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Dear member of the National Council,

The fourteenth annual meeting of the National Council of Scouting Ireland is now just four weeks away and I would like to bring your attention to the final documentation for the purposes of the meeting. **All the information for National Council can be downloaded from my.scouts.ie from Friday 10th March 2017.**

The invitation for you to register for your e-ticket for the meeting of the National Council has been sent by email to appropriate members. If you have not received this email, please contact the National Office ASAP.

Please note that the elections for positions on the National Management Committee will take place on **Saturday 8th April 2017 between 10:30 – 12:30.**

I would like to bring the following to your attention.

National Council Documentation: (available to download from www.scouts.ie)

- Second Notice of National Council
- Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the National Council 2017
- Voting Procedures
- SID 086-11 - National Council Elections Policy
- List of Candidates and Nominees for National Council 2017
- Proposals to National Council 2017
- National Council AGM 2017 Proposed Standing Orders
- The Annual Report of the Scout Foundation
- Memorandum and Articles of Association - Scouting Ireland
- Delegate Transfer Form
- National Council 2017 - Eventbrite Ticket Instructions

Registration

All delegates should familiarise themselves with SID 86-11 - National Council Elections Policy, included as document 04 of this mailing, which outlines the registration process for registering as a member of the National Council on the day of the meeting.

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Transferring Delegates

By now, your Scout Group should be registering its four delegates that will attend the meeting of the National Council on its behalf or your Scout County will be registering the members of the County Youth Forum. If you have a need to change the member nominated as a delegate you can do this up until 24 hours before the meeting is due to commence by using the 'Eventbrite' system. Transfers after that time will be required to complete the delegate transfer form (document 12) and bring it on the day to registration with the E-Ticket that will be issued by the National Office. One form should be used per delegate.

Responsibilities

It is important that Youth Member Representatives are assisted by Adult Members to inform themselves and to understand the business and purpose of the National Council. Those members seeking election should engage in a positive way with the Youth Reps so they understand the issues facing the association and can make an informed judgement on how to cast their vote.

Who is the Scouter-in-charge in terms of the Youth Members attending?

Youth Members attending as part of the Scout Group delegates nominated by the Group Council	Group Leader or person designated by the Group Leader
Youth Members attending as part of the two representatives from each County Youth Forum (Scouts, Venture Scouts & Rover Scouts)	County Commissioner or person designated by the County Commissioner
Youth Members attending as part of the nine representatives of each of the National Youth Forum (Scouts, Venture Scouts & Rover Scouts)	Programme Commissioner (Youth Empowerment) or person designated by that Programme Commissioner

General

We have been working hard over the last number of months to ensure that this National Council will be a very special event.

For those of you attending National Council for the first time, I look forward to meeting you for the first time.

For those of you that have attended National Council before, I look forward to meeting you again and I'm sure you will get great value out of the event.

I would respectfully remind members to;

- Act in a scout-like fashion,
- Have respect for yourself and for other delegates,
- Take care of yourself and your fellow delegates.

Elections

As you are no doubt aware there are a significant number of elections happening at this years meeting of the National Council and enclosed as part of this mailing is the various biographies and information on the nominated candidates. There will be a meet and greet with all the candidates on Friday 7th April @ 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Ballsbridge (Formerly Bewleys Hotel, Ballsbridge). Delegates are invited to meet the candidates in an informal setting to ask any last questions you have before you cast your vote.

National Council is the opportunity to progress and develop the Association:

- Where we are all equal members of Scouting Ireland,
- Where those appointed are accountable for the stewardship of the roles they occupy,
- Where National Teams/Committees/Panels can meet, greet and exchange ideas,
- Where an opportunity exists to launch new projects.

Following previous requests that the meetings of the National Council should be one-day meetings, I have endeavoured to do so, and therefore the meeting of the National Council 2016 will take place over one day.

During National Council 2017 please be aware of the uniqueness of fellow Scouts and Scouters, their commitment to the Scouting Movement and the effort they make to live by the Scout Promise and Law. With that in mind, I ask you to be tolerant to those of us who address National Council and may not be as eloquent or as confident at speaking to National Council as others and to make them/us feel at ease and to be heard and understood.

Addressing National Council I would ask speakers to state initially:

- Name
- Role in the Association
- Who they are speaking on behalf of (i.e Scout Group Council, Scout County Board, or Other)

Social Evening

As we are not hosting a gala dinner this year, the Chief Scout and the National Management Committee would like to invite all delegates to the National Council to an informal social gathering at 20:00 in Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge (formerly Bewleys Hotel, Ballsbridge) on Saturday 8th April 2017. We hope to see you there!!

I trust that the above is in order. Please contact the National Office or me if you have any concerns; otherwise I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours in Scouting



Ollie Kehoe
National Secretary

CC:

Group Leaders,
County Commissioners
County Secretaries
Members of the National Youth Forum
Programme Commissioners
Training Commissioner
Honorary Vice-Presidents
Members of the National Management Committee
Scouting Ireland Professional Staff



14th Annual Meeting of the National Council (2017)

Meeting Information

Time:	10:00 – 17:30
Date:	Saturday 8th April 2017
Attendees:	All Members of the National Council
Please Bring/Read:	All documentation issued in advance of the AGM of the National Council
Venue:	RDS Concert Hall, Dublin

Agenda

08:00	Arrival of Delegates & Check In
10:30 – 12.30	Voting for positions on the National Management Committee
10:00	<p>Opening Thought/Renewal of the Scout Promise</p> <p>Opening Address of the Chief Scout</p> <p>Address by Guest Speaker</p> <p>Meeting Procedures and Appointment of Tellers</p> <p>Approval of Standing Orders</p> <p>Approval of the minutes of the AGM of the National Council 2016</p> <p>Adoption of the Annual Report</p> <p>Adoption of the Audited Accounts and Financial Report of Scouting Ireland</p> <p>Appointment of Auditors</p> <p>Endorsement of the Annual Report of The Scout Foundation</p> <p>Election of Honorary Vice-Presidents</p> <p>Update Presentation on the Governance project</p> <p>Matters referred by the National Management Committee</p>
12:15	Introduction of National Youth Representatives
12:30	Adult Awards
13:00	Meeting adjourned for lunch
14:00	<p>National Council Resumes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters referred by the National Management Committee • Proposals submitted by Scout Group Councils/Scout County Boards
17:00	<p>Election Results</p> <p>Closing address by the Chief Scout</p>
20.00	Informal Social Reception - Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge (formerly Bewleys Hotel, Ballsbridge)



VOTING PROCEDURES

14th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 2017

Appointment of Tellers:

Tellers will appointed by the National Council.

Voting on motions at the meeting:

All members of the National Council are entitled to one vote and voting must be in person. Voting on motions at the meeting will be by show of voting cards unless a secret ballot is called for and accepted by at least one third of those members present and voting. The Chairman will call on the members of National Council to raise their voting cards firstly in favour of the motion/resolution and then for those against. He will determine whether or not there is a clear majority in favour of or against a motion and will, if he deems it necessary, ask the tellers to count the votes. The Chairman will again call on those in favour to raise their cards and those against, and the tellers will count the voting cards held up and pass the result to the National Secretary, who will call the result when asked to do so by the Chairman. All motions at the meeting are passed by simple majority – except in the vote for the holding of a secret ballot or for voting on the motions to change the Constitution. In the event of equality of votes the Chairman shall have the casting vote whether or not he exercised an original vote.

Voting in Elections:

All members of the National Council will receive a Ballot paper upon checking in. Voters indicate their first choice by writing 1 opposite their first choice and if so desired 2 opposite their second choice, 3 opposite their third choice and so on.

Votes will be cast in the designated areas of the National Council venue between 10:30 – 12:30 on Saturday 8th April 2017.

Voters having filled out their ballot paper will place them in ballot boxes that will be placed in designated areas of the National Council venue.



Counting the votes

When polling is over, all the ballot boxes are taken to the counting area. Each candidate can nominate an observer to be present in the count room while the count is ongoing.

The boxes are opened and the ballot papers are then sorted into piles of ballot papers for each candidate.

Spoiled papers are rejected. A paper is spoiled if it does not indicate a clear choice or if anything is written on the ballot paper by which the voter can be identified. The total valid poll therefore, is the total number of votes minus the number of spoiled papers.

The quota

When the papers have been counted and sorted, the quota is calculated by dividing the total valid poll by one more than the number of seats to be filled, ignoring any remainder and then adding 1 vote.

Surplus votes

If a candidate receives more than the quota on any count, the surplus votes are transferred to the remaining candidates in proportion to the next available preferences indicated by voters (i.e., the next preference on each vote for a candidate who has not been elected or eliminated).

Where a candidate is elected at the second or at later count, only the votes that brought him/her over the quota are distributed in ratio to the remaining candidates.

Elimination

Where there is no surplus for distribution or the distribution of the surplus is prohibited, the next step is the elimination of the lowest candidate. Two or more of the lowest candidates must be excluded together where it is clear that they cannot possibly be saved from elimination in the long run. Where a candidate is eliminated, all of his/her votes are transferred to the next available preferences on them.

Counting continues until all the seats have been filled. The last seat can be filled either by a candidate(s) exceeding the quota or by a candidate(s) being elected without reaching the quota because it is clear that he/she is ultimately going to be elected.

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1 – National Secretary

NAME	NOMINATED BY
KEHOE, Ollie Click HERE for Bio	2nd Wexford, Clifford Street Scout Group
	Waterford Scout County

NAME	NOMINATED BY
MCGUINNESS, Charles Click HERE for Bio	Tolka Scout County

2 – Provincial Commissioner (Northern Province)


NAME	NOMINATED BY
MCCANN, Kieran Click HERE for Bio	Brian Boru Scout County Board
	9 th Armagh, Keady Scout Group
	Down & Connor Scout County Board
	6 th Antrim, Newtownabbey Scout Group
	4 th Fermanagh, Lisnaskea Scout Group

3 – Provincial Commissioner (North East Province)

NAME	NOMINATED BY
HALPIN, Stephen Click HERE for Bio	98 th Dublin, Skerries Scout Group

4 – Provincial Commissioner (Southern Province)

NAME	NOMINATED BY
LONG, Derek Click HERE for Bio	21/48/71/89 Cork, St Josephs Mayfield Scout Group
	13 th Cork, Caheragh Scout Group
	Cois Laoi Scout County Board
	Cork South Scout County Board
	3 rd Cork, St Patricks Scout Group
	41 st Cork, Passage West Scout Group
	80 th Cork, Little Island Scout Group
	2/6/47/93 Cork, Douglas and St Finbarres Scout Group

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B	23/02/2013	Q&A Session Amended		
A	27/01/2013	Remove Candidate Video Option		
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Introduction

In the last numbers of years it has become apparent that there is a need for the Scouting Ireland to put a policy in place to govern admission to meetings of the National Council and elections by the National Council in order to assist both delegates and election candidates.

Admittance to National Council Meetings

- Following the 1st mailing for any meeting of the National Council, each Scout Group will be required to return a list of the names of the four Scouts/Scouters the Scout Group Council has chosen to attend the meeting of National Council as delegates on its behalf as per the rules. Each Scout County Youth Forum will be required to return a list of the names of the two Scouts the Scout County Youth Forum has chosen to attend National Council as delegates.
- These lists of names must be with National Office by the required date, which will be set out in the 1st mailing.
- The 2nd National Council mailing will include the admittance cards and will be sent to the Group Leader or County Commissioner as appropriate with the names printed on the cards for the people nominated as delegates by the Scout Group or Scout County Youth Forum.

- Admittance cards for all other Scout County and National delegates are non-transferable and will only be issued for the person appointed to these positions. The appointees to these positions must be registered with the National Secretary as holding such position to be eligible for membership of the National Council
- When checking in at the meeting of the National Council, delegates may be asked for identification to verify that they are the persons named on the admittance card. This may take the form of any of the following Identification documents - Driving Licence, Student Card, Scouting Ireland Membership Card (If and when it comes into operation) or Passport.
- A Scout Group Council may nominate 4 delegates to be members of the national council on its behalf. At least one of the four delegates must be a registered scout. It is not necessary for any of the delegates to be members of that Scout Group. The National Council admittance cards are only transferrable with the approval of the Scout Group Council or Scout County Youth Forum. Admittance cards are only transferrable to a person who is selected by a Scout Group Council or Scout County Youth Forum and this can only be done by the use of a delegate transfer form which must be signed by the Scout Group Secretary or the Secretary of the Scout County Youth forum and the person who is transferring the admittance card. This form is to be brought to the meeting of the National Council and presented at the Check-in desk so that the new name can be added to the attendance record.
- At check-in, each member of the National Council will receive an ink stamp on the back of their hand after they register.
- The admittance card will include a reminder that delegates should act in accordance with the wishes/instructions of their Scout Group Council, Scout County Board or Scout County Youth Forum or National Youth Forum and always in a Scout-like manner.
- The check-in for the meeting of the National Council will be coordinated on a Provincial Basis for Scout Groups and Scout County delegates. Delegates should present their admittance card at the appropriate desk. The check-in for national personnel will be coordinated at a separate desk, which will be clearly marked. There will also be an additional desk for any delegates who have a query that needs to be resolved. Members of the Professional Staff will staff all the check-in desks. Scouters, who are not members of the National Council and have been appointed by the National Secretary, may assist the Professional Staff Team with this process as required.

Candidates for Elections at National Council

Scouting Ireland believes in democracy and its importance to the governance of the Association and with this in mind the Association will afford the following:

- Three months preceding the Annual National Council elections (this period may be shorter in the case of other meetings of the National Council), potential candidates will be invited by the National Secretary to submit a document for national circulation to enable them to seek nominations for available positions from Scout Group Councils or Scout County Boards. National Office will not provide a contact list for members of the National Council for this purpose.
- Once nomination papers are received and verified by the National Secretary, all candidates will be provided with the opportunity to avail of the following:
 - In the 2nd National Council Mailing candidates will be provided with space for a Scouting & personal CV and a personal manifesto. The National Secretary will have the right to edit, amend or refuse to publish any documents that may contravene the Constitution & Rules of Scouting Ireland or that may contain unacceptable language or statements. In the event that this becomes necessary the candidate will be advised of the action taken by the National Secretary and the reason why the action was deemed necessary.
 - The Inside Out E-zine shall publish a National Council special prior to the meeting of the National Council. Candidates will receive a list of questions from the Communications Commissioner or a member of his/her team for this edition. The answers to the questions must be submitted by the required deadline.
 - On the Friday Night of the National Council weekend the National Secretary shall arrange an opportunity for members to meet the candidates in an informal setting. Attendees will be free to talk to any of the candidates and ask them questions.
 - Candidates are asked not to engage in poster and leaflet campaigns at any time on the weekend of National Council.
- The National Management Committee is conscious of the demands being placed on members of Scouting Ireland seeking election at meetings of the National Council. In the interest of fairness and to ensure that all candidates have a chance to meet delegates to the National Council and considering some candidates may not have access to private transport and/or the ability to attend every Scout County meeting they are

invited to there will be six (6) meetings arranged with one (1) in each Scout Province. These meetings will take place after the closing date for the receipt of nominations has passed. All properly nominated candidates will be invited to attend and meet the prospective delegates at these meetings and reasonable travel expenses at the rates set by the Association for volunteers may be claimed by nominated candidates on application to the National Secretary. Candidates must refrain from attending Scout County or other meetings they are invited to regarding the election.

- In the case of elections for Provincial Commissioner, nominated candidates may attend County Board meetings from within that province if they are so invited.
- All candidates may attend meetings of their own Scout County Board.

Behaviour and procedures for elections

- No Scout or Scouter is to engage in any sort of canvassing/ lobbying or advocating other members to vote for or against any particular candidate inside or in the precincts of the venue of National Council.
- Voting in elections to be held at National Council shall not open until at least 30 minutes **after** the start of the meeting. The Chairperson of the meeting will make the announcement of the opening of the ballot boxes.
- Whenever a change occurs in relation to the situation of candidates for election, a statement clarifying the situation will be made to National Council after the meeting has opened and before voting commences.
- A candidates name can be removed from the ballot paper up to 72 hours before the start of a National Council Meeting. A withdrawal notified after that time will result in the name of the candidate remaining on the ballot paper, however, an announcement or a statement from a candidate may be read out at the start of the National Council Meeting stating that they don't want their name considered in the voting. This statement must be with lodged the National Secretary at least 18 hours prior to the start of National Council and must be signed by the candidate themselves.

Voting Procedures

- In the case where the National Secretary is a candidate in the upcoming election. The NMC shall appoint one of the Honorary Vice Presidents as "Elections Officer" to oversee the election process before and during the meeting of the National Council. If none of the Honorary Vice Presidents are available for this role then the

Chairperson of the NMC will propose, for approval by the NMC, a person to fulfil this role. The 'Elections Officer' must be appointed before the first mailing is published.

- The Elections Officer will liaise with the Chief Teller and the National Secretary as required.
- All votes for the election of positions are held by secret ballot
- The system used by Scouting Ireland is set out in SID 137.16 the Scouting Ireland System of Proportional Representation Voting for National Council elections
- The Chief Teller is appointed by the National Council having been nominated by the National Secretary. He or she shall be assisted by persons nominated by the National Secretary and approved by the National Council to stand appointed as Assistant Tellers
- When the count is complete the Chief Teller puts the result of each election into a separate sealed envelope and hands this directly to the National Secretary or Elections Officer to be conveyed to the National Secretary or Chairperson as appropriate for the announcement of the election results.
- All Candidates for election are entitled to appoint an observer to be present in the Count Room to observe the count. They have no right to comment or address the Chief Teller they are there solely as observers. The name of the Scout or Scouter the Candidate wishes to act as their observer must be given in writing to the National Secretary at least 7 days prior to the National Council Meeting. No observer will be allowed to enter the count unless his or her name is on the list provided to the Chief Teller. Observers may not be members of the National Council.
- All candidates are entitled to see the results of the election.
- The Election results shall be published on Scouting Ireland's Website within 30 days of the election.
- In the interest of fairness to each candidate seeking election, they will be invited to join the Chief Teller and/or the Elections Officer in a private area 15 minutes before the election results are announced to the National Council. They will be given the results of the election in which they were candidates to allow them to compose themselves before the result is announced to the National Council. The elections officer will invite the candidates to re-join the meeting at which time the results of their particular election in which they were a candidate will be announced.

NATIONAL COUNCIL AGM 2017 – MOTIONS & PROPOSALS

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS			
HVP - 1		<p>Honorary Vice Presidents:</p> <p>To elect the following as Honorary Vice Presidents of Scouting Ireland as nominated by the National Management Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eoghan Lavelle • Kenneth Ramsey • Donald Harvey • Martin Burbridge • Seán Farrell • Kiernan Gildea <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	
Honorary Membership			
HM - 1		<p>To confer the title of Honorary Life Member of Scouting Ireland on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Davy <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	
Motion			
M - 1	Article 3	<p>That this National Council agrees to amend Article 3 of the Constitution to read as follows;</p> <p>The Aim of Scouting Ireland is to encourage the Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional and Spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and, as responsible citizens, to improve society.</p> <p><i>(Waterford Scout County)</i></p> <p><i>(Notice of motion passed by the AGM of the National Council 2016)</i></p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>When the Notice of Motion to amend Article 3 was presented to Scouting Ireland in 2006 (and carried in 2007) the wording was not stated in the manner to which we now refer to as the SPICES. This notice of motion is to bring our Constitution in line with how we present, deliver, and train members of Scouting Ireland in relation to our Aim.</p>	

Notice of Motion		
NM - 1	Article 4	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend Article 4 of the Constitution to read as follows;</p> <p>Scouting Ireland achieves its Aim through a system of progressive self-education, known as the Scout Method, the principal elements of which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Promise and Law - the commitment to a code of living based on the values of the Scout movement; b) Personal Progression - a scheme to support the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes in all areas and to provide recognition for individual and group achievements; c) Learning by Doing - an approach that prioritises learning through practice, first-hand experience, and from both successes and mistakes; d) Small Group System – progressive, democratic and self-governing groups, usually of 6-8 young people, are the basic organisational structure of Scouting; e) Symbolic Framework - provides a setting for Scouting that stimulates the imagination through symbols, themes and stories; f) Nature and Outdoors - the natural environment is the primary setting for Scouting offering unique opportunities for the development of the young person; g) Young People and Adults Working Together - a partnership model in which young people are supported to become increasingly self-governing and independent; and h) Service and Commitment - recognises the importance of contributing to society by caring for others and the world around us. <p>a) Voluntary membership of a group which, guided by adults, is increasingly self-governing in its successive age groups.</p> <p>b) Commitment to a code of living as expressed in the Promise & Law, the meaning of which is expanded as the member grows towards maturity.</p> <p>c) The provision of a wide range of attractive, constructive and challenging activities, including opportunities for adventure and exploration both indoors and outdoors.</p> <p>d) The provision of opportunities for leadership and responsibility.</p> <p>e) Learning by doing.</p> <p>f) Encouragement of activity in small groups.</p>

		<p>g) An award scheme, which encourages participation in its full range of activities and provides recognition of individual and group achievements.</p> <p>h) Symbolic Framework.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>The current description of the Scout Method contains elements, which are in the system, but are not the ones referred to in general documents and resources. This Notice of Motion is to bring our Constitution in line with how we present, deliver and train members of Scouting Ireland in relation to the achievement of our Aim.</p>	
NM - 2	Article 41	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend Article 41 of the Constitution to read as follows;</p> <p>The agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the National Council of Scouting Ireland shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The appointment of Tellers. b. The approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. c. The adoption of the Annual Report. d. The laying of the Audited Accounts of Scouting Ireland before the National Council. e. The reading of the Report of the Independent Auditors. f. The appointment of Auditors. g. The election of the Chief Scout, Chief Commissioners, National Secretary and National Treasurer as and when necessary. h. The election of such other members of the National Management Committee nominated in accordance with the Rules as required. i. The election of the Honorary Vice-Presidents. j. The receipt of the Annual Report of the Trust Companies. k. To appoint members and directors to the Scout Foundation where nominated by a Scout Group Council, Scout County Board or the National Management Committee. l. The consideration of any matters referred to it by the National Management Committee. m. The consideration of any other proposals submitted in writing to the National Secretary not less than six weeks before the date of the meeting or otherwise in accordance with the Rules, by or on behalf of any Scout Group Council, Scout County Board, or any of the National Youth Fora. n. The conferring of the title of Honorary Life Member on such individuals either nominated by any Scout Group Council, 	

		<p>any Scout County Board or the National Management Committee.</p> <p>o. The exercising of any other functions resulting from this Constitution or the Rules.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'B'</p>	
NM - 3	Article 53	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend Article 53 of the Constitution to read as follows;</p> <p>Movable and immovable property of Scouting Ireland shall be vested in the Scout Foundation in accordance with the Rules.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'B'</p>	
NM - 4	Article 54	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to delete Article 54 of the Constitution.</p> <p>The Scout Foundation is a company registered in Ireland, limited by guarantee without a share capital and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'B'</p>	
NM - 5	Article 55	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to delete Article 55 of the Constitution.</p> <p>The members and directors of the Scout Foundation shall comprise of the Chief Scout, National Secretary, National Treasurer and four other members of Scouting Ireland nominated by any of the following for appointment by the National Council: the National Management Committee, any Scout County Board or any Scout Group Council.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p>	

		Proposer's Explanation See Appendix 'B'	
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Rule Changes – Governance Project			
R – 1	Rule 32	<p>That Rule 32 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>A Scout Group shall be registered before it commences Scouting and shall comply with the provisions of the Scouting Ireland Scout Group Charter.</p> <p>A Scout Group must be registered before it commences Scouting.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R – 2	Rule 41	<p>That Rule 41 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The Scout Group Charter is renewed each year after the Scout Group has successfully completed the annual registration procedure. Where a Scout Group fails to complete the annual registration procedure, and pay the annual fees, or fails to comply with the provisions of the Scout Group Charter, the National Management Committee may suspend or cancel the Scout Group's Charter and the registration of the Scout Group or take such other reasonable steps as it deems appropriate.</p> <p>In the event that a Scout Group is unable to continue in operation or where the Scout Group materially contravenes the Constitution or Rules of Scouting Ireland the National management Committee may close the Scout Group.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R – 3	New Rule 43(A)	<p>That a new rule be introduced to read as follows:</p> <p>The members of the Scout Group Council shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Group Leader; b) The Group Chairperson; c) The Group Secretary; d) The Group Treasurer; and e) The Group Quartermaster/Bo'sun. 	

		<p>f) Up to two other members of Scouting Ireland over the age of 18 years.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R – 4	Rule 44	<p>That Rule 44 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The Scout Group Council shall convene an Annual General Meeting of the Scout Group.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R - 5	Rule 45	<p>That Rule 45 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The Scout Group Council shall meet at least four times a year. including the Annual General Meeting of the Scout Group Council.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R - 6	Rule 46	<p>That Rule 46 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The functions of the Scout Group Council shall be prescribed by the National Management Committee.</p> <p>are, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To plan and co-ordinate all activities of the Scout Group. b) To control and allocate finance and maintain proper accounts. c) To ensure that the Programme Sections operate the Youth Programme in accordance with the Aim, Principles and Method of Scouting Ireland. d) To implement the Youth & Adult Involvement Policy of Scouting Ireland. 	

		<p>e) To provide support to the Group Scouters in the delivery of the Youth Programme within the Programme Section.</p> <p>f) To consider and approve nominations and proposals for submission to the Scout County Board, the Scout County Management Committee and the National Council, as appropriate.</p> <p>g) To facilitate the training of all Group Scouters.</p> <p>h) To recruit suitable individuals to membership of Scouting Ireland and make nominations for appointment as Group Scouters.</p> <p>i) To form a Parents & Friends Support Group.</p> <p>j) To co-ordinate a social programme for adult members as desired.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R - 7	New Rule	<p>That a new rule be introduced to read as follows:</p> <p>The National Management Committee may provide for other organisational structures for the Scout Group to support the Scout Group and it's Programme Sections in the delivery of the Youth Programme and the implementation of the Youth & Adult Involvement Policy of Scouting Ireland.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R - 8	Rule 47	<p>That Rule 47 be altered to read as follows</p> <p>The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Scout Group Council shall consist of include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The approval of the report of the Group Leader. b) The approval of the report of the Group Secretary. c) The approval of the accounts prepared by the Group Treasurer. d) The approval of the report of the Group Quartermaster/Bo'sun. e) The election of the Group Chairperson, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Group Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain and Group Quartermaster/Bo'sun, when necessary. 	

		<p>f) The nomination of the Group Leader and the Deputy Group Leader(s), when necessary.</p> <p>g) Any other recommendations to the Scout Group Council.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R - 9	Rule 50	<p>That Rule 50 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>Those entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Scout Group Council shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Group Leader; b) The Deputy Group Leader(s); c) Up to three Programme Scouters from the Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts and three members elected by the Rover Scouts; d) The Group Chairperson; e) The Group Secretary; f) The Group Treasurer; g) The Group Spiritual/Religious Advisors/Chaplains; h) The Group Quartermaster/Bo'sun; i) Up to three other members of Scouting Ireland co-opted by the Group Council annually for purposes agreed by the Scout Group Council; j) Up to three other representatives of the Parents & Friends Support Group, who are members of Scouting Ireland, subject to the approval of the Scout Group Council; k) The Group Trainer; l) A representative from the Scout Section; m) A representative from the Venture Scout Section; n) A representative from the Rover Scout Section; o) Group Scouters may attend meetings of the Scout Group Council. <p>Other persons may attend meetings of the Scout Group Council subject to the approval of the Scout Group Council.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R - 10	Rule 52	<p>That Rule 52 be altered to read as follows:</p>	

		<p>The Group Leader is a Scouter nominated by the Scout Group Council, recommended by the County Commissioner and appointed by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources), on behalf of the National Management Committee, for a term of three years, and is eligible for reappointment by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources), on behalf of the National Management Committee, upon the nomination of the Scout Group Council and recommendation of the County Commissioner for one further term of three years. On the expiry of the second three-year term, the Group Leader may be reappointed by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources), on behalf of the National Management Committee, for subsequent one-year terms subject to the approval of the Scout Group Council and the County Commissioner.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R – 11	Rule 172	<p>That Rule 172 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>Every Scout County Management Committee shall comply with the procedures adopted by the National Management Committee in relation to Annual Reports, Annual Budgeting, Operational Plans, and Financial Controls for the Scout County.</p> <p>Every Scout County Board, through its County Treasurer, must submit annual accounts to the National Treasurer. The annual accounts of each Scout Group in the Scout County must be submitted by Scout County Board to the National Treasurer.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'A'</p>	
R - 12	New Rule	<p>That a new rule be altered added to read as follows:</p> <p>The members of Scout Group Council shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Group Leader b) The Group Chairperson c) The Group Secretary d) The Group Treasurer e) The Group Quartermaster/Bo'sun and 	

		<p>f) Further members of Scouting Ireland, over the age of 18 years, elected at the annual General meeting of the Scout Group</p> <p>(Slieve Bloom Scout County Board)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>We appreciate and support the need for the change to the rules to allow for in particular the requirements of the Charity Regulator in Northern Ireland. We do however believe that the Scout Group should have the authority to decide on the numbers and positions that serve on the Group Council, subject to the relevant legal requirements.</p>	
R - 13	New Rule	<p>That a new rule be added to read as follows:</p> <p>That National Council acknowledges that the legislation and statutory requirements in Northern Ireland and The Republic of Ireland may differ. National Council further acknowledges that the Groups in Scouting Ireland and its members must comply with the law and statutory requirements of the Jurisdiction in which the Scout Group resides.</p> <p>Therefore any Amendments or additions to any or all rules 43(a). 43(b) , 44, 45, 46, 46 (A) , 47, 50, and 52, but not limited to these, proposed by the National Management Committee for consideration by National Council, shall relate only to groups within Northern Ireland and should be denoted as such in the Rules of Scouting Ireland whereas the rules prior to said Amendments or additions shall be denoted "Republic of Ireland only".</p> <p>(Slieve Bloom Scout County Board)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>This motion provides the opportunity for changes to be made to SI Rules to satisfy the CCNI whilst allowing for further discussions with the Charities Regulator in the Republic of Ireland to take place. It also allows for further discussions on possible future structures with the Republic of Ireland Scout Groups. The changes currently proposed are, in our opinion, potentially the biggest change to group life in Scout Groups since the formation of Scouting Ireland. Scouting Ireland must remain an All-Ireland Association and we recognize that Groups in Northern Ireland require rule changes so that they may comply with legislation in the jurisdiction in which they reside. This rule allows for both this and for the fact that there may be differences in legal and other requirements within the two jurisdictions.</p>	

Rule Changes – Other Companies			
R - 14	Rule 179K	<p>That Rule 179K be deleted:</p> <p>The Irish Scouting Foundation is a company registered in Ireland, limited by guarantee without a share capital and exempt from using the word limited and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'B'</p>	
R - 15	Rule 179L	<p>That Rule 179L be deleted:</p> <p>The directors of Irish Scouting Foundation shall consist of the, Chief Scout, National Secretary, the National Treasurer, and up to five other Members of Scouting Ireland recommended for appointment by the National Management Committee.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'B'</p>	
R - 16	Rule 179M	<p>That Rule 179M be deleted:</p> <p>The five other Members recommended by the National Management Committee for appointment as directors of Irish Scouting Foundation are appointed for a term of three years and are eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 'B'</p>	
R - 17	Rule 179N	<p>That Rule 179N be deleted:</p> <p>The accounts of Irish Scouting Foundation shall be audited annually by the Auditor for Scouting Ireland.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p>	

		Proposer's Explanation See Appendix 'B'	
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Rule Changes – Complaints and Appeals			
R - 18	Rule 28	<p>That Rule 28 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>An individual may be expelled from membership of Scouting Ireland on the grounds of misconduct or acts not in accordance with the Scout Promise or breach of any terms or conditions attaching to membership of Scouting Ireland. Expulsion should be by notice in writing to that member and served personally or to the last known postal address of the member. Expulsion proceedings will be issued in accordance with Scouting Ireland's Disputes Process. The notice should be signed on behalf of the National Management Committee</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>The proposed amendments to these Rules are required in order to facilitate the introduction of a new Scouting Ireland Disputes Process. This new Process will replace the existing Scouting Ireland Conflict Resolution Policies and Procedures, which are no longer fit for purpose.</p>	
R - 19	Rule 29	<p>That Rule 29 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>Any member dissatisfied with a decision made to cancel, withdraw or suspend his or her Appointment or Position in Scouting Ireland or terminate his or her membership of Scouting Ireland may appeal such cancellation, withdrawal, suspension or termination, in writing to the National Secretary, or in the case where the National Secretary is the appellant, the Chief Scout, within 21 days of notification of such cancellation, withdrawal, suspension or termination. Appeals will be conducted and concluded in accordance with Scouting Ireland's Disputes Process. The National Secretary will appoint an Appeals Committee consisting of a Commissioner and two other members of Scouting Ireland, one nominated by the appellant, the other nominated by the National Secretary. No member of the Appeals Committee should have a direct connection with the appellant. Such an Appeals Committee will not later than 21 days after its appointment commence such proceedings, as it deems necessary to allow it conduct such an appeal. The decisions of the Appeals Committee shall be final.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>The proposed amendments to these Rules are required in order to</p>	

		facilitate the introduction of a new Scouting Ireland Disputes Process. This new Process will replace the existing Scouting Ireland Conflict Resolution Policies and Procedures, which are no longer fit for purpose.	
R - 20	Rule 30	<p>That Rule 30 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>In the event of a dispute, every effort shall be made to settle the matter locally. Scouting Ireland's Disputes Process shall be used to facilitate a resolution. The dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Scouting Ireland's Conflict Resolution Policy. In the event of a failure to reach a resolution, the matter shall be referred to the National Management Committee.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>The proposed amendments to these Rules are required in order to facilitate the introduction of a new Scouting Ireland Disputes Process. This new Process will replace the existing Scouting Ireland Conflict Resolution Policies and Procedures, which are no longer fit for purpose.</p>	

Rule Changes – County Youth Forum			
R - 21	Rule 84	<p>That Rule 84 be altered to read as follows;</p> <p>The Scout County Youth Fora in exercising its function under Article 35 of the Constitution must have a quorum of eight members present and voting.</p> <p><i>(Dun Laoghaire Scout County Board)</i></p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>The Rule change is being proposed to reduce the risk of Scout County Youth Fora being unable to exercise its functions within Scouting Ireland's Rules due to a sometimes demanding and unreachable target. The proposal asks for a requirement of eight Youth Members to be in attendance, allowing for more Counties to run effective Youth Fora that abide by the Rules of Scouting Ireland.</p>	

General Proposals			
GP - 01	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council establishes the principle that all Youth Members participating in a National Activity, with an assessment leading to the achievement of an award, must be of the age of the relevant programme section on, or before, the 31st August immediately following the conclusion of that National Activity.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>This motion provides definitive clarity on when a Youth Member is eligible to participate in a National Activity. By setting a clear date, Youth Members and Scouters will be provided with a certainty, which is currently missing. This criterion only refers to National Activities that have a competitive element or a form of assessment.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, Youth Members will not be eligible to participate in a National Activity with an assessment leading to the achievement of an award, in circumstances where their age exceeds the maximum age for the relevant Programme Section on, or before, the 31st August immediately following the conclusion of that National Activity.</p>	
GP – 02	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council implement a module similar to the Rover Scout 'The Safeguarding – Foundation eLearning Module' for new Scouters in order to allow bedding in period of 6 months maximum, before they start their official Being a Scouter Training.</p> <p><i>(Lakelands Scout Group Council)</i></p>	
GP – 03	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council takes into consideration that an anomaly has arisen with the changeover to the new training scheme in that people wishing to become Adult Members of Scouting Ireland must now complete the Being a Scouter element of the woodbadge training as well as Garda Vetting before they can become an active member of Scouting Ireland. The anomaly arises where the Garda Vetting process has been completed but the prospective member has not yet attended the Being a Scouter course. According to the database they are now a fully active member of Scouting Ireland, which incurs the capitation fee when they're not yet eligible to participate.</p> <p><i>(Carlow Kilkenny Scout County Board)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation</p>	

		Our proposal is that the database be kept as “pending” until they have completed both the course and the Garda Vetting.	
GP - 04	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council requests the National Management Committee to recognize the need for new Scouters to be able to engage sooner in the respective Programme Sections, by facilitating the delivery of the “Safe Guarding” part of the current Scouter training scheme, as a separate, stand-alone module of that training scheme.</p> <p><i>(Tolka Scout County Board)</i></p> <p>Proposer’s explanation</p> <p>Groups in our Scout County have experienced that when recruiting new Scouters into their Groups that the time frame is extremely long before they can get involved with the weekly meetings of Programme Sections. Because of this elongated timeframe some of the people who had volunteered to be Scouters have lost interest in joining these Groups.</p> <p>When people volunteer to be Scouters, they expect to be able to participate in weekly meetings of Programme Sections within a reasonable timeframe. If passed by National Council we believe that outcome of this motion, when implemented, would also allow such people who wish to become Scouters time to familiarize themselves with the Group and with Scouting, including our aims and objectives.</p>	
GP - 05	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council instructs the National Management Committee to revert to the previous policy of not charging its Adult Members an annual registration fee.</p> <p><i>(Waterford Scout County Board)</i></p> <p>Proposer’s Explanation</p> <p>The involvement of Scouters is vital to Scouting Ireland and they should not have to pay for the privilege for doing so. Adults contribute freely of their time and energy for the young people at Group, County, Provincial and National level and this contribution should be acknowledged through non-payment of fees. In the past the NMC made the decision to do away with adult fees and at the same time increased youth membership fees accordingly. It is now profoundly unfair to not only charge adults but to increase the fees in line with the level of the Youth Members’ fees.</p>	
GP - 06	General Proposal	That this National Council instructs the National Treasurer to bring any and all future proposed increases in membership fees to	

		<p>National Council for consideration.</p> <p><i>(Waterford Scout County Board)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation</p> <p>At the formation of Scouting Ireland it was decided that the adult fees would be done away with and the youth membership fees would be raised accordingly (to cover the shortfall). Unfortunately in recent years fees for adults have been brought back into Scouting Ireland without any reduction in youth membership fees. This motion will ensure full transparency in relation to membership fees in the future.</p>	
GP - 07	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council instructs the National Management Committee (NMC) to revert to its previous policy in relation to the 12 Days of Christmas Draw and not take any of the proceeds of this fundraiser, instead leaving all the proceeds at Group level where they are most needed.</p> <p><i>(Waterford Scout County Board)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation</p> <p>The 12 Days of Christmas fundraiser was re-launched some years ago to provide Groups with the opportunity to use the event to raise adequate funds to run their Scout Groups. At the time of the re-launch the membership fees were increased so that the full amounts raised through the 12 Days of Christmas Draw would remain with the Group and not be used at National level. To begin this process of taking proceeds from the fundraiser could lead, in the future, to the full amounts going to National level.</p>	
GP - 08	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council instructs that the National Management Committee shall acknowledge that Scout Groups may have various types of tents and shall not penalize any patrol which does not have canvas Icelandic tents in use at National Competitions or at their qualifying events.</p> <p><i>(4 Offaly (Edenderry) Scout Group Council)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation</p> <p>Many Scout Groups are unable to afford the purchase of expensive Icelandic style tents. If one of the prerequisites of a patrol qualifying to attend a National Competition is ownership of a canvas ridge tent we feel that this discriminates against Scouts from financially disadvantaged areas of the country. The Icelandic tent</p>	

		<p>may be an icon associated specifically with Scouting but this is not an acceptable reason to ignore skills associated with correct use of more affordable modern style group tents, which deserve equal commendation at National Scouting Competition level.</p>	
GP - 09	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council instruct the National Management Committee to instruct National Office and Provincial Offices to begin accepting card payments (Credit and Debit) immediately for training courses and to also look at the feasibility of accepting other methods of payments including online through the scouts.ie website, along with EFT Bank Transfers, Direct Debits and Standing Orders from Scout Groups, by the start of the new Scouting year in September 2017.</p> <p><i>(2/6/47/93 Cork Douglas & St Finbarres Scout Group Council)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation</p> <p>We propose this motion to allow places to be booked on training courses going forward once a payment has been made electronically or over the phone via a card. More than once has a Scouter been unable to attend a training course due to the fact a cheque needs to be sent to National Office to secure a place. It is fair to say that the practice of using cheques is slowly being phased out by the financial institutions and that a number of Scouters would not possess a chequebook and therefore need to arrange to meet the Group Treasurer and delay the booking process further.</p>	
GP - 10	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council requests the National Management Committee to undertake to deliver to the members of Scouting Ireland, as soon as possible, an online booking and payment system for the training courses delivered to Scouters</p> <p><i>(Tolka Scout County Board)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation</p> <p>The current system is not working; Groups in our Scout County have had several occasions where they checked online and there are places available on courses, but by the time the payment (cheque) reaches National Office, such courses are full. On one occasion on contacting National Office a Group was informed that there were vacancies so the Group Leader sent the completed form and a cheque in the post that day to National Office, however upon receipt of the form and cheque National Office emailed the Group Leader to say the course was full. We believe that the existing booking system is not the most effective working model for such a large organization, when other more suitable resources are</p>	

		available on the market, including in this case both an online availability, booking and payment system.	
GP - 11	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council accepts and understands the need for all Scouters and Scout Groups to take timely action to implement safeguards and protection of personal data held by them relating to their members, and therefore instructs the National Management Committee to prepare and provide appropriate and timely levels of training and resources regarding Personal Data Protection and Data Privacy to Scouters and Scout Groups, so as to ensure that Scouting Ireland mitigates the current high level of risk and uncertainty, and so as to ensure that Scouters, Scout Groups, and Scouting Ireland are properly prepared for compliance with European Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)</p> <p><i>(6 Meath Ashbourne Scout Group Council)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation</p> <p>Our current lack of approach to Personal Data Protection and Data Privacy exposes Scouting Ireland, Scout Groups and Scouters to considerable levels of risk. A side effect of our proposed compliance with Charities regulations will be formalization of legal responsibility for data at the Scout Group level – a level of responsibility for which Scout Groups are not prepared. The forthcoming EU GDPR creates many changes to regulations on children's data, sensitive data, and the power and discretion of the supervisory authority to impose sanctions are of direct concern.</p> <p>All Scouters need to obtain a particular minimum of awareness concerning obligations on data protection, and 'officers' of Scout Groups (on whom legal responsibility falls) need to be provided with specific training and relevant resources to support them in meeting their specific obligations.</p>	
GP - 12	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council recognises the importance of Personal Data Protection, and so requires National Management Committee to provide adequate reassurance to Scouting Ireland members that both the Company and the Association has adequate processes and safeguards in place in respect of the personal data (automated and non-automated) which are held on all members of the Scouting Ireland past and present, youth and adult; and that appropriate preparations are in place for compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) from May 2018, particularly those aspects related to children's data, sensitive data, consent, risk, data subject rights, and associated data protection implications arising from BREXIT.</p> <p><i>(6 Meath Ashbourne Scout Group Council)</i></p>	

		<p>Proposer's explanation</p> <p>Scouting Ireland's current lack of transparent approach to Personal Data Privacy exposes Scouting Ireland, Scout Groups and Scouters to considerable levels of risk. A side effect of our proposed compliance with Charities regulations will be formalization of joint legal responsibility for data between the Scout Group and Scouting Ireland – a level of responsibility for which Scout Groups are not prepared. The forthcoming EU GDPR creates many changes in the legal and regulatory framework surrounding the processing of personal data, and in particular changes to regulations on children's data, sensitive data, and the power and discretion of the supervisory authority to impose sanctions are of direct concern.</p> <p>These changes have direct implications for how Scouting Ireland obtains, processes, keeps and discloses personal data, particularly in respect of children.</p>	
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Appendix A – Governance Proposals

This year at National Council, there is a series of rule changes proposed to restructure the Scout Group Council in order to comply with the Charities legislation in both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

The Scout Group is the primary level of organisation of Scouting in Ireland. It is where the Youth Programme is delivered to our youth members. Registering Scout Groups as Charities ensures that the Scout Group remains in control of its own activities and finances.

The registration process requires a constitution document for the Charity and the identification of Charity Trustees. Currently Scout Groups are organised under the Scouting Ireland Constitution and Rules. As the Constitution and Rules also contains much detail about other parts of Scouting Ireland, a separate constitution document had to be created for Scout Groups to register as Charities.

All of the references to the Scout Group in the Constitution and Rules document were repeated in a separate constitution document for use by Scout Groups. Such was the most straight forward way to proceed. However, it was also clear that the existing management structures of our Scout Groups would pose problems and impose a level of unnecessary risk on those volunteers leading our Scout Groups.

The management structure of our Scout Groups is both simple and unusual. The Scout Group Council is the body charged with the management of the administration of the Scout Group. It is the only body involved. It reports to itself! It is also a very large body and while there are some permanent members of the Scout Group Council such as for example, the Group Leader and the Group Trainer there are also several non permanent members such as Scouters from a Programme Section or youth representatives neither of which is necessarily the same individual from meeting to meeting.

The Charities legislation in both jurisdictions requires every Charity to have Charity Trustees. The legislation imposes specific duties on Charity Trustees and there are sanctions, which can be imposed on any Charity Trustee who fails to carry out his or her duties. The Charity Trustees have collective responsibility for the well being of the Charity and to ensure that the Charity complies with the law. It is therefore important that those members of Scouting Ireland in our Scout Groups who have been fixed with the responsibility of being Charity Trustees are aware of who their fellow Charity Trustees are. It is also important that those who become involved in some form with a Charity do not find themselves in a position, which makes them de facto Charity Trustees (or being a Charity Trustee without knowing it because of what they do for a Charity).

There are many different solutions to the development of a management structure for our Scout Groups, which facilitates an effective but inclusive administration from a Programme Section and a youth involvement aspect while meeting the requirements imposed on the Scout Group by Charity legislation. Last year the National Management Committee took first steps in the development of a consultation process, which would design a modern management structure for Scout Groups, which would include all the principles, which Scouting Ireland and its Scout Groups regard as fundamental. That process is continuing. The new design must of course attend to the obligations imposed by the law but it must also be effective and sufficiently flexible for Scout Groups of different sizes in different communities.

The registration of our Scout Groups as Charities is upon us (indeed it is well advanced in Northern Ireland). An immediate solution involves the amendment of the management structures of our Scout Groups to introduce an Annual General Meeting at which the member of the Scout Group Council are nominated/ elected and the reduction of the size of the Scout Group Council (all members of which will be Charity Trustees without exception).

This new structure can in time be replaced upon the conclusion of the extensive consultation process for the design of a new modern management structure. But in the interim it will facilitate a structure which meets the requirements of the legislation and which protects our members by having a clearly defined Scout Group Council (the Group Leader, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, QM/Bo'sun and up to 2 others appointed by the AGM). Those members of the Council will understand their responsibilities as Charity Trustees. It will also protect others in the Scout Group because the structures will clearly indicate that they do not have the responsibility and they should not fall into the trap of being a de facto Charity Trustee provided they observe the structures.

Clauses 6.4 and 6.5 of the Group Constitution document provides for some flexibility for each Scout Group in the development of its own structures beneath the Scout Group. The National Management Committee has proposed a Group Life document. In the design of these structures the Scout Group must take care not to disrupt the responsibility of the Scout Group Council as Charity Trustees. Such would not only pose legal risks for the members of the Scout Group Council but would also create risks for those involved in the body/ committee/ forum which the Scout Group created.

The document relating to Scout Group Life sets out options for sub committees, forums and teams that operate within the Scout Group. Scout Groups have to choose for themselves the option that suits them in order for Group Life to work effectively. There is flexibility within these options for the Group itself to make choices that best suit its own circumstances. It is certain that the structure of the Scout Group cannot remain as it is. That creates legal risk for all involved. The proposed structure is minimalist in terms of change and permits a significant degree of flexibility until the process of designing a new management structure which Scout Groups feel can be effective in meeting their new legal responsibilities and effective in their delivery of youth programme to the youth members in their charge.

Appendix B – Other Companies

Trust Companies (The Scout Foundation, Scout Association of Ireland Trust Corporation Limited, Scouting Trust Property Limited)

Articles 41 j. and 53 are being amended to reflect the fact that there are currently 3 Trust Companies and not The Scout Foundation alone.

Articles 41 k. and 55 of the Constitution provided for the inclusion on the agenda of the National Council of the appointment of members and directors to The Scout Foundation. Legally this was incorrect. It is not legally possible for Scouting Ireland to appoint members and directors to the Company but since 2004 it has been interpreted by all concerned that Scouting Ireland would nominate individuals for appointment by The Scout Foundation. The Scout Foundation (and indeed all of the Trust Companies are) is a company limited by guarantee. Currently the same individuals serve as members of the company and directors of the company. Following a governance review of the Trust Companies (including The Scout Foundation) the Boards of the Trust Companies concluded that it would be preferable to create a distinction between the members of the company and the directors of the Company. The members of the Company would attend the Annual General Meetings of the Trust Companies, approve the Annual Reports and appoint Directors to the Board. While the role of the member is important it is invariably not time consuming (meetings of the AGM of the Trust Companies rarely last more than 10 minutes!). A mechanism for the generation of members of the Trust Companies had to be devised. It was resolved that the members of the Company would be individuals who had served full terms as National Officers or members of the National Team for Policy Implementation and Co-ordination. Such a mechanism would generate new members automatically while ensuring that these new members were individuals who had been elected by the National Council to high office in Scouting Ireland. The proposal was considered by the National Management Committee who agreed that the governance change was in accordance with best practice and best served the interests of the Association in the Trust Companies. Accordingly the National Management Committee proposes the amendment to the Constitution to reflect the changes which have already been implemented by the Trust Companies to ensure that the Constitution accurately reflects what exists.

Article 54 of the Constitution is proposed to be deleted as it is a statement of fact only. It is superfluous and the National Management Committee proposes its deletion as part of a programme to tidy up the Constitution.

Irish Scouting Foundation

Further to a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irish Scouting Fellowship on 18th August (Minutes attached) the Board resolved to recommend that the Company be wound down in an orderly manner. The reason for this is that the Company remains inactive, and that Scouting Ireland Services can be used for fundraising initiatives, and has been granted permission by Revenue to operate the Donations scheme under the provisions of Section 848A and Schedule 26A Taxes Consolidation Act (TCA) 1997. The Board also noted that Revenue has written to the Company on 3 separate occasions in relation to the charitable tax exemption it enjoys, and noted that it would seek an update in relation to its activities in October 2016. The Board feel that there is a potential for reputational damage to Scouting Ireland if Revenue rescind the charitable tax exemption for this Company.

The Board have requested the NMC to consider the implications from a Scouting Ireland perspective. The Board noted that it would appear from Scouting Ireland's Rule 179 that the Company must remain in existence, and the Board are seeking clarification in relation to this, and if so what advise Scouting Ireland can provide so that the Company can be wound down.



1. The Meeting of National Council will be held in accordance with the Constitution and Rules and these Standing Orders

2. Chairperson of National Council will be in accordance with the Constitution and Rules

3. Adoption of Standing Orders

- 3.1. Standing Orders should be proposed at the start of National Council by a member of the National Management Committee and shall be adopted by a simple majority of members present and voting.
- 3.2. In the event of the proposed Standing Orders not being adopted, the Standing Orders adopted for the previous meeting of the National Council shall be deemed to be adopted.
- 3.3. Amendments to the proposed Standing Orders may be proposed and seconded by any member of National Council except those who are members of the National Management Committee. Amendments can only be proposed at the start of the meeting. Any changes shall be adopted by a simple majority.

4. Rules of Debate

- 4.1. Each member on commencing to speak shall announce his or her name and the name of the body that appointed him or her. Members shall address the Chair.
- 4.2. A motion may be proposed only by a delegate of the body that submitted it.
- 4.3. The proposer of a motion shall have the right to speak before all other speakers on that motion and will be allowed rebuttal once all speakers have finished. Speakers will not be allowed further comment unless on a point of order and with the permission of the Chair.
- 4.4. The Chair may limit the number of speakers on any motion.
- 4.5. A member who persists in irrelevance or repetition in debate or who, in the opinion of the Chair, is speaking for the purpose of obstructing business may be directed by the Chair to discontinue his or her speech.
- 4.6. In the event of an amendment to a motion being proposed, the voting on such, shall take place before the voting on the substantive motion to which the amendment relates.
- 4.7. If a motion to proceed to the next business is proposed, the proposer of the motion under debate shall have the right to speak briefly in opposition thereto and the motion must then be put. If the motion is carried, the debate on the original motion shall be



abandoned and the meeting shall proceed to the next business on the agenda. If the motion is lost, the debate on the original motion shall be resumed.

- 4.8. A motion that the question be now put must be proposed, seconded and decided without debate. If the motion is carried, the original motion shall be put and decided without further debate other than, at the discretion of the Chair, a brief reply by the proposer of the original motion. If the motion is lost, the debate on the original motion shall be resumed.
- 4.9. The Chair must not accept a motion if it appears to him or her that the motion is an infringement of the rights of a minority or that the motion is otherwise an abuse of these Standing Orders.
- 4.10. After the proposer has been called upon to conclude the debate, or does not claim the right to speak again, no further discussion shall take place on a motion or amendment and the Chair shall call for a vote.
- 4.11. The decision of the Chair, in all matters, shall be final.

5. Suspension of Standing Orders

- 5.1. Standing Orders may be suspended or modified in effect for a particular purpose by motion proposed and seconded by any member and passed with the support of a simple majority of the members present and voting. No proposal to amend or repeal the Constitution or to suspend or modify the effect of this Order may be proposed by way of a motion under this section.
- 5.2. The time for which suspension is required is specified within the motion.

6. Voting Procedures

- 6.1. No Scout or Scouter is to engage in any sort of canvassing/ lobbying or trying to persuade other members to vote for or against any particular candidate inside or in the precincts of the venue of National Council.
- 6.2. Voting in elections to be held at National Council shall not open until at least 30 minutes **after** the start of the meeting. The announcement of the opening of the ballot boxes will be made by the Chairperson of the meeting.
- 6.3. Whenever a change occurs in relation to the situation of candidates for election, a statement clarifying the situation will be made to National Council after the meeting has opened and before voting commences.
- 6.4. A candidates name can be removed from the ballot paper up to 72 hours before the start of a National Council Meeting. A withdrawal notified after that time will result in the name of the candidate remaining on the ballot paper, however, an announcement or a statement from a candidate may be read out at the start of the National Council Meeting stating that they don't want their name considered in the voting. This statement must be with lodged



the National Secretary at least 18 hours prior to the start of National Council and must be signed by the candidate themselves.

- 6.5. All votes for the election of positions are held by secret ballot
- 6.6. The Chief Teller is appointed by National Council having been nominated by the National Secretary. He or she shall be assisted by persons approved by the National Council to stand appointed as Assistant Tellers
- 6.7. When the count is complete the Chief Teller puts the result of each election into a separate sealed envelope and hands this directly to the Elections Officer to be conveyed to the National Secretary for the announcement of the election results.
- 6.8. All Candidates for election are allowed to appoint an observer to be present in the Count Room to observe the count. They have no right to comment or address the Chief Teller they are there solely as observers. The name of the Scout or Scouter the Candidate wishes to act as their observer must be given in writing to the National Secretary at least 7 days prior to National Council Meeting. No observer will be allowed to enter the Count Room unless their name is on the list provided to the Chief Teller.
- 6.9. All candidates are entitled to see the results of the election.
- 6.10. In the interest of fairness to each candidate seeking election, they will be invited to join the Chief Teller and/or the Elections Officer in a private area 15 minutes before the election results are announced to the National Council. They will be given the result of the election in which they were a candidate to allow them to compose themselves before the result is announced to the National Council. The elections officer will invite the candidates to rejoin the meeting at which time the results of their particular election in which they were a candidate will be announced.
- 6.11. All members of the National Council are entitled to one vote. All voting shall be by open show of voting cards except where:
 - An election for any Appointment (except for the appointment of honorary vice president's) by the National Council takes place; or
 - A proposal from the floor to hold a secret ballot is accepted by at least one third of those members present and voting.
- 6.12. All elections, save where there is one candidate for a position, shall be by proportional representation by single transferable vote. Where there is only one candidate seeking election, the candidate shall only be deemed elected if they receive fifty percent plus one vote of the votes cast. The votes cast shall include any spoiled votes cast.
- 6.13. In the event of an equality of votes the Chair shall have a casting vote whether or not the Chairperson exercised an original vote. Motions shall be passed by a simple majority save where otherwise provided for in the Constitution and Rules.
- 6.14. During the voting on Motions members are asked to stay in the same place until the Chairperson declares a result. Once a vote has been called, no one is permitted to enter or exit from the meeting room until the Chair declares a result.



7. Counting of votes

- 7.1. The Chief Teller is appointed by National Council having been nominated by the National Secretary. He or she shall be assisted by persons approved by the National Council to stand appointed as Assistant Tellers.
- 7.2. It shall be the duty of the Chief Teller to arrange for the counting and recording of the votes on every occasion on which a division is taken. His or her decision as to the numbers recorded on any vote shall be final save that, where two or more tellers disagree on a vote, the Chair may order a recount of that vote.
- 7.3. No person who is a candidate in any election at the National Council shall be appointed a Chief or Assistant Teller.

8. Election Results

- 8.1. The results of all elections are announced as soon as the Chief Scout's closing address is completed.
- 8.2. Any member of the National Management Committee who is a candidate for election for any position or whose term of office has finished shall vacate the podium in advance of the election results being announced.
- 8.3. All candidates who took part in the election are entitled to see the results of the election count.
- 8.4. Election results will be published on the Scouting Ireland website within thirty (30) days of the results being announced.

9. Conclusion of the Meeting

- 9.1. The meeting shall be formally closed by the Chair.

THE SCOUT FOUNDATION

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND TRUST CORPORATION LIMITED

SCOTING TRUST PROPERTY LIMITED

(ALL COMPANIES LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)

ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

OFFICERS AND OTHER INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Annette Byrne
Jimmy Cunningham
Michael Devins
Mark E Doyle, Chairman
Peter Garrad
Charles McGuinness
Mark O'Callaghan
John Reid
Michael John Shinnick (deceased 10th April 2016, R.I.P.)
Niall Walsh

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SUMMARY DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of each company is to act as a vehicle to hold property in trust for Scouting.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of the Company met on 7 occasions: 7th October 2015, 12th November 2015, 27th January 2016, 4th May 2016, 25th May 2016, 29th June 2016, and 27th July 2016.

The directors agreed to the vesting of properties and other transactions, as trustee, on behalf of the beneficiaries as was requested and required to facilitate the acquisition, holding and management of properties held in trust by the companies. A number of Scout Groups availed of the services of the companies throughout the year.

ACCOUNTS

Accounts for the Company are prepared annually and audited. The Company does not trade on its own account and receives no income or incurs no expenditure. It relies on Scouting Ireland in that regard. The audited accounts for each company are available and attached hereto.

SPECIAL MATTER

As a result of a decision by Scouting Ireland that each Scout Group would register separately as a Charitable Organisation or Charity with the CRA or the CCNI as appropriate the Board of the Company is preparing a brief for a legal opinion on any possible consequences, adverse or otherwise for the Company.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

**COMPANIES ACT 1963 TO 2009
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
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**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
SCOUTING IRELAND SERVICES
(AS AMENDED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2015)**

1. The name of the company ('the Association') is Scouting Ireland Services.
2. The main object for which the Association is established is to encourage the physical, intellectual, character, emotional, social, and spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and, as responsible citizens, to improve society.
3. In furtherance of the main object but not otherwise the Association shall have power:
 - a. to undertake any activities as will assist it in achieving its aim in encouraging the development of young people and promoting the development of young people to others;
 - b. to purchase, take on, lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real, leasehold or personal estate which may appear convenient;
 - c. to construct, maintain, manage and alter any halls, campsites, buildings, equipment or installations;
 - d. to receive donations, contributions, grants, subscriptions and bequests, to accept any gift of property, whether subject to any special trust or not, for any purpose within the main principal object;
 - e. to enter into any contracts or establish and maintain links or other arrangements with and make submissions to any Governments, State Agencies or Authorities, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise or take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise as may seem expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds or property, real or personal, of the Association that may seem conducive to the attainment of the Association's main object or any of them;
 - f. to print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets and engage in any publicity for the purposes of fostering the objects of the Association;
 - g. to promote, commence or oppose any proceedings or applications as may seem necessary directly or indirectly to advance or prejudice the interests of the Association;
 - h. to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Association;
 - i. to borrow and raise money and secure its repayment in any manner and to give guarantees for persons, companies, or other associations or bodies where such is in furtherance of the main object of the Association;
 - j. to invest the funds of the Association in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit. Prior permission to be obtained from the

Revenue Commissioners where it is intended to accumulate funds for a period in excess of two (2) years;

- k. to employ such personnel as the Association may think desirable or necessary for the furtherance of its main object;
 - l. to accept, undertake and execute any trusts or any agency business which may seem conducive to its main object;
 - m. to subscribe to any local or other charities, and to grant donations for any public purpose or to enter into any arrangement for co-operation or reciprocal concession with any person, local authority, company, body or association, for the purpose of advancing, directly or indirectly, any main object of or any business carried on or intended to be carried on by the Association;
 - n. to establish and support, and to aid in the establishment and support any other association formed to promote its main object;
 - o. to amalgamate with any companies, institutions, societies or associations having main object wholly or in part similar to those of the Association;
 - p. to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any body with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate;
 - q. to transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Association to any body with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate;
 - r. to devise, adopt, amend and suspend such rules and regulations as may be required for the efficient organization of the activities of the Association and its members;
 - s. to do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the pursuit to the attainment of its main object.
4. The income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its main objects as set forth in this Memorandum of Association. No portion of the Company's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Company. No Director shall be appointed to any office of the Company paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Company. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the company of:
- a. reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the company (not being a Director) for any services rendered to the Company;
 - b. interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by Directors or other members of the Company to the Company;
 - c. reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the company (including any Director) to the company;
 - d. reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any Director in connection with attendance at any matter affecting the Company;
 - e. fees, remuneration or other benefit in money's worth to any Company of which a Director may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company.
5. The Association is a voluntary, unincorporated, non-formal educational movement for young people. It is independent, non-political, open to all without distinction of origin, race, creed, gender sexual orientation or ability, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by the Founder, Robert Baden-Powell and as stated by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

6. The Association achieves its aim through a of progressive self education, known as the Scout Method, the principal elements of which are:

- Voluntary membership of a group which, guided by adults, is increasingly self-governing in its successive age groups.
- Commitment to a code of living as expressed in the Promise & Law, the meaning of which is expanded as the member grows towards maturity.
- The provision of a wide range of attractive, constructive and challenging activities, including opportunities for adventure and exploration both indoors and outdoors.
- The provision of opportunities for leadership and responsibility.
- Learning by doing.
- Encouragement of activity in small groups.
- An award scheme, which encourages participation in its full range of activities and provides recognition of individual and group achievements.
- Symbolic Framework

7. The principles of the Association are enshrined in the Scout Promise and the Scout Law and they include:

- Adherence to spiritual principles, loyalty to the faith that expresses them and acceptance of the duties resulting therefrom.
- Loyalty to one's community in harmony with the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation.
- Responsibility for the development of one's self.
- Participation in the development of society with recognition and respect for the dignity of one's fellow beings and for the integrity of the natural world.
- Use of a method of progressive self-education, known as the Scout Method, comprising programmes adapted to the various age groups.

8. **The Scout Promise:**

On my honour I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God, to serve my community, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.

Gealltanais na nGasóg:

Geallaim ar m'ónóir go ndéanfaidh mé mo dhícheall, mo dhualgas do Dhia a chomhlíonadh, fónamh a dhéanamh do mo phobal, cabhrú le daoine eile agus Dlí na nGasóg a choimeád

OR the following variation

On my honour I promise that I will do my best to further my understanding and acceptance of a Spiritual Reality, to serve my community, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.

Geallaim ar m'ónóir go ndéanfaidh mé mo dhícheall, mo thuiscint agus mo ghlacadh den Réaltacht Spioradálta a chur chun cinn, fónamh a dhéanamh do mo phobal, cabhrú le daoine eile agus Dlí na nGasóg a choimeád.

OR the following variation

On my honour I promise to do my best, to uphold our Scout Principles, to serve my community, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.

Geallaim ar m'fhocal agus ar m'fhírinne, go ndéanfaidh mé mo dhícheall ár bprionsabail Gasóg a chaomhnú, fónamh a dhéanamh do mo phobal, cabhrú le daoine eile agus seasamh le Dlí na nGasóg.

9. The Scout Law:

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is helpful and considerate to all.
4. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
5. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and possession.
6. A Scout has respect for self and others.
7. A Scout respects nature and the environment

Dlí na nGasóg:

1. Bíonn Gasóg iontaofa.
 2. Bíonn Gasóg dílis.
 3. Bíonn Gasóg cabhrach agus tuisceanach do chách.
 4. Bíonn misneach ag Gasóg i ngach deachracht.
 5. Baineann Gasóg leas as a c(h)uid ama agus tugann aire d'airí agus do mhaoín.
 6. Bíonn meas ag Gasóg air/ uirthi féin agus ar daoine eile.
 7. Bíonn meas ag Gasóg ar an dúlra agus ar an timpeallacht.
10. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Company there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main object(s) of the Company and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as imposed on the company under or by virtue of Clause 4 hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Company at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object
11. The liability of members is limited.
12. No amendments of any kind shall be made to the provisions of clauses 4 and 10 of the Memorandum of Association and no amendments shall be made to the Memorandum and Articles of Association to such extent that would alter the effect of clauses 4 and 10 of the Memorandum of Association, such that there would be non-compliance with the requirements of Section 24(1) (a) and (b) of the Companies Act 1963.
13. Annual audited accounts shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.
14. Any amendments to this Memorandum of Association shall require approval of two-thirds majority of the members of the National Council present and voting at the Annual General

Meeting of Scouting Ireland or at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Council of Scouting Ireland. No amendment to this Memorandum of Association shall be made by the National Council otherwise than on Notice of Motion duly given and accepted by a simple majority at the meeting of the National Council immediately prior to the meeting at which the Motion is to be moved.

15. No alteration may be made to Clauses 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 inclusive without the written consent of the World Scout Committee.
16. Each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association in the event of its being wound up while it is a member or within one year thereafter for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the cost, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories between themselves, such amount as may be required and not exceeding €1.

WE, the persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, wish to be formed into a company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association

NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBSCRIBERS

Martin Burbridge, Accountant of Westward, Derryvarogue, Donadea, Naas.
Mark O'Callaghan, Solicitor, of 11, The Brambles, Pembroke Wood, Passage West.
Niall Walsh, Accountant of 213 Barton Road East, Dundrum Dublin 16.
Brendan McNicholas, Fire Officer, of 9 Brookwood Road, Artane Dublin 5.
Kiernan Gildea, Civil Servant, of 28 Temple Court, Palatine Square, Dublin 7.
Peter Kehoe, Priest, of The Carmelite Priory, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny.
Christy McCann, Building Contractor, of Burrow Road, Portrane, Co. Dublin.
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Julie Malone, Home Maker, of 23 Corrovorrin Grove, Ennis, Co. Clare.
Joe Marken, Community Services Supervisor, of 8 Glen Easton Drive, Lexlip, Co. Kildare.
Michael J Shinnick, Company Director, of Moneen, Glanworth, Co. Cork.
Derrick Watson, National Sales Manager, of Ballymacaw, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford.
Paul Falvey, Clerk of Works, of Forest Park, Brookhill, Glanmire, Co. Cork.
Ann Geraldine Foley, Marketing Executive, of 15 Albert College Drive, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.
Orla McCarthy, Teacher, of 4 Selskar Court, Skeries, Co. Dublin.
John Maher, Student, of 30 Brandon Crescent, Dillons Cross, Cork.
Amanda Merriman, Teacher of 18 Harbour View, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
Pat Murphy, Company Director, of 33 Blenheim Heights, Waterford, Co. Waterford.
Garrett Flynn, Marketing Manager, of 1 Ardmore Drive, City West, Dublin 24

Witnessed By:

Eamonn Lynch
Chief Executive Officer
5, Old Rectory Park,
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Dundrum
Dublin 14

Date: 13/11/04

**COMPANIES ACTS, 1963 TO 2009
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
AND NOT HAVING A SHARE
CAPITAL**

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF
SCOUTING IRELAND
(AS AMENDED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION ON 16th April 2016)**

DEFINITIONS:

1. In these Articles:

"Constitution" mean the Memorandum of Association of the Company and Part A of the Articles of Association of the Company.

"Constitution and Rules" means the Memorandum of Association and these Articles of Association of the Company together.

"Member" means an individual who wishes to promote the main object of the Company-Scouting Ireland and has been registered as a member in accordance with the Rules but who is not entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Company unless he/she is also a member of the National Council.

"National Council" means the body comprising the members of the Company for the time being and further defined herein.

"Rules" means Part B of these Articles of Association of the Company.

"Scouting Ireland" means the Association as defined in the Memorandum of Association or the Company-Scouting Ireland.

PART A

AMENDMENTS

2. Any amendments to this Constitution shall require approval of two- thirds majority of the members of the National Council present and voting at the Annual General Meeting of Scouting Ireland or at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Council of Scouting Ireland. No amendment to this Constitution shall be made by the National Council otherwise than on Notice of Motion duly given and accepted by a simple majority at the meeting of the National Council immediately prior to the meeting at which the Motion is to be moved.
3. No alteration may be made to Article 5 without the written consent of the World Scout Committee.

INTERPRETATION

4. The detail on or clarification of any matter referred to in this Constitution shall be contained in the Rules. In the event of any conflict between this Constitution and the Rules of Scouting Ireland, this Constitution shall prevail.

THE SCOUT PROMISE

5. The National Management Committee may, where appropriate, allow the use of different forms of the Scout Promise and different forms of the Scout Law to suit different age ranges and faiths provided any such adaptation is in accordance with the policy of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement and is approved by the World Scout Committee.

GENERAL

6. Scouting Ireland recognises the safety and welfare of its members and leaders as a foremost priority.
7. Scouting Ireland shall make the Principles and Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child widely known, by appropriate and active means, to adults and youth members.
8. The members of Scouting Ireland wear a uniform.
9. The motto of Scouting Ireland is 'Bi Ullamh' or 'Be Prepared'.
10. The emblem of Scouting Ireland shall be used in accordance with the Rules.
11. The flag of Scouting Ireland shall be used in accordance with the Rules.

INTERNATIONAL

12. Scouting Ireland is a member of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

MEMBERSHIP & APPOINTMENTS

13. Scouting Ireland shall have the following categories of members:
 - i. Scouts;
 - ii. Scouters;
 - iii. Honorary Scouters
 - iv. Associate members;
 - v. Honorary Life members.
14. An Honorary Scouter is an adult member who wishes to be associated with the work of the Association who is retiring from an Appointment or Position and who will no longer deliver the Youth Programme of Scouting Ireland or hold an Appointment or Position in Scouting Ireland.
15. A Scout is a uniformed youth member who receives the Youth Programme of Scouting Ireland. All Scouts make the commitment of the Scout Promise.

16. A Scouter is a uniformed adult member who delivers the Youth Programme of Scouting Ireland or who holds an Appointment. All Scouters make the commitment of the Scout Promise.
17. An Associate member is an adult who wishes to be associated with the work of the Association, for example as a supporter, parent, representative of a sponsoring authority, treasurer, secretary or adviser. An Associate member does not wear a uniform and is not required to make the commitment of the Scout Promise.
18. An Honorary Life Member is an individual whom the National Council has recognised as having given exceptional support to the Association. An Honorary Life member is not required to make the commitment of the Scout Promise.
19. Registration of membership and Termination of membership shall be in accordance with the Rules
20. The Appointments and Positions in Scouting Ireland are established in accordance with the Constitution and Rules. Where a person is appointed or elected to an appointment or position within Scouting Ireland their term of office shall be deemed to commence either on the date of nomination, in the case of an appointment, or in the case of an election it shall commence at the end of the Annual General Meeting at which a person is elected to the appointment or position by the particular body and shall expire at the end of the Annual General meeting of the particular body either in the following year or the third year after election as applicable to the particular appointment or position subject to the incumbent continuing to hold office until his/her successor is nominated for or elected to office.
21. Any Appointments or Positions made are subject to the right of Scouting Ireland to have such Appointments cancelled, withdrawn or suspended as necessary.
22. Any member dissatisfied with a decision to cancel, withdraw or suspend his or her Appointment or Position may appeal such cancellation, withdrawal or suspension in accordance with the procedures set out in the Rules.

ORGANISATION

23. Scouting Ireland is organised on the following basis:

- i. Scout Groups
- ii. Scout Counties
- iii. Scout Provinces
- iv. National

THE SCOUT GROUP

24. The Scout Group is the local and primary level of organisation in Scouting Ireland.
25. The Scout Group is registered in accordance with the Rules. The National Management Committee may suspend or cancel the registration of a Scout Group where a Scout Group fails to comply with the Constitution and Rules of the Association.

26. The Scout Group consists of any number of Programme Sections and is administered by the Scout Group Council, whose membership; functions and responsibilities are set out in the Rules.
27. Programme Sections operate youth programme(s) developed by Scouting Ireland for appropriate age ranges.

SCOUT COUNTY & PROVINCIAL ORGANISATION

28. A Scout County comprises of a number of Scout Groups and is supported by a Scout County Board and administered by the Scout County Management Committee. The National Management Committee determines the geographical boundary of each Scout County.
29. The Scout County Management Committee shall convene meetings (including the Annual General Meeting) of the Scout County Board to which the Scout County Management Committee shall report.
30. A Scout Province comprises of a number of Scout Counties and is supported by the Provincial Management / Support Team. The National Management Committee determines the geographical boundaries of the Scout Province.

NATIONAL ORGANISATION – NATIONAL COUNCIL

31. The National Council is the governing authority of Scouting Ireland and shall exercise all powers conferred on it by the Constitution.
32. The National Council meets at least once each year at the Annual General Meeting of Scouting Ireland.
33. Other meetings of the National Council are called by the National Secretary when the National Secretary receives a request in writing which clearly states the business to be considered by any one of the following:
 - i. The National Management Committee
 - ii. Five Scout County Boards
 - iii. Ten Scout County Management Committees
 - iv. Ten Scout County Youth Fora but subject to the Rules
 - v. Thirty-five Scout Group Councils
34. Notice of all meetings of the National Council is in accordance with the Rules.
35. The quorum for meetings of the National Council other than the Annual General Meeting of Scouting Ireland is 100 members. In the absence of the required quorum the Chairperson dissolves the meeting.
36. The members of the National Council are:
 - (a) Chief Scout (Chairperson)
 - (b) All other members of the National Management Committee
 - (c) The Honorary Vice-Presidents
 - (d) The Programme Commissioners

- (e) The Training Commissioner
- (f) The County Commissioners, County Officers, two representatives from the Scout County Youth Forum for;
 - (i) Scouts,
 - (ii) Venture Scouts and
 - (iii) Rover Scouts
- (g) Four delegates nominated by the Scout Group Council of each registered Scout Group, at least one of whom must be a registered Scout.
- (h) Nine representatives of;
 - (i) the National Youth Forum for Scouts;
 - (ii) the National Youth Forum for Venture Scouts and
 - (iii) the National Youth Forum for Rover Scouts.

37. Each member of the National Council shall have one vote.

38. The Chief Scout is the Chairperson of the National Council. When the Chief Scout is not chairing the meeting of the National Council a Chief Commissioner shall assume the chair.

NATIONAL ORGANISATION – THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

39. The agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the National Council of Scouting Ireland shall include:

- i. The appointment of Tellers
- ii. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting
- iii. To adopt the Annual Report
- iv. The Audited Accounts of Scouting Ireland to be laid before the National Council
- v. The Reading of the Report of the Independent Auditors
- vi. The appointment of Auditors
- vii. To elect the Chief Scout, Chief Commissioners, National Secretary, National Treasurer as and when necessary
- viii. To elect such other members of the National Management Committee nominated in accordance with the Rules as required
- ix. To elect Honorary Vice-Presidents
- x. To receive the Annual Report of the Scout Foundation
- xi. To appoint members and directors to the Scout Foundation where nominated by a Scout Group Council, Scout County Board or the National Management Committee.
- xii. To consider any matters referred to it by the National Management Committee
- xiii. To consider any other proposals submitted in writing to the National Secretary not less than six weeks before the date of the meeting or otherwise in accordance with the Rules, by or on behalf of any Scout Group Council, Scout County Board, or any of the National Youth Fora.
- xiv. To confer the title of Honorary Life Member on such individuals nominated by any Scout Group Council, any Scout County Board or by the National Management Committee.
- xv. To exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution or the Rules.

40. Youth Fora shall be established in accordance with the Rules.

41. The Honorary Vice-Presidents are elected by the National Council by a simple majority for a term of one year on the nomination of the National Management Committee.

NATIONAL ORGANISATION –THE NATIONAL MANAGEMNT COMMITTEE

42. The National Management Committee shall exercise all powers of the National Council during the periods between meetings of the National Council provided that it shall not be empowered to amend this Constitution or the Rules nor act in respect of any matters specifically reserved to the National Council.

43. The members of the National Management Committee are;

- i. The Chief Scout (Chairperson)
- ii. Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme)
- iii. Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources)
- iv. National Secretary
- v. National Treasurer
- vi. Chairperson (National Spiritual/Religious Advisory Panel)
- vii. Provincial Commissioners
- viii. International Commissioner
- ix. Communications Commissioner
- x. Six members of National Council elected in accordance with the Rules
- xi. Others in accordance with the Rules.

The Chief Executive Officer should attend meetings of the National Management Committee and has a right to contribute to the deliberations of the Committee.

44. The National Management Committee shall have the power to create sub-committees for such purposes and for such duration, as it deems necessary.

45. The National Management Committee shall have four standing committees as follows:

- i. The National Team for Policy Implementation and Co- ordination
- ii. The National Youth Programme Committee
- iii. The National Adult Resources Committee
- iv. The National Spiritual/Religious Advisory Panel

46. The Chief Scout is the President of Scouting Ireland and is elected by the National Council for a term of three years and is eligible for re-election for one further term of three years.

47. The Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme), Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources), National Secretary and National Treasurer are elected by the National Council for a term of three years and are eligible for re-election for one further term of three years.

48. A Scouter may be nominated for election as Chief Scout, Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme), Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources), National Secretary or National Treasurer by a Scout Group Council, a Scout County Board or by the National Management Committee.

49. The Appointment of Chief Scout, Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme), Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources), National Secretary or National Treasurer may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the National Council or it may be suspended by the National Management Committee pending a meeting of the National Council.

50. Where a vacancy occurs in the National Team for Policy Implementation and Co-ordination the National Management Committee shall be empowered to appoint a Scouter to the vacant position who shall hold such appointment until the next meeting of the National Council.

PROPERTY & FINANCE

51. Movable and immovable property of Scouting Ireland shall be vested in the Scout Foundation in accordance with the Rules.
52. The Company shall be registered in Ireland and shall be governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.
53. The members and directors of the Company shall comprise of the Chief Scout, National Secretary, National Treasurer and four other members of Scouting Ireland nominated by any of the following for appointment by the National Council: the National Management Committee, any Scout County Board or any Scout Group Council.
54. Before a Scout Group, Scout County or Scout Province is formally dissolved in accordance with the Rules, the Scout Group Council, the Scout County Management Committee or the Provincial Management / Support Team as appropriate must inform and seek instructions in relation to all property of any kind, including bank accounts, held or vested in or on behalf of a Scout Group, Scout County or Scout Province as applicable from, in the case of the Scout Group, the County Commissioner, in the case of the Scout County, the Provincial Commissioner and in the case of the Scout Province, the National Treasurer. The Scout Group Council, the Scout County Management Committee or the Provincial Management / Support Team as appropriate shall then take all steps as directed to deal with such property.
55. The Accounts of Scouting Ireland shall be audited annually by the Auditors appointed for that purpose by the National Council. The Audited Accounts shall be presented to the National Council.

THE SEAL

56. The seal of Scouting Ireland shall be used only by the Authority of the National Management Committee or of a sub-committee or Standing Committee of the National Management Committee authorised by it and every instrument to which the seal is fixed shall be signed by two members of the National Management Committee one of whom is the National Secretary or another member of the National Team for Policy Implementation and Coordination.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

57. The National Management Committee shall employ a Chief Executive Officer as a member of the professional staff of Scouting Ireland.
58. The National Management Committee:
- i. shall appoint such professional staff as it may deem necessary from time to time;
 - ii. has the power to dismiss professional staff as necessary;

- iii. defines the terms and conditions of service of professional staff.

These functions may be delegated to the National Secretary and the Chief Executive Officer acting jointly.

Part B

GENERAL

Uniform

- 59. The uniform of Scouting Ireland is determined by the National Council on the recommendation of the National Management Committee.

Mottos

- 60. The National Management Committee may authorise the use of additional mottoes in the Youth Programme produced by Scouting Ireland.

Emblem

- 61. The Emblem of Scouting Ireland is determined by the National Council on the recommendation of the National Management Committee. Voting on the emblem shall be conducted by proportional representation.
- 62. The Emblem of Scouting Ireland may be used as follows:
 - i. On official Letter headed paper of Scouting Ireland
 - ii. On the uniform of Scouting Ireland
 - iii. On membership badges of Scouting Ireland
 - iv. On any publication of Scouting Ireland
 - v. With the written permission of the National Secretary

Flag

- 63. The Flag of Scouting Ireland is determined by the National Council on the recommendation of the National Management Committee.
- 64. The Flag of Scouting Ireland may be used as follows:
 - i. By any Scout Group, Scout County or Scout Province at any meeting, camp or activity of Scouting Ireland;
 - ii. On other occasions authorised by the National Management Committee.
- 65. National Flags of all countries shall be respected and when used by members of Scouting Ireland should be accorded due honour and used in accordance with correct protocol.
- 66. Any flag designed for use by a Scout Group is subject to the approval of the Scout County Management Committee. Any flag designed for use by a Scout County is subject to the approval of the Scout County Management Committee.

The Scout Sign

67. The thumb on the nail of the little finger of the right hand, the other three fingers joined and extended palm to the front is the Scout Sign.
68. The Scout Sign is primarily used by a Scout or a Scouter in uniform during the making of the Scout Promise.

The Scout Salute

69. The Scout Salute is made by holding the fingers of the right hand as for the Scout Sign, bringing your hand smartly to your forehead, followed immediately by bringing it straight down to your side. Scouts and Scouters give the Scout Salute on the following occasions:
 - i. As a greeting to other Scouts and Scouters;
 - ii. As a greeting to members of other Scout and Guide associations;
 - iii. On public occasions when a National Flag is raised or when a National Anthem is played;
 - iv. When called to alert by a Scouter who salutes.

The Scout Handshake

70. Scouts and Scouters use the left handshake as a greeting to other Scouts and Scouters.

APPOINTMENTS

71. The National Council determines the age limit for a youth member of Scouting Ireland
72. An individual makes an application to be a youth member of Scouting Ireland by presenting him/herself to a Group Scouter or completing the appropriate application form and giving same to a Group Scouter. The Group Scouter takes the necessary details and if the application is successful adds the details to the Register maintained by the Scout Group.
73. The Group Leader forwards new additions to the Group Register of members to the National Secretary by adding the new members details to the Scouting Ireland Database within six weeks of addition of the new members details to the Group Register.
74. An individual makes an application to be an adult member of Scouting Ireland in accordance with the procedure approved by the National Management Committee.
75. The general minimum age requirement for an Appointment in Scouting Ireland is 18 years. The age requirement for the Programme Scouter Appointment must be greater than the maximum age for youth members in the relevant Programme Section.
76. The title of Honorary Membership is conferred in special recognition of the patronage, encouragement and support of an individual to Scouting Ireland.
77. An applicant for an Appointment must make a commitment to Training as set out in the Policies of Scouting Ireland as adopted by the National Management Committee

The Appointments of Scouting Ireland are:

Scout Group:	Group Scouter: Programme Scouters, Group Leader, Deputy Group Leader, Group Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain, Group Quartermaster / Bo'sun, Group Trainer.
Scout County:	County Commissioner, Deputy County Commissioner County Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain, County Programme Co-ordinator, County Training Co-ordinator,
Scout Province:	Provincial Commissioner, Provincial Training Co-ordinator, Provincial International Co-ordinator. Provincial Adult Resources Representative Provincial Youth Programme Representative Provincial Treasurer
National:	Programme Commissioner, Training Commissioner International Commissioner Communications Commissioner Camp Chief: National Campsite/Scout Centre Team Leader Campsites/Facilities National Secretary National Treasurer Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) Chief Scout

Other Positions in Scouting Ireland include:

Group Chairperson,
Group Secretary,
Group Treasurer,
County Chairperson,
County Secretary,
County Treasurer,
Provincial Secretary.
Members of the National Spiritual/ Religious Advisory Panel,
Officers of a Campsite Management Committee.

78. Holders of a National appointment under Article 78 may not hold more than one National Appointment at any one time.

79. A member registers each year by completing or being included in a Registration Form and forwarding the form with membership fees to the National Secretary.

80. Notwithstanding the specific provisions in these Rules all Appointments and/or Positions within Scouting Ireland may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the National Management Committee but excluding from its membership for such decision, the National Secretary (or the Chief Scout where the Appointment for consideration is that of the National Secretary).

80A. A Member by agreement may temporarily withdraw from any Appointment or Position they hold for an agreed period of time.

Termination of Membership

81. Membership of Scouting Ireland may be terminated;

- i. By expulsion
- ii. By resignation
- iii. By non-payment of membership fee
- iv. By failure to register as a member annually

82. The grounds for cancellation, withdrawal or suspension of an Appointment or Position include, inter alia, where the holder of the Appointment or Position fails to render satisfactory service to Scouting Ireland or becomes unfit to have charge of youth members.

83. An individual may be expelled from membership of Scouting Ireland on the grounds of misconduct or acts not in accordance with the Scout Promise or breach of any terms or conditions attaching to membership of Scouting Ireland. Expulsion should be by notice in writing to that member and served personally or to the last known postal address of the member. The notice should be signed on behalf of the National Management Committee.

Right to Appeal

84. Any member dissatisfied with a decision made to cancel, withdraw or suspend his or her Appointment or Position in Scouting Ireland or terminate his or her membership of Scouting Ireland may appeal such cancellation, withdrawal, suspension or termination, in writing to the National Secretary or in the case where the National Secretary is the appellant the Chief Scout within 21 days of notification of such cancellation, withdrawal, suspension or termination. The National Secretary will appoint an Appeals Committee consisting of a Commissioner and two other members of Scouting Ireland, one nominated by the appellant, the other nominated by the National Secretary. No member of the Appeals Committee should have a direct connection with the appellant. Such an Appeals Committee will not later than 21 days after its appointment commence such proceedings, as it deems necessary to allow it conduct such an appeal. The decisions of the Appeals Committee shall be final.

DISPUTES & ARBITRATION

Disputes

85. In the event of a dispute, every effort shall be made to settle the matter locally or by reference to the next level of organisation. The dispute should be brought to the attention of the Group Leader or to the appropriate Commissioner. In the event of a failure to reach a resolution the matter shall be referred to the National Management Committee. In the

event of a dispute, every effort shall be made to settle the matter locally. The dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Scouting Ireland's Conflict Resolution Policy. In the event of a failure to reach a resolution, the matter shall be referred to the National Management Committee.

Arbitration

86. After all procedures set out in these Rules for resolving disputes and differences have been exhausted, all disputes and differences whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the Constitution and Rules of Scouting Ireland are subject to the arbitration of a single Arbitrator who, failing agreement, shall be appointed by the President or Vice-President for the time being of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators under the rules of the Irish Branch of the said Institute. Each party shall bear its own costs and the costs of the Arbitrator shall be borne by the parties equally. In relation to all matters referred to arbitration under this Rule the right to appeal is hereby excluded.

ORGANISATION – LOCAL LEVEL

The Scout Group

First Registration of a Scout Group

87. A Scout Group must be registered before it commences Scouting.
88. An application for first registration is made by a member on behalf of the proposed Scout Group Council to the County Commissioner.
89. The County Commissioner may accept the application subject to the policies set down by the National Management Committee including the undertaking of the appropriate Leader Training, as the County Commissioner deems appropriate.
90. The County Commissioner may make temporary Group Appointments as required. Such temporary Group Appointments are, when issued, valid for a maximum period of three months and expire once the holder's application for a Group Appointment is approved.
91. Members holding temporary Group Appointments may form the Scout Group Council and be members of the Scout Group Council while they hold such temporary Group Appointments.

First Registration of a Programme Section

92. Each Programme Section must be registered before it commences Scouting.
93. The Scout Group Council makes an application for the first registration of a Programme Section to the County Commissioner.
94. No application for the first registration of a Programme Section will be accepted unless the application fulfils the conditions required for application and is made by a Group Scouter on behalf of the Scout Group Council or by a member of Scouting Ireland holding a temporary Group Appointment on behalf of the Scout Group Council.

Annual Registration of a Scout Group and its Programme Section(s)

95. A Scout Group registers each year by completing the annual registration Form and forwarding same together with the appropriate registration fees to the National Secretary. Where a Group fails to complete the registration process and pay the annual fees in accordance with the procedures set down by the National Management Committee, the National Management Committee may suspend or cancel the registration of the Scout Group or take other reasonable steps to ensure compliance of the procedures.

Closure of a Scout Group

96. In the event that a Scout Group is unable to continue in operation or where the Scout Group materially contravenes the Constitution or Rules of Scouting Ireland the National management Committee may close the Scout Group.

Closure of a Programme Section

97. The Group Leader or, in the absence of a Group Leader, the Scout Group Council must notify the County Commissioner of the closure of a Programme Section.

The Scout Group Council

98. The Scout Group Council is responsible for the administration and support of Scouting in the Scout Group.

99. The Scout Group Council shall hold an Annual General Meeting.

100. The Scout Group Council shall meet at least four times a year including the Annual General Meeting of the Scout Group Council.

101. The functions of the Scout Group Council are, inter alia:

- i. To plan and co-ordinate all activities of the Scout Group.
- ii. To control and allocate finance and maintain proper accounts.
- iii. To ensure that the Programme Sections operate the Youth Programme in accordance with the Aim, Principles and Method of Scouting Ireland.
- iv. To implement the Youth & Adult Involvement Policy of Scouting Ireland.
- v. To provide support to the Group Scouters in the delivery of the Youth Programme within the Programme Section.
- vi. To consider and approve nominations and proposals for submission to the Scout County Board, the Scout County Management Committee and the National Council, as appropriate.
- vii. To facilitate the training of all Group Scouters.
- viii. To recruit suitable individuals to membership of Scouting Ireland and make nominations for appointment as Group Scouters.
- ix. To form a Parents & Friends Support Group.
- x. To co-ordinate a social programme for adult members as desired.

The Annual General Meeting of the Scout Group Council

102. The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Scout Group Council shall include the following:

- i. The approval of the report of the Group Leader,
- ii. The approval of the report of the Group Secretary,
- iii. The approval of the accounts prepared by the Group Treasurer,
- iv. The approval of the report of the Group Quartermaster / Bo'sun,
- v. The appointment of the Group Chairperson, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, the Group Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain and the Group Quartermaster / Bo'sun,
- vi. When necessary the nomination of the Group Leader and the Deputy Group Leader(s).

Meetings of the Scout Group Council

103. The Scout Group Council will agree a set of Standing Orders.

104. Every member of the Scout Group Council shall have one vote. The chairperson holds a casting vote.

Membership of the Scout Group Council

105. The members of the Scout Group Council shall include:

- i. The Group Leader;
- ii. Deputy Group Leader(s);
- iii. Up to three Programme Scouters from the Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts and three members elected by the Rover Scouts;
- iv. The Group Chairperson;
- v. The Group Secretary;
- vi. The Group Treasurer;
- vii. Group Spiritual/Religious Advisors/Chaplains;
- viii. The Group Quartermaster / Bo'sun;
- ix. Up to three other members of Scouting Ireland co-opted by the Group Council annually for purposes agreed by the Scout Group Council;
- x. Up to three other representatives of the Parents & Friends Support Group, who are members of Scouting Ireland, subject to the approval of the Scout Group Council.
- xi. The Group Trainer.
- xii. A representative from the Scout Section.
- xiii. A representative from the Venture Scout Section.
- xiv. A representative from the Rover Scout Section.

Group Scouters may attend meetings of the Scout Group Council. Other persons may attend meetings of the Scout Group Council subject to the approval of the Scout Group Council.

Group Scouters

106. The following individual Appointments are collectively known as Group Scouters:

- i. The Group Leader;
- ii. Deputy Group Leader;

- iii. Programme Scouter.
- iv. Group Trainer

The Group Leader

107. The Group Leader is a Scouter nominated by the Scout Group Council, recommended by the County Commissioner and appointed by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee for a term of three years and is eligible for reappointment by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee upon the nomination of the Scout Group Council and recommendation of the County Commissioner for one further term of three years. On the expiry of the second three year term, the Group Leader may be reappointed by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee for subsequent one year terms subject to the approval of the Scout Group Council and the County Commissioner.

108. [Deleted 18th April 2015]

109. The Appointment of Group Leader may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee on the recommendation of the Scout Group Council or the County Commissioner or where the Group Leader fails to undertake the relevant Group Leader Training as set out by the National Adult Resources Committee.

110. The duties and functions of the Group Leader include:

- i. To ensure that the Scout Group Council, the Programme Sections and the Group meets it's responsibilities to Scouting in the community;
- ii. To manage the Group resources;
- iii. To ensure that the Group meets its responsibilities to Scouting Ireland and carries out it's functions as set out in these Rules and in accordance with the Constitution;
- iv. To represent the Scout Group Council at meetings of the Scout County Management Committee;
- v. To co-ordinate and support the Youth Programme in operation by the Programme sections to achieve a continuity in the youth programme offered by the Scout Group;
- vi. To approve the nomination by the Scout Group Council of Programme Scouters for appointment by the County Commissioner.

The Deputy Group Leader

111. A Deputy Group Leader is a Scouter nominated by the Scout Group Council, recommended by the County Commissioner and appointed by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee.

112. The Deputy Group Leader holds his/her Appointment concurrently with the Group Leader in office at the time of Appointment.

111A. The Appointment of Deputy Group Leader may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee on the recommendation of the Scout Group Council or the County Commissioner

or where the Deputy Group Leader fails to undertake the relevant training as set out by the National Adult Resources Committee.

113. The Deputy Group Leader assists a Group Leader in carrying out the duties and functions of a Group Leader in addition to any other duties and functions as directed by the Scout Group Council.

114. The Group Trainer holds his/her Appointment concurrently with the Group Leader in office at the time of Appointment

Programme Scouters

115. Programme Scouters are Scouters nominated by the Scout Group Council, approved by the Group Leader and appointed by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee.

116. The name of the part of the Youth Programme, which the Scouter delivers, will appear on the Appointment.

117. Any change of Appointment of a Group Scouter from one Programme Section to another or from the role of Deputy Group Leader or Group Trainer is subject to the approval of the Group Leader.

118. The County Commissioner may cancel, withdraw or suspend the Appointment of Programme Scouter from a Scouter either on the recommendation of the Group Leader or otherwise.

The Group Chairperson, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer and the Group Quartermaster / Bo'sun

119. The Scout Group Council appoints the Group Chairperson, the Group Secretary, the Group Treasurer, the Group Quartermaster / Group Bo'sun.

120. The Group Secretary is the Secretary of the Scout Group and inter alia has the following duties:

- i. To keep a register of all members of the Scout Group and ensures that the Scout Group and its members are registered with Scouting Ireland.
- ii. To record decisions made by the Scout Group Council.
- iii. To ensure that meetings of the Scout Group Council are properly summoned in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Scout Group Council.

121. The Group Treasurer is the Treasurer of the Scout Group Council and prepares the accounts of the Group.

122. The Group Quartermaster / Bo'sun is responsible for the maintenance of equipment belonging to the Scout Group and keeps a Register of all equipment.

123. The Scout Group Council in association with the Scout County Management Committee sets out other duties of the Group Secretary, the Group Treasurer and the Group Quartermaster / Bo'sun.

The Group Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain

- 124. The Scout Group Council should appoint Group Spiritual/Religious Advisors/Chaplains.
- 125. The Group Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain assists with the spiritual development of the Scout through the Youth Programme delivered by the Scout Group.

The Parents & Friends Support Group

- 126. The Parents & Friends Support Group shall provide support and assistance to the Scout Group and is responsible to the Scout Group Council.
- 127. The Parents & Friends Support Group shall hold an Annual General Meeting for all parents of members and friends of the Scout Group.
- 128. The Group Treasurer is the Treasurer of the Parents & Friends Support Group.

Sponsored Groups

- 129. Scout Groups are permitted to have a sponsoring authority who will assist with the provision of Scouting to the local community.
- 130. The National Management Committee shall establish a protocol for the involvement of sponsoring authorities with Scout Groups of Scouting Ireland.

ORGANISATION – SCOUT COUNTY LEVEL

The Scout County

- 131. In determining the boundaries of the Scout County the National Management Committee shall take into account the Local Authority areas within Ireland. When changing the boundaries of existing Scout Counties, agreement of the effected Scout Groups must be obtained before the change is approved by the National Management Committee.
- 132. Scout Counties within Local Authority areas shall co-operate for any common purposes within that Local Authority area. Meetings of the relevant County Commissioners will facilitate this co operation. Where necessary these meetings may be chaired by the Provincial Commissioner.

The Scout County Board

- 133. The Scout County Board meets at least once a year. Where there is only one meeting in the year it is the Annual General Meeting of the Scout County.
- 134. The Scout County Board will agree a set of Standing Orders for meetings of the Scout County Board.
- 135. All members of the Scout County Board shall have one vote.

Members of the Scout County Board

136. The members of the Scout County Board are as follows:

- i. All members of the Scout County Management Committee;
- ii. All Group Scouters;
- iii. Four representatives from each of the County Youth Fora.
- iv. One registered Scout from each registered Scout Group.

The Annual General Meeting of the Scout County Board

137. The agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Scout County Board shall include, inter alia, the following:

- i. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
- ii. Report of the County Commissioner
- iii. Adoption of the Annual Scout County Report as prepared by the County Secretary
- iv. Adoption of the Accounts of the Scout County as prepared by the County Treasurer
- v. Adoption of the Reports of the County Programme Co-ordinator and the County Training Co-ordinator
- vi. To receive a report from each Scout Group in the Scout County
- vii. The nomination of the County Commissioner for appointment, when appropriate
- viii. The election of the County Chairperson, the County Secretary and the County Treasurer, when appropriate
- ix. To consider for approval proposals, including proposals to the National Council, reports and submissions submitted in writing to the County Secretary not less than two weeks prior to the date of the meeting by any member of the Scout County Board.
- x. To present the programme of events to support the Scout Groups of the Scout County.
- xi. The nomination of the Deputy County Commissioner for appointment, when appropriate and if the County Board decides to fill this role.

All reports, proposals or submissions to be submitted in writing to the County Secretary not less than two weeks prior to the date of the meeting to facilitate circulation in advance of the meeting.

The Scout County Youth Fora

138. The Scout County Youth Fora provide for the expression of views and formulation of recommendations, recognising that such Fora in Scouting provide a dual opportunity for young members to discuss issues of interest to them and to make recommendations on these; and to learn the skills necessary to empower them to take part in decision making in the Association.

139. The Scout County Management Committee is responsible for the organisation of Scout County Youth Fora in accordance with the National Youth & Adult Involvement Policy.

140. The Scout County Youth Fora in exercising its functions under Article 35 of the Constitution must have a quorum of twenty members present and voting.

The Scout County Management Committee

141. The Scout County Management Committee consists of the following:

- i. The County Commissioner
- ii. The County Officers:
- iii. The County Chairperson
- iv. The County Secretary
- v. The County Treasurer
- vi. The County Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain
- vii. All Group Leaders within the Scout County
- viii. The County Programme Co-ordinator
- ix. The County Training Co-ordinator
- x. Not more than three persons co-opted, if the Committee sees fit, to hold office until the meeting following the next Annual general meeting of the Scout County Board. Such co-optees shall not have a vote.
- xi. Two Representatives from
- xii. the Scout County Scout Youth Forum for Scouts;
- xiii. the Scout County Scout Youth Forum for Venture Scouts; and
- xiv. the Scout County Scout Youth Forum for Rover Scouts
- xv. The Deputy County Commissioner

142. A Deputy Group Leader (or in his/her absence or where there is no Deputy Group Leader, another Group Scouter) may represent the Group Leader in the event that the Group Leader cannot attend a meeting of the Scout County Management Committee.

The County Commissioner

143. The County Commissioner is a Scouter nominated by the Scout County Board and appointed by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee for a term of three years and is eligible for re-appointment by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee upon the nomination of the Scout County Board for one further term of three years.

144. The Scout County Board, subject to the approval of the National Management Committee, determines the duties and functions of the County Commissioner.

145. In the event of a Scout Group not functioning satisfactorily the County Commissioner may direct and support the affairs of such Scout Group.

146. The County Commissioner may attend meetings of any Scout Group in the Scout County.

147. The appointment of the County Commissioner may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee in accordance with the Rules.

The Scout County Deputy County Commissioner

148. The Deputy County Commissioner is a Scouter nominated by the Scout County Board, recommended by the County Commissioner and appointed by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee.

149. The Deputy County Commissioner holds his/her Appointment concurrently with the County Commissioner in office at the time of Appointment.
150. The Deputy County Commissioner assists a County Commissioner in carrying out the duties and functions of a County Commissioner in addition to any other duties and functions as directed by the Scout County Management Committee.
151. The appointment of the Deputy County Commissioner may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on behalf of the National Management Committee in accordance with the Rules.

The Scout County Officers

152. The Scout County Officers are elected by the Scout County Board for a term of three years and are eligible for re-election for one further period of three years. The County Chairperson shall chair meetings of the Scout County Board and the Scout County Management Committee.
153. The functions of the County Secretary include:
- i. The convening meetings of the Scout County Management Committee and the Scout County Board in accordance with the Standing Orders;
 - ii. Recording the minutes of the meetings of the Scout County Board and the Scout County Management Committee;
 - iii. Dealing with all administrative matters of the Scout County.
154. The functions of the County Treasurer include:
- i. Dealing with the financial affairs of the Scout County;
 - ii. The preparation of the budget for the Scout County for the approval of the Scout County Management Committee
 - iii. The preparation of the accounts of the Scout County for the approval of the Scout County Board.
 - iv. Support of Scout Groups where required in the preparation of their Annual Accounts.
 - v. The collection of Annual Accounts from each Scout Group in the Scout County.
155. The Scout County Management Committee may add to the functions of the County Officers, as it considers appropriate.
156. The Scout County Management Committee should appoint a County Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain for a term of three years and is eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.
157. The Scout County Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain assists with the spiritual development of the Scout through the Youth Programmes delivered by the Scout County.

The Scout County Programme Co ordinator and the Scout County Programme Team.

158. The Scout County Programme Coordinator shall be appointed by the Scout County Management Committee on the nomination of the County Commissioner. The County

Programme Coordinator shall lead a Scout County Programme Team (consisting of an Assistant County Programme Coordinator per Programme Section)to assist him/her in supporting the Youth Programme developed and produced by Scouting Ireland and providing assistance and guidance on its delivery to the Scout Groups and their Programme Sections within the Scout County. The County Programme Team will be appointed by the County Programme Coordinator with the approval of the County Commissioner.

159. The County Programme Coordinator and the County Programme Team shall convene meetings of Programme Scouters and others within the Scout County as required to fulfill their function and duties within the Scout County.

160. The Scout County Management Committee sets out the functions and duties of the County Programme Coordinator.

161. The County Programme Coordinators shall hold office concurrently with the County Commissioner by whom he/she is nominated.

The Scout County Training Coordinator

162. A Scout County Training Coordinator shall be appointed by the Scout County Management Committee on the nomination of the County Commissioner to ensure the management and delivery of Adult Leader Training developed and produced by Scouting Ireland.

163. The Scout County Management Committee sets out the functions and duties of the County Training Coordinator.

164. The County Training Coordinator shall hold office concurrently with the County Commissioner by whom he/she is nominated.

ORGANISATION - SCOUT PROVINCIAL LEVEL

The Scout Province

165. There shall be a Provincial Management/Support Team whose functions shall be:

- i. To mobilise and co-ordinate the combined resources of the Scout Counties within the Scout Province for the greater benefit of scouting at local level,
- ii. To ensure the implementation of the policies and programmes developed at National level within the Scout Province through the Scout Counties,
- iii. To provide input to the development of policies and programmes at National level,
- iv. Leader recruitment and training,
- v. Membership retention and expansion,
- vi. To facilitate by way of provision in so far as possible specialist type services direct to Local Scouting spearheaded by full-time professional staff. Such services may include, but shall not be limited to, Leader Training.
- vii. Any other duties and functions set out by the National Management Committee.

The Provincial Management/Support Team

166. The Provincial Management/Support Team consists of the following:

- i. The Provincial Commissioner
- ii. The Provincial Secretary, as appointed by the Provincial Management/Support Team
- iii. The Provincial Treasurer, as appointed by The Provincial Management/ Support Team
- iv. All County Commissioners within the Scout Province
- v. The Youth Programme Committee representative
- vi. The Adult Resources Committee representative
- vii. The Provincial Training Coordinator
- viii. The Provincial International Coordinator
- ix. The Chairperson of the Provincial Youth Forum for Scouts, the Provincial Youth Forum for Venture Scouts and the Provincial Youth Forum for Rover Scouts.
- x. Others as may be appointed by the Team
- xi. The Deputy County Commissioner may attend in the absence of the County Commissioner if delegated to do so.

One member of the Professional Staff and others as requested should attend meetings of the Provincial Management/Support Team and has a right to contribute to the deliberations of the Team.

167. The Provincial Training Coordinator shall be appointed by the Provincial Management Support Team on the nomination of the Provincial Commissioner in consultation with the National Training Commissioner. His/her term of office shall be concurrent with the term of office of the Provincial Commissioner in office at the time of the appointment. Should the Provincial Commissioner resign or be removed from office, the Provincial Training Coordinator shall remain in office up to the formal vote of a new Provincial Commissioner but shall step down prior to the vote.

168. The Provincial International Coordinator shall be appointed by the Provincial Management Support Team on the nomination of the Provincial Commissioner in consultation with the International Commissioner. His/her term of office shall be concurrent with the term of office of the Provincial Commissioner in office at the time of the appointment. Should the Provincial Commissioner resign or be removed from office, the Provincial International Coordinator shall remain in office up to the formal vote of a new Provincial Commissioner but shall step down prior to the vote.

169. The Provincial Adult Resources representative shall be appointed by the Provincial Management Support Team on the nomination of the Provincial Commissioner in consultation with the Chief Commissioner Adult Resources. His/her term of office shall be concurrent with the term of office of the Provincial Commissioner in office at the time of the appointment. Should the Provincial Commissioner resign or be removed from office, the Provincial Adult Resources representative shall remain in office up to the formal vote of a new Provincial Commissioner but shall step down prior to the vote.

170. The Provincial Youth Programme representative shall be appointed by the Provincial Management Support Team on the nomination of the Provincial Commissioner in consultation with the Chief Commissioner Youth Programme. His/her term of office shall be concurrent with the term of office of the Provincial Commissioner in office at the time of the appointment. Should the Provincial Commissioner resign or be removed from office, the Provincial Youth Programme representative shall remain in office up to the formal vote of a new Provincial Commissioner but shall step down prior to the vote.

171. The Provincial Treasurer shall be appointed by the Provincial Management Support Team on the nomination of the Provincial Commissioner. His/her term of office shall be concurrent with the term of office of the Provincial Commissioner in office at the time of the appointment. Should the Provincial Commissioner resign or be removed from office, the Provincial Treasurer shall remain in office up to the formal vote of a new Provincial Commissioner but shall step down prior to the vote.
172. The Provincial Secretary shall be appointed by the Provincial Management Support Team on the nomination of the Provincial Commissioner. His/her term of office shall be concurrent with the term of office of the Provincial Commissioner in office at the time of the appointment. Should the Provincial Commissioner resign or be removed from office, the Provincial Secretary shall remain in office up to the formal vote of a new Provincial Commissioner but shall step down prior to the vote.
173. The County Commissioner may be represented by a County Officer in the event that the County Commissioner is unable to attend a meeting of the Provincial Management/Support Team.
174. The Provincial Management/Support Team shall meet at least four times per annum.
175. The Provincial Management /Support Team is responsible for the organisation of Scout Province Youth Fora in accordance with the Youth & Adult Involvement Policy.
176. The Provincial Youth Fora provide for the expression of views and formulation of recommendations, recognising that such Fora in Scouting provide a dual opportunity for young members to discuss issues of interest to them and to make recommendations on these; and to learn the skills necessary to empower them to take part in decision making in the Association and in their communities.

The Provincial Commissioner

177. The Provincial Commissioner is a Scouter nominated by a Scout Group Council or a Scout County Board from within the Scout Province and elected by the members of National Council from that Scout Province for a term of three years and is eligible for re-election for a further term of three years. Where a Provincial Commissioner vacates office the Provincial Management/Support Team will appoint a Provincial Commissioner until such time as a Provincial Commissioner can be elected in accordance with this Rule.
178. The Provincial Commissioner shall co-ordinate the work of the members of the Provincial Management Support Team and, where necessary, the work of the Officers of the Scout County Management Committee/s within the Province.
179. The Appointment of Provincial Commissioner may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the National Management Committee on the recommendation of the Provincial Management/Support Team or otherwise.
180. The functions of the Provincial Treasurer include:
- i. Dealing with the financial affairs of the Scout Province;
 - ii. The preparation of the budget for the Scout Province for the approval of the Provincial Management/ Support Team;

- iii. The preparation of the accounts of the Scout Province for the approval of the Provincial Management/ Support Team.

ORGANISATION - NATIONAL LEVEL

National Council

181. All members of the National Council shall be notified of the time, date and venue of the Annual General Meeting of the National Council at least eight weeks in advance of the date of the meeting and at least four weeks in advance of the date of the meeting for any other meeting of the National Council. Notification shall be considered to be effective on a Scout Group, Scout County or Scout Province and Youth Forum delegate if it is sent by ordinary pre-paid post or by electronic mail to each Group Leader, County Commissioner, Provincial Commissioner and Chairpersons of the Youth Forum as well as directly to persons who are members of the National Council by virtue of the appointment or position they hold.
182. The National Youth Fora shall be held prior to the deadline for the submission of motions for National Council.
183. The notice of the Annual General Meeting of the National Council shall be accompanied by the following:
 - i. The draft minutes of the previous meeting;
 - ii. The Annual Report to be adopted;
 - iii. Invitation for proposals to the National Council;
 - iv. Nomination forms for completion for the following Appointments when necessary:
 - v. Chief Scout
 - vi. Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme)
 - vii. Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources)
 - viii. National Secretary
 - ix. National Treasurer
 - x. Communications Commissioner
 - xi. International Commissioner
 - xii. Provincial Commissioner
 - xiii. Nomination forms for completion for the election of six other members to the National Management Committee;
 - xiv. Nomination forms for completion for members and directors of the Scout Foundation and other relevant entities;
 - xv. Nomination forms for completion to confer the title of Honorary membership.
184. All completed nomination forms must be submitted to the National Secretary at least six weeks prior to the date of the meeting of the National Council.
185. A second notice of the Annual General Meeting of the National Council shall be forwarded by the National Secretary to those members of Scouting Ireland notified with the first notice not less than four weeks prior to the date of the meeting. This second notice shall be accompanied by the following:
 - i. The Agenda;
 - ii. All nominations validly received by the National Secretary;

- iii. Any matters referred to the National Council by the National Management Committee;
- iv. Any proposals received by the National Secretary by or on behalf of any Scout Group Council, Scout County Board or National Youth Forum.
- v. The Audit Accounts of Scouting Ireland.
- vi. The Annual Report of the Scout Foundation and other relevant entities;
- vii. The proposed National Council Meeting Standing Orders.

186. The notice for any other meeting of the National Council shall be issued by the National Secretary and accompanied by the following:

- i. The Agenda;
- ii. The draft minutes of the previous meeting;
- iii. The proposals or motions submitted on the business to be conducted
- iv. The proposed National Council Meeting Standing Orders.

Voting Procedures

187. All members of the National Council are entitled to one vote.

188. All voting, apart from voting in an election for any Appointment by the National Council, shall be by open show of voting cards or by using an electronic voting system. If the vote is taken by open show of voting cards the vote may be taken by secret ballot where a proposal for such is accepted by one third of those members present and voting.

189. All elections, save where there is one candidate for a position, shall be by proportional representation by single transferable vote. Where there is only one candidate seeking election, the candidate shall only be deemed elected if they receive fifty percent plus one vote of the votes cast. The votes cast shall include any spoiled votes cast

190. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a casting vote whether or not the Chairperson exercised an original vote.

191. Motions shall be passed by a simple majority save where otherwise provided in the Constitution and by these Rules.

The National Management Committee

192. The National Management Committee shall meet at least five times a year.

193. Notwithstanding the generality of the function of the National Management Committee set out in the Constitution the function of the National Management Committee shall include:

- i. The provision of a strategy for the implementation of the Aim and Principles of Scouting Ireland;
- ii. The representation of Scouting Ireland both nationally and internationally;
- iii. The provision of support to all members of Scouting Ireland through the production and development of youth programmes and material to support the management of adult resources;
- iv. The approval of the budget as proposed by the National Treasurer;
- v. The establishment of operational procedures and guidelines for Scouting Ireland;

- vi. The making of proposals in relation to additions or changes to the Constitution and/or Rules for consideration by the National Council.
194. The Standing Orders of the National Management Committee shall be agreed by the Committee.
195. The quorum for meetings of the National Management Committee shall be six members including at least two members of the National Team for Policy Implementation and Co-ordination.
196. Any sub-committee created by the National Management Committee shall cease to exist unless it is re-appointed at the first meeting of the National Management Committee after the Annual General Meeting of the National Council.

National Team for Policy Implementation and Co-ordination

197. The Chief Scout is the Chairperson of the National Team for Policy Implementation and Co-ordination and co-ordinates the work of its members. The functions and duties of the National Team for Policy Implementation and Co-ordination shall include:
- i. Ensuring the full implementation of decisions and directives of the National Management Committee;
 - ii. Co-ordinating the work of the Standing Committees and Sub Committees.
198. The members of the National Team for Policy Implementation and Coordination are as follows:
- i. Chief Scout;
 - ii. National Secretary
 - iii. National Treasurer
 - iv. Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme)
 - v. Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources)
 - vi. Chairperson, National Spiritual Religious Advisory Panel
199. The Chief Executive Officer should attend meetings of the National Management Committee and has a right to contribute to the deliberations of the Committee.
200. The Chief Scout is the Chairperson of the National Management Committee and co-ordinates the work of its members. The Chief Scout takes on such other functions and duties as directed by the National Management Committee. A Chief Commissioner may deputise for the Chief Scout as required.
201. The Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) shall chair and coordinate the work of the National Youth Programme Committee.
202. The Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) shall chair and co-ordinate the work of the National Adult Resources Committee.
203. The National Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain provides guidance on Spiritual/Religious matters to all of the Standing Committees and Programme Teams.

204. The National Secretary is the Secretary of Scouting Ireland, the National Council and the National Management Committee and is responsible for the administrative functions of scouting Ireland and takes on such duties as the National Management Committee may direct from time to time, and may form a team(s) to assist with the discharge of his/her duties.

205. The National Treasurer is responsible for the financial and treasury functions of Scouting Ireland and takes on such duties as the National Management Committee may direct from time to time and may form teams to assist with the discharge of his/her duties.

National Youth Programme Committee

206. The functions of the National Youth Programme Committee shall include:

- i. The co-ordination of Youth Programme in Scouting Ireland on behalf of the National Management Committee;
- ii. The co-ordination and monitoring of the Programme Teams;
- iii. The appraisal and further development of the Youth Programme.
- iv. The development of the Youth Programme for delivery by Programme Sections at local level;
- v. Other tasks delegated by the National Management Committee from time to time.

207. The members of the National Youth Programme Committee are as follows:

- i. The Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme)
- ii. Programme Commissioners
- iii. Three representatives of
- iv. The National Youth Forum for Scouts;
- v. The National Youth Forum for Venture Scouts and
- vi. The National Youth Forum for Rover Scouts.
- vii. The Provincial Youth Programme representatives
- viii. The International Team representative
- ix. Up to three others as may be appointed by the National Management Committee as recommended by the Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme)

National Adult Resources Committee

208. The functions of the National Adult Resources Committee shall include:

- i. The co-ordination of Adult Resources in Scouting Ireland on behalf of the National Management Committee;
- ii. The co-ordination and monitoring of the Training Team;
- iii. The appraisal and further development of Adult Resources;
- iv. The provision of resources for the development of Adults in Scouting;
- v. Other tasks delegated by the National Management Committee from time to time.

209. The members of the National Adult Resources Committee are as follows:

- i. The Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources)
- ii. The Training Commissioner;
- iii. Provincial Adult Resources Representatives;

- iv. The International Team representative.
- v. Up to three others as may be appointed by the National Management Committee as recommended by the Chief Commissioner Adult Resources.

National Spiritual/Religious Advisory Panel

210. The National Spiritual/Religious Advisory Panel provides guidance on matters of spirituality/religion including adherence to spiritual principles, loyalty to the faith that expresses them and acceptance of the duties resulting therefrom. The Panel provides resources to:

- i. The National Youth Programme Committee and the Programme Teams in the development of the spiritual aspects of the youth programmes produced by Scouting Ireland.
- ii. The National Adult Resources Committee and the Training Team in the development and delivery of spiritual aspects of the youth programme through adult leader training.

211. Membership of the Panel will be open to a representative of each such Faith/Spiritual interest who wishes to have representation on the Panel subject to the approval of the National Management Committee. Membership is renewed on an annual basis.

212. The Panel will elect a Chairperson (the National Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain) from within its membership. The term of office for the Chairperson is one year and can be renewed for two further terms.

213. The functions of this individual are to represent the National Spiritual/Religious Advisory Panel at meetings of the National Management Committee and to provide guidance on Spiritual and Religious matters to all Standing Committees.

The Programme Teams

214. Programme Teams for the development of youth programmes of Scouting Ireland shall be established by the National Management Committee through the National Youth Programme Committee and the Programme Commissioner.

215. The functions of the Programme Team shall include:

- i. The continuous development, monitoring and evaluation of the Youth Programme with the approval of the National Youth Programme Committee;
- ii. To assist and support the Scout Provinces in the delivery of the Youth Programme;
- iii. To set out the elements of the programme to the Training Team for the development of an adult training course to aid the delivery of the programme;
- iv. Any other functions as set from time to time by the National Youth Programme Committee and/or the National Adult Resources Committee.

The Programme Commissioner

216. A Programme Commissioner is primarily responsible for the coordination of the work of the Programme Team and any other duties or functions as directed by the National

Management Committee through the National Youth Programme Committee from time to time.

217. A Programme Commissioner shall be appointed by the National Management Committee and shall hold office concurrently with the Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme). He/she may be nominated for the position by:

- i. A Scout Group Council
- ii. A Scout County Management Committee
- iii. Any member of the National Management Committee
- iv. The Appointment of a Programme Commissioner may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the National Management Committee.

The Training Team

218. A Training Team for the development of Adult Leader Training in Scouting Ireland shall be established by the National Management Committee through the National Adult Resources Committee.

- i. The Training Team includes the following members:
- ii. The Training Commissioner;
- iii. A representative from each Up to three representatives from the National Youth Programme Committee
- iv. Provincial Training Co-ordinator as appointed by the Provincial Commissioner.
- v. Up to three others as may be appointed by the National Management Committee as recommended by the National Training Commissioner.

219. The functions of the Training Team shall include:

- i. The development of Adult Leader Training for the purposes of supporting the delivery of youth programme according to the elements set out by the appropriate Programme Team as directed by the National Adult Resources Committee;
- ii. The development of such Adult Leader Training for purposes as directed by the National Adult Resources Committee;
- iii. To assist and support the Scout Provinces in the delivery of the Adult Leader Training;
- iv. The monitoring and evaluation of the Adult Leader Training;
- v. Any other functions as set out from time to time by the National Management Committee through the National Adult Resources Committee.

The Training Commissioner

220. There shall be a Training Commissioner who shall be responsible for the development and implementation of adult leader training for members of Scouting Ireland for the purpose of providing the required support to deliver the youth programmes developed by Scouting Ireland.

221. The Training Commissioner is primarily responsible for the coordination of the work of the Training Team and other duties and functions as directed from time to time by the National Management Committee through the National Adult Resources Committee.

222. The Training Commissioner is appointed by the National Management Committee and shall hold office concurrently with the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources). He/she may be nominated for the position by:

- i. A Scout Group Council
- ii. A Scout County Management Committee
- iii. Any member of the National Management Committee
- iv. The Appointment of Training Commissioner may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the National Management Committee.

The International Team

223. The National Management Committee shall establish an International Team to promote and develop the International dimension of Scouting Ireland.

224. The International Team includes the following members:

- i. The International Commissioner;
- ii. Provincial International Coordinators as appointed by the International Commissioner;
- iii. The representatives to the National Youth Programme Committee and the National Adult Resources Committee;
- iv. Two representatives of the National Youth Forum.
- v. Up to three others as may be appointed by the National Management Committee as recommended by the International Commissioner.

225. The functions of the International Team shall include:

- i. Responsibility for the international relations of Scouting Ireland;
- ii. The promotion of the international dimension of Scouting Ireland.

The International Commissioner

226. There shall be an International Commissioner to promote and develop the International dimension of Scouting Ireland.

227. The International Commissioner is a member of Scouting Ireland elected by the National Council on the nomination of a Scout Group Council, a Scout County Board or the National Management Committee to serve as a member of the National Management Committee for a term of three years and is eligible for reelection for a further term of three years.

228. The Appointment of International Commissioner may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the National Management Committee.

227A. Where the International Commissioner vacates office the National Management Committee shall be empowered to appoint a Scouter to the vacant position who shall hold the appointment until the next meeting of the National Council.

The Communications Commissioner

229. There shall be a Communications Commissioner whose duties and functions shall include:

- i. The management and co-ordination, on behalf of the National Management Committee, of the external and public relations of Scouting Ireland through all forms of media;
- ii. The development and maintenance of a communications programme and strategy suitable for the needs of Scouting Ireland.
- iii. Consultation with the relevant groups of National Youth Representatives prior to the implementation of initiatives regarding the portrayal of Scouting in the media.
- iv. The Communications Commissioner is a member of Scouting Ireland elected by the National Council on the nomination of a Scout Group Council, a Scout County Board or the National Management Committee to serve as a member of the National Management Committee for a term of three years and is eligible for re-election for a further term of three years.

230. The Appointment of Communications Commissioner may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the National Management Committee.

229A. Where the Communications Commissioner vacates office the National Management Committee shall be empowered to appoint a Scouter to the vacant position who shall hold the appointment until the next meeting of the National Council.

National Management Committee - Other Members

231. Six members of the National Council will be elected by the National Council on the nomination of a Scout Group Council or a Scout County Board to serve as members of the National Management Committee for one term of three years and are again eligible for election after a period of three years' absence from the National Management Committee. Three of these six members shall be under twenty-six years of age on the day of their election.

232. Members of the National Management Committee, elected under Rule 225, may not hold concurrently a National Appointment as outlined under Rule 78-National.

The National Youth Fora

233. The National Youth Fora provide for the expression of views and formulation of the recommendations, recognising that such Fora in Scouting provide a dual opportunity for young members to discuss issues of interest to them and make recommendation on these; and to learn the skills necessary to empower them to take part in decision making in the Association and in their communities.

234. The National Management Committee is responsible for the organisation of National Youth Fora in accordance with the National Youth & Adult Involvement Policy.

235. The National Youth Fora shall elect Committees in accordance with their Standing Orders to act on their behalf between each sitting of the Fora.

PROPERTY & FINANCE

236. Groups are expected to be self-supporting.

237. All monies received by any member on behalf of Scouting Ireland shall be lodged to an account held by a recognised financial institution bearing the name of the relevant Council or Committee and the words 'Scouting Ireland'. Every account operated on behalf of Scouting Ireland shall have at least two signatories who should be mandated by the relevant Council or Committee.
238. It is the policy of Scouting Ireland that each Scout Group shall have at least one account held by a recognised financial institution. No other accounts for the purposes of the administration of the Scout Group shall be opened without the consent of the Scout Group Council. The Group Treasurer shall be a signatory on all such accounts.
239. All Councils and Committees shall prepare accounts annually.
240. The National Treasurer shall prepare accounts annually for Scouting Ireland. The accounts shall be audited by Auditors appointed by the National Council and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.
241. No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to these Rules for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners.
242. Clauses 4 and 10 of the Memorandum of Association relating to the Income and Property, and Winding up of the company shall have effect as if the provisions thereof were repeated in these Articles.
243. Every Scout Group Council, through its Group Treasurer, must submit its annual accounts to the County Treasurer.
244. Every Scout County Board, through its County Treasurer, must submit annual accounts to the National Treasurer. The annual accounts of each Scout Group in the Scout County must be submitted by Scout County Board to the National Treasurer.
245. Every Scout Province, through its Provincial Treasurer, must submit its annual accounts to the National Treasurer.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS INTERIM NATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

246. An Interim National Management Committee of Scouting Ireland will be responsible for managing the transition from Scouting Ireland (CSI) and Scouting Ireland S.A.I. to Scouting Ireland and will act in accordance with the Proposed Constitution and Rules of Scouting Ireland upon its appointment until such time as elections are held by the National Council of Scouting Ireland for appointments to the National Management Committee.
247. The National Executive Board of Scouting Ireland (CSI) and the Management Committee of Scouting Ireland S.A.I. shall appoint the members of the Interim National Management Committee no later than 1st July 2003.
248. The members of the Interim National Management Committee shall be members of the National Council of Scouting Ireland.

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Details of Amendments

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Delegate Transfer Form

Delegate Details

Province	
Scout County	
Scout Group	
Name of Delegate Already Registered	
Name of New Delegate	
Scout Group <i>(If delegate is from a different Scout Group)</i>	

Approval

Signed:

_____ **Group Leader** *(or County Commissioner in the case of a County Youth Rep)*

Print Name:

Date:

Note:

This form is to be used if a pre-registered delegate from a Scout Group or a Youth Delegate from a Scout County is unable to attend the meeting of the National Council and the Group Council/County Youth Forum has approved the transfer of delegate responsibilities to another member of Scouting Ireland.

This form should be completed and presented at the check-in desk on the morning of the meeting of the National Council

National Council Ticket Instructions Delegate - Group

1. Step 1: The Group leader/County Commissioner will receive an email invitation from (orders@eventbrite.com) inviting you to register for National Council Tickets. The email will be sent to your email address that is listed on the Database. If you do not receive this email please check your spam or junk folder.
2. Step 2: The email will have a link that brings you to the Eventbrite Ticket Page for National Council. If you cannot click on the link in the email please make sure you click the button to display images and links and then try click again.
3. Step 3: When you click the link, the National Council page will open up on the Eventbrite website, you will need to click the green "Tickets" button to the right hand side of the page. You will then be asked for an access code. The access code is the email address that received the initial invite from Eventbrite.
4. Step 4: You will have the option to choose up to 4 tickets. Choose how many tickets you need for your Group's Delegates. Please note at least one delegate must be a registered youth member.
5. Step 5: Fill in the details for the delegates who will be getting the tickets to National Council. Please wait until you have the correct names against all tickets before finalising your order.
6. Step 6: Each Delegate will receive a confirmation email with their ticket attached as a PDF. Please ensure the email address you enter for each delegate is correct. Delegates will also have the option to store their ticket on a "smart-phone"; if you decide to go with this option then you do not need to print your ticket. Just make sure you have your smart-phone charged for the day of National Council. Please note the Group Leader will also receive a copy of the group delegate's tickets by email.
7. Step 7: The ticket must be presented at check in on the morning of National Council. Your ticket will be scanned at check in and depending on what ticket you have; you will then receive the relevant National Council paperwork i.e. voting card and ballot paper(s).



National Council Ticket Instructions Delegate - County Commissioner and County Youth Representative

1. Step 1: The County Commissioner will receive an email invitation from (orders@eventbrite.com) inviting you to register for National Council Tickets. The email will be sent to your email address that is listed on the Database. If you do not receive this email please check your spam or junk folder.
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4. Step 4: Choose how many tickets you need for your Delegates ie County Commissioner/County Youth Representatives.
5. Step 5: Fill in the details for the delegates who will be getting the tickets to National Council. Please wait until you have the correct names against all tickets before finalising your order
6. Step 6: Each Delegate will receive a confirmation email with their ticket attached as a PDF. Please ensure the email address you enter for each delegate is correct. Delegates will also have the option to store their ticket on a "smart-phone"; if you decide to go with this option then you do not need to print your ticket. Just make sure you have your smart-phone charged for the day of National Council. Please note the County Commissioner will also receive a copy of the County Youth Representative's tickets by email.
7. Step 7: The ticket must be presented at check in on the morning of National Council. Your ticket will be scanned at check in and depending on what ticket you have; you will then receive the relevant National Council paperwork i.e. voting card and ballot paper(s).



National Council Ticket Instructions Delegate - Single ie, County Appointment (County Treasurer, County Chairperson, County Secretary, National Appointment, Programme Commissioner, National Management Committee

1. Step 1: You will receive an email invitation from (orders@eventbrite.com) inviting you to register for National Council Tickets. The email will be sent to your email address that is listed on the Database. If you do not receive this email please check your spam or junk folder.
2. Step 2: The email will have a link that brings you to the Eventbrite Ticket Page for National Council. If you cannot click on the link in the email please make sure you click the button to display images and links and then try click again.
3. Step 3: When you click the link, the National Council page will open up on the Eventbrite website, you will need to click the green "Tickets" button to the right hand side of the page. You will then be asked for an access code. The access code is the email address that received the initial invite from Eventbrite.
4. Step 4: Select your ticket.
5. Step 5: Fill in your details.
6. Step 6: You will receive a confirmation email with your ticket attached as a PDF. You will also have the option to store your ticket on a "smart-phone"; if you decide to go with this option then you do not need to print your ticket. Just make sure you have your smart-phone charged for the day of National Council.
7. Step 7: The ticket must be presented at check in on the morning of National Council. Your ticket will be scanned at check in and depending on what ticket you have; you will then receive the relevant National Council paperwork i.e. voting card and ballot paper(s).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What do I do if I have not received the email inviting me to register for National Council Tickets?
Please check your spam or junk folder if you cannot locate the email invitation from Eventbrite. If you have not received the email then please send an email nationalcouncil@scouts.ie
2. Do I need to bring my ticket on the morning of National Council?
Yes you will need either; your printed ticket or your e-ticket on your smart-phone. You will not be allowed to enter National Council without your ticket.
3. Am I able to change the name on the ticket to another member of my group?
Yes up until 24 hours before the event start time; you will be able to change the name on the ticket. To do this, please send an email to nationalcouncil@scouts.ie. However, we strongly advise you to wait until you have the correct names against all tickets before you order them. Please note Appointed County/National tickets are non-transferrable.
4. Where do I check in?
You need to check in at the relevant desk as indicated by your ticket. There will be signs at the check in area to guide you to the correct desk.
5. What do I do if I have not received my tickets?
If you have not received your tickets, please send an email to nationalcouncil@scouts.ie
6. What is the cut-off date for registering for my ticket to National Council?
You must register before Sunday the 02/04/2017 at 20:00. At 20:00 on the 02/04/2017 Registration for National Council Tickets will be closed.