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Re: Statement to Members Re - Irish Times Article Published 25th June 2018

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

We are disappointed with the article published in today's Irish Times which clearly misrepresents the communication issued to members yesterday.

The article implies the decision of the Board to resign is as a result of recent controversies in our organisation. This is regrettable and is not true.

Members will know that the introduction of new governance structures in Scouting Ireland is a project that has been ongoing for the past 4 years. The appointment of a new Board on 1 November was always planned as part of this governance programme and today's article is wrong to suggest otherwise.

The article also states that four Board Members who were criticised in Mr Elliot's report resigned in April. Members will know that this is not true and the four respondents in the Lorna Lynch investigation have voluntarily stepped aside from their roles in Scouting Ireland until the investigation is concluded and its findings considered by the Board.

The Board will not be detracted from acting in the best interests of Scouting Ireland while we remain directors of the organisation.

We regret that the journalist did not report the facts as presented in the statement to members yesterday.

Yours in Scouting,

Annette Byrne
Interim Chairperson

Charles Mc Guinness
National Secretary

On behalf of the National Management Committee of Scouting Ireland and Board of Scouting Ireland Services CLG

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