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36.4 Selection of Arbitrator. When a timely request has been made for arbitration, the parties or their designated representatives shall attempt to select an impartial arbitrator. Failing to do so, they shall within ten (10) days of the appeal, jointly request the Oregon Employment Relations Board to submit a list of five (5) arbitrators who are also American Arbitration Association-qualified arbitrators **based in California, Oregon, or Washington.** As soon as the list has been received, the parties or their designated representatives shall determine by lot the order of elimination; and thereafter each shall, in that order, alternately strike a name from the list and the fifth and remaining name shall act as the arbitrator.

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