-Tah | ☒ Tipisa |
| ☒ Echoekotee | ☒ Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee |

1. Welcome & Roll Call

2. Section Officer Reports

a. Section Chief - Nick Switzer

- i. Nick addressed the removal of Samuel Crowder as National Chief, noting that he will no longer be in attendance at SLS, and instructed everyone to cease all speculation and contact with him out of respect for his privacy.
- ii. He announced that Luke Hitchcock and Madelyn Considine would fill in as presenters for the ACT Conference during SLS, and also praised communications efforts and overall SLS registration, which has now reached 259 people at the start of the meeting. Given this, he proposed a dunk tank challenge for the officers if registration reaches 299.
- iii. Nick further reported on the recent Section Officer Seminar (SOS), in which all three section officers and two advisers attended a couple weeks ago for a weekend of training and discussions at Alpine Scout Camp in Alpine, NJ.

b. Section Vice Chief - Walter Mentz

- i. Walter shared that SOS was beneficial for exchanging ideas with other section vice chiefs. He also reported that SLS trainings are on track, with syllabi having been distributed to trainers, and that the Kings Cup rubric is finalized, which will be distributed during SLS.

**c. Section Secretary - Brady Kondek**

- i. Brady reported on a great time at SOS, stating that he enjoyed the time spent with fellow section officers from across the region, and returned confident in the efforts E5 is taking to improve its communications efforts. He also announced the official revival of the “Sounds of the Section” newsletter, with the first Fall 2025 issue having been released that morning via email. All issues are also available on the section website at e5.oa-scouting.org/newsletter.
- ii. Brady also introduced a proposal to merge the currently existing publications section conference competition with a new social media element into a combined communications competition for the upcoming 2026 Section Conference. The merger is intended to encourage lodges to excel in all areas in communication, and not just one over the other. The proposal is pending formal approval and rubric discussion during the next Council of Chiefs (COC) meeting during SLS, with materials to be sent out by Nick within the week.

3. Lodge Reports**a. Aal-Pa-Tah**

- i. Lodge Co-Chief Sebastian Woody reported 25 members from Aal-Pa-Tah are currently registered for SLS, surpassing their goal of 20 despite a conflicting council event that same weekend. They also participated in a Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) event, as well as a Spookoree event with their council. The lodge is looking forward to their upcoming Winter Fellowship, which will be held the weekend of 12/5 - 12/7.

b. Echokotee

- i. Lodge Chief Holden Mendez expressed excitement about the increasing SLS registration numbers, noting that the section is within striking distance of making this the largest SLS in decades. He requested fellow chiefs to maintain outreach efforts to close the gap of the remaining 26 registrants needed to reach this goal. In short, “keep the foot on the gas pedal.”

c. Osceola

- i. Lodge Chief Lola Saad reported the current second-highest SLS registration count within the leaderboard at 30 members, exceeding their goal of 15. They are working to finalize their section conference closeout report, which will be presented during the next COC meeting at SLS. The lodge is also working on planning their Winter Fellowship for the weekend of 12/12 - 12/14.

d. O-Shot-Caw

- i. Brandon S., representing Lodge Chief Andrew Beckman, reported 21 members are currently registered for SLS, and as well mentioned their annual Haunted Forest fundraiser raised nearly \$30,000.



e. Semialachee

- i. Lodge Chief Darla Farmer reported a successful fall fellowship with three vigil callouts, and as well 18 members currently registered for SLS, which has exceeded their expectations.

f. Tipisa

- i. Lodge Chief Benton Forrester reported on breaking the 900 member mark, and as well being in 4th place for SLS registration, with 22 members currently registered.

g. Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee

- i. Lodge Chief Drew Kelly reported that they are looking forward to 2 upcoming chapter conclaves, with an end of the year banquet as well. He also mentioned the recent election of their new officers during fall fellowship, with a new incoming chief JJ.

4. Upcoming Events

a. 2025 SLS

- i. Before diving into SLS, Nick reminded outgoing and incoming lodge chiefs to be in attendance at COC during SLS, and as well the December chiefs call.
- ii. Kamm confirmed that they have finished the draft program for SLS, which will be sent out by Friday. He apologized that a dunk tank would not be feasible, proposing a pie in the face instead.
- iii. Kamm also urged participants to submit dietary restrictions if they did not already submit them during registration (email sls@e5.oa-scouting.org).

b. NLS/DYLC

- i. Nick and Michael promoted NLS and DYLC, which will be hosted in Fruitland Park, FL the weekend of 2/20 - 2/22, emphasizing the rare opportunity to attend this locally. Nick and Walter plan to attend the December NLS in Greensboro, NC, after which they can share their experiences.
- ii. Michael stressed the importance of selling out both NLS and DYLC courses to show support to the region and national committee, and that we want to have this program in FL.



5. New Business/Open Floor

a. Induction Experience

- i. Nick reported that the new induction experience must be piloted by each section within 2026. Michael clarified that for us in Section E5 the pilot involves one lodge hosting the new inductions experience for *current* members, not rolling it out for new members, to gather accurate feedback for the national committee. The revised induction content, based on feedback received from NCOC, is slated for review and approval at the January National Planning Meeting (NPM); this is what will be used for the pilot program to be implemented in 2026. Osceola Lodge Adviser Sean Hauer encouraged youth leaders to view the upcoming changes and that the need to sell buy-in on difficult topics is good preparation for professional careers.

b. Open Floor

- i. Marc Jacobs, who was recently hired as the OA Director for Northern Tier, invited applications for Foreman positions.

6. Adviser's Minute - Michael Todd

- a. Michael reiterated the importance of limiting speculation about national officer changes and focusing on the program and events, which are the most important aspects of what we do. He also noted that this SLS may be the 50th anniversary of our section hosting this event, further stating his gratitude for everyone's work in promoting this event, and looks forward to seeing everyone next week.