



First meeting of the new World Scout Committee

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The new World Scout Committee held its first meeting over the weekend, which was also the first of its kind under the new Committee structure that was established at the recent 38th World Scout Conference in Korea.

What remains the same of the World Scout Committee structure is that there are still twelve elected members with voting rights, but the status of the Secretary General of the World Organization and the Treasurer has changed to 'ex-officio non-voting members'. They are also now joined by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of each duly elected Regional Scout Committee and a member of the Board of the World Scout Foundation as non-voting members.

Among the many subjects on the Committee's agenda were: follow-up to World Scout Conference resolutions and the recommendations from the World Scout Youth Forum; the process to be followed for the appointment of the Secretary General and the feasibility study on the location of the World Scout Bureau; the Triennial Plan for 2008-2011 and the annual operational plan and budget for the current fiscal year; constitutional, relationships and financial matters; and future World Scout Events.

The sub-committees were also finalised as was the list of who would be the Chairperson for each. They are:

- Strategy Coordination Group: Mario Diaz
- Regional Support Coordination Group: Simon Rhee
- Audit Committee: Martin Burbridge (Ireland)
- Budget Committee: Erik Khoo
- Constitutions Committee: Derek Pollard (U.K.)
- Honours & Awards Committee: Jørgen Rasmussen (Denmark)
- Educational Methods Committee: John May
- Scouting's Profile Committee: Thérèse Bermingham

Also participating in their first meeting were the six Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee who were elected at the 10th World Scout Youth Forum in July 2008.

A more detailed summary of the meeting will be published in due course.