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## 36<sup>th</sup> WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE, 2002, THESSALONIKI CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Dear colleagues,

In accordance with Article XII,4, of the Constitution, the following six members of the World Committee will retire from office at the 36<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference:

- . Mr. Garnet de la Hunt (*South Africa*)
- . Mr. Patrick Lyon d'Andrimont (*Chile*)
- . Mr. Stein Løvold (*Norway*)
- . Mr. Garth Morrison (*United Kingdom*)
- . Dr. Abdullah O. Nasseef (*Saudi Arabia*)
- . Mr. Constantinos Tsantilis (*Greece*)

Elections will be held at the World Conference in Thessaloniki to fill the resulting vacancies for the period 2002-2008.

Consequently, the delegates will elect, from the list of candidates, six members for a period of six years (2002-2008).

In addition, the delegates will elect, from the list of candidates, a member for a period of three (3) years (2002-2005) in order to replace Mr. Felix Li Tai Ho (*Singapore*) who resigned in 2001 from his position as member of the World Scout Committee. Mr. Habibul Alam (*Bangladesh*) was co-opted by the World Scout Committee to replace Mr. Felix Li until the 36<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference. Mr. Habibul Alam is eligible to stand for election.

Article XII,2(a) stipulates that "*In no case shall more than one elected member from any one National Scout Organization serve on the Committee in any one period*". Therefore, candidates from the following member countries are NOT eligible to stand: Japan, Senegal, Spain, Switzerland, United States.

The new World Scout Committee will therefore be composed of the following members:

- Five (5) continuing elected members:
  - . Mrs. Margot C. Bogert (*United States of America*)
  - . Dr. Marie-Louise Correa (*Senegal*)
  - . Mr. Ferran Guimaraes (*Spain*)
  - . Mr. Walter Hofstetter (*Switzerland*)
  - . Mr. "Toby" Takemichi Suzuki (*Japan*)

- Six (6) new elected members, each to serve six (6) years
- One (1) new elected member, to serve three (3) years
- WOSM Secretary General: Dr. Jacques Moreillon
- World Scout Committee Treasurer: Mr. Jean-Bernard Crelier.

If your Organization wishes to make a nomination, the enclosed nomination form, duly filled in, must reach the World Scout Bureau **no later than 30 April 2002**. The consent of the nominee must be obtained before his or her name is submitted.

As required by By-Law II, 2, in order to qualify as a candidate for election, the nomination must be made or endorsed by the candidate's National Scout Organization, failing which the nomination will not be valid.

In order to give Member Organizations details about the nominees, I enclose a nomination form, which should be completed for the nominee and returned to the World Scout Bureau, together with **horizontal head and shoulders portrait in colour** of the nominee (Scout uniform is preferred) in the form of a 35 mm **slide**.

In application of Resolution 25, adopted by the 33rd World Scout Conference in 1993, your National Scout Organization, in looking for a suitable candidate, is invited to consider the enclosed job specifications and suggested profile which have been issued by the World Scout Committee at its September 1995 session and revised at its September 1998 session.

Article XII,1 of the World Constitution states that the members of the World Scout Committee do not represent "*any particular Member Organization or Region*". Furthermore, as one of the WOSM fundamental purposes is to "promote unity" of the Scout Movement throughout the world (Article IV,2), the World Scout Committee invites all WOSM Member Organizations to keep in mind, in making nominations, the desirability of geographical balance in the membership of the World Scout Committee.

As a reminder, six geographical areas have been defined by the World Scout Committee: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, Interamerica. The five continuing elected members are from the following areas: Africa (1), Asia-Pacific (1), Europe (2), Interamerica (1).

After 30 April 2002, the list of nominations will be closed and it will be circulated to all member countries in advance of the Conference.

Sincerely yours,



Jacques Moreillon  
Secretary General WOSM

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1. World Scout Committee Members Job Specifications
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  3. Nomination form

# WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS JOB SPECIFICATIONS

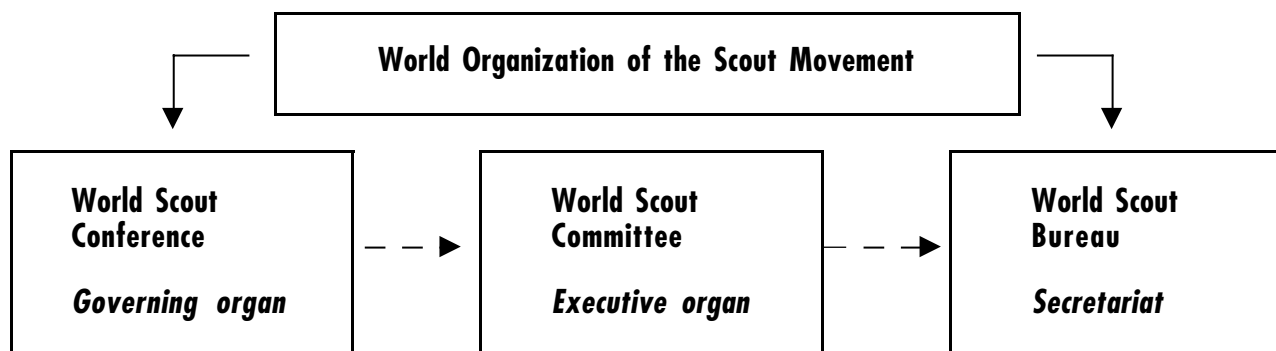
Approved by the World Scout Committee, September 1995

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Ref.: Resolution 25/93

## THE PERMANENT SITUATION

1. **The World Scout Committee (WSC) is the executive organ of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).**



The chief administrative officer of WOSM is the **Secretary General**, who is appointed by the WSC. The **Treasurer** is also appointed by the WSC.

2. **Voting members of the WSC are fourteen (14) in number**

- Twelve (12) elected members
- The Secretary General
- The Treasurer

3. **The normal term of office for elected members is six (6) years.**

A WSC member is elected at a World Conference and serves until replaced at the World Conference (six) 6 years later (i.e. elected at Conference A, serves through Conference B, goes out of office at Conference C, with three (3) years between Conferences).

4. **Six (6) WSC members are elected at each World Conference (except for replacement because of resignation or death).**

Normally, six (6) members of the WSC will be replaced at a World Conference.

However, if a WSC member resigns or passes away after election and before the next World Conference (i.e. elected at Conference A but dies or resigns before Conference B), the WSC may appoint a successor to serve until the next World Conference. At that World Conference, the position will be filled by election of a member for a three (3) year period.

If a WSC member serves from his election until after the next World Conference, then resigns or passes away (i.e. elected at Conference A, serves through Conference B but resigns or dies before Conference C), the WSC may appoint a successor to serve until the next World Conference. Then the position becomes available for the normal six (6) year period.

According to Article XII.4, *a member who has been appointed or elected to fill a vacancy may be eligible for immediate re-election.*

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **5. a. Constitutional functions of the World Scout Committee**

Article XII.1 of the World Constitution stipulates that:

*The World Committee is the Executive Organ of the World Organization. Its members shall consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered, as representing any particular member Organization or Region.*

Article XIII describes the functions of the World Scout Committee as follows:

1. *To act on behalf of the World Conference between its meetings; to give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies; and to represent it at international and national events.*
2. *To promote the Scout Movement throughout the world by means of visits, correspondence, training courses and other appropriate action.*
3. *To advise and assist Member Organizations in carrying out the purpose, principles and method of Scouting.*
4. *To recommend the admission of National Scout Organizations applying for membership, and to suspend provisionally the membership of a National Scout Organization.*
5. *To prepare the agenda and procedure of the meetings of the World Conference, giving consideration to suggestions from Member Organizations, and appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the World Conference.*
6. *To appoint the Secretary-General of the World Organization, and to appoint his Deputy or Deputies, upon a recommendation of the Secretary-General; to supervise the management of the World Bureau; and to approve its budget.*
7. *To accept the responsibility for the raising of additional funds.*
8. *To approve the constitutions or other laws governing Regional Scout Organizations.*
9. *To grant consultative status to such organizations as may be of assistance to the Scout Movement.*
10. *To decide upon granting of awards for services to the World Scout Movement.*
11. *To exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution and its By-Laws.*

### **b. World Scout Committee meetings**

In a non-World Scout Conference year, the WSC meets formally twice a year in Geneva, usually in April and September. A meeting usually lasts two days (normally during a weekend). Those members who are involved in sub-committees and special groups usually come for one or two additional days previous to the meeting.

In a World Conference year, the WSC meets formally three times a year - normally (i.e. when the World Conference is held in July/August) in Geneva in March and November, and at the time and place of the World Conference (\*)

(\*) Although WOSM does not reimburse the expenses of the participants to the WSC and sub-committees meetings, members of the WSC are entitled to request reimbursement of their expenses (travel and accommodation) to attend the annual meeting of the WSC at which the budget is approved (normally in September in non-Conference years and July/August in Conference years).

The provisional agenda and related advance documentation are sent to all WSC members several weeks before each meeting.

In addition, the **Steering Committee** (Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and Secretary General) meets when necessary.

The Regional Chairmen are also invited to attend all WSC meetings, in a consultative capacity.

According to Article XV, *the World Committee may establish, on a permanent or ad hoc basis, such subsidiary Committees or other organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.* At present, there are six groups and sub-committees:

- Educational Methods Group
- Finance and Support Group
- World Adult Resources Committee
- World Programme Committee
- Constitutions Committee
- World Honours and Awards Committee.

The Educational Methods Group and its two sub-committees (World Adult Resources Committee and World Programme Committee) normally meet in Switzerland in June.

The Finance and Support Group and other sub-committees normally meet in September in Geneva, prior to the session of the World Scout Committee. They may however meet at another time of the year.

### **c. World Scout Committee Officers**

By-Law II Section 3 provides that:

*The World Committee shall elect by ballot a Chairman and one or more Vice-Chairmen from among its elected members. Their term of office shall be from Conference to Conference and shall cease at the end of each meeting of the Conference.*

For a number of years, it has been traditional for the World Scout Committee to elect two Vice-Chairmen.

While no specific duties of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen are enumerated in the Constitution, it has become customary to assign to them the following duties:

- The Chairman of the WSC normally chairs the WSC and Steering Committee meetings.
- The Chairman of the WSC approves the draft minutes of these meetings prior to approval by the full committee.
- The Chairman of the WSC appoints, with the approval of the WSC, the Chairmen of all sub-committees (e.g. Constitutions Committee, World Honours & Awards Committee, World Programme Committee, World Adult Resources Committee). The Chairman also appoints, on the recommendation of the committee Chairman concerned, the members of committees which report direct to the WSC (i.e. the Constitutions Committee, World Honours & Awards Committee).
- Traditionally, one of the Vice-Chairmen is appointed by the WSC to chair the Educational Methods Group (youth programme, community development, adult resources, etc.) and the other Vice-Chairman is appointed to chair the Finance and Support Group (which is responsible for matters related to the budget, registration fees, supply service, public relations and communications, etc.).

- The Vice-Chairman who is Chairman of the Educational Methods Group appoints, on the recommendation of the committee Chairman concerned, the members of the World Programme Committee and World Adult Resources Committee.

The Secretary General of WOSM has the following Constitutional attributions:

- Ex-officio member of the World Scout Committee and of all its subsidiary Committees (XII.2.b)
- Secretary of the World Scout Committee (B-L II.5)
- Member of the Steering Committee (as consequence of the above provision)
- Secretary of the World Scout Conference (B-L I.5)
- Chief Administrative Officer of the World Organization (XVI.1)
- Chief Executive of the World Scout Bureau (XVII).

**d. *World Scout Bureau Inc.***

The World Scout Bureau Inc. is the corporate legal entity that performs the legal responsibilities of WOSM, the WSC and the World Scout Bureau. It approves the annual budget of WOSM and signs contracts on behalf of WOSM (including the employment of the Secretary General).

This legal entity has an annual meeting - usually in Geneva at the time of the WSC meeting in September.

Representing the WSC as (Board) members are the Chairman (who also presides over Board meetings), a Vice-Chairman, the Treasurer and the Legal Adviser. The Secretary General is the secretary of the World Scout Bureau Inc. (but not a member).

**e. *World Scout Foundation (WSF)***

Meetings of the WSF Board and/or Executive Committee are held several times a year in various parts of the world.

Ex-officio members of the WSF Board and Executive Committee are the Chairman of the World Scout Committee, one of its Vice-Chairmen and the Secretary General.

There is an informal **WSF/WSC Co-ordination Group**, composed at present of:

- for the WSF: the Chairman, the two Vice-Chairmen and a member of the Board
- for the WSC: the Steering Committee (Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, Secretary General)
- coopted member(s).

**f. *WOSM/WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) Consultative Committee***

The aim of the Consultative Committee is to create and maintain a climate of mutual respect, understanding and cooperation between the two organizations and to provide a forum for the exchange of information about activities that can impact one on the other.

The Consultative Committee consists of the Chairman (or Chairman's representative) of each organization's World Committee/World Board, two other members of each World Committee and the Secretary General of WOSM and the Director of WAGGGS World Bureau.

The Consultative Committee meets at least once a year, alternating between London and Geneva.

**g. World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum**

After Durban, the 36th World Scout Conference and 8th World Scout Youth Forum will be in Greece in 2002.

It is anticipated that the WSC Chairman will be named Chairman of the Conference and that the two Vice-Chairmen will have active roles to play. Other WSC members will also likely have special roles to fulfil.

**b. World Scout Jamborees and World Scout Moots**

The 20th World Scout Jamboree will be in December 2002 - January 2003 in Thailand. The 12th World Scout Moot will be in 2004 in Taiwan.

As many WSC members as possible are expected to attend.

**i. Regional Scout Conferences and other activities**

According to Article XIX, *Regional Scout Organizations may be established in conformity with the requirements of this Constitution, comprising Members of the World Organization so desiring within a geographical area to be defined from time to time by the World Committee. There shall be not more than one Regional Organization in each area.*

At present, there are six Regional Scout Organizations within WOSM: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe and Interamerican.

Each Region holds a Conference every three (3) years, plus several Regional Committee meetings annually and many regional activities. The next Regional Conferences will be held in 2001 and then in 2004.

The WSC Chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen, as well as other WSC members, particularly those from the Regions concerned, are encouraged to attend all regional functions that can be afforded.

**j. Liaison with other Organizations having been granted consultative status by the World Scout Committee (Art. XIII.9)**

• **DESMOS (International Link of Orthodox Christian Scouts)**

A representative of the World Scout Committee participates in all the DESMOS Committee meetings.

• **ICCS (International Catholic Conference of Scouting)**

A representative of the World Scout Committee attends ex-officio the meetings of the ICCS World Council.

• **ISGF (International Scout and Guide Fellowship)**

A representative of the World Scout Committee is a member of the ISGF World Committee.

• **IUMS (International Union of Muslim Scouts)**

Observers from the World Scout Committee are invited ex-officio to the Islamic Scouts Conference.

• **WSPU (World Scout Parliamentary Union)**

A representative of the World Scout Committee is a member of the WSPU Executive Committee.

**k. Liaison with KISC (Kandersteg International Scout Centre)**

- A representative of the World Scout Committee is a member of the KISC Committee.

***l. Liaison with non-Scout Organizations***

Depending on the circumstances, members of the WSC can be appointed as liaison with non-Scout Organizations which maintain relationships with WOSM, such as UNESCO, Rotary International, etc.

***m. Special Tasks***

Depending on the needs arising from the World Scout Committee's work.

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## WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS SUGGESTED PROFILE

Approved by the World Scout Committee, September 1995

Revised: September 1998

Ref.: Resolution 25/93

According to Article XII.1 of the World Constitution:

*The members (of the World Scout Committee) shall consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered as representing any particular member Organization or Region.*

This means that the candidates for the World Scout Committee:

- Must be a registered member of WOSM.
- Should be experienced in the international work of Scouting not only through participation in world and regional events, but also through involvement in concrete Scout international actions of co-operation and solidarity.
- Should have professional experience and social contacts which could serve the development and the image of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Furthermore, candidates for the World Scout Committee:

- Should be representative of Scouting as *not only a movement **for** young people, but also a movement **of** young people*, as stipulated by Resolution 25/93. The same resolution continues:

*The Conference...*

- *fully supporting the view of a movement where young people are encouraged to be part of the decision-making bodies*
- *noting the important commitment required of members of the World Committee*
- *believing that such persons should be perceived as representatives of a dynamic youth movement...*
- *urges National Scout Organizations to consider presenting younger candidates for future World Scout Committee elections.*
- Can be a man or a woman

The World Scout Committee, in accordance with its Policy Statement of 27 April 1991 on "Membership Policy", strongly encourages National Scout Organizations to nominate women as candidates.

Practically, candidates:

- **Must be able to communicate either in French or in English**, but, for practical considerations, preferably in the latter language. (The written documentation for the World Scout Committee is usually provided only in English.)
- **Must be willing and able to travel to Geneva twice a year** as well as to any other places in the world where their specific functions will require their presence.

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**NOMINATION**  
**For election to the World Scout Committee, 2002**

One form should be completed in respect of each nominee for election and returned to the World Scout Bureau **no later than 30 April 2002**, together with a **horizontal head and shoulders portrait in colour** of the nominee (Scout uniform is preferred) in the form of a 35 mm **slide**.

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Surname/Family name first)

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER  Male  Female

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  Married  Single

NUMBER OF CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

THE NOMINEE IS A REGISTERED MEMBER OF WOSM WITHIN THE FOLLOWING SCOUT ASSOCIATION

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN  English  French

OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Please turn over)*

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY OF SCOUT SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_  
(appointments held, dates, etc.,  
including service on World/Regional \_\_\_\_\_  
Committees or Task Forces and  
attendance to International Scout \_\_\_\_\_  
Events)

PUBLICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

**We confirm** that the above nominee has agreed to stand for election to the World Scout Committee.

National Scout Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**(President/Chief Commissioner/  
International Commissioner)**

Please return this form, **no later than 30 April 2002**,  
with a **horizontal head and shoulders portrait in colour** of the nominee  
(Scout uniform is preferred) in the form of a 35 mm **slide**,  
to:

**World Scout Bureau  
P.O. Box 241, CH - 1211 Geneva 4, Switzerland**