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WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

NOTE

This document should be examined and discussed by your Organization and brought to the Conference by your delegation.

The information which is the first part of the presentation of the candidates is based on the information communicated by the NSOs concerned. The texts of motivation are presented in their entirety.

ELECTION PROCEDURE

The Conference will elect twelve members for a three-year term of office.

Voting papers will be distributed to the leader of each delegation having voting rights at the Conference. Nothing may be entered on the voting paper except the number of votes cast for each candidate.

Voting will be by secret ballot. The number of votes cast in favour of each candidate will be announced.

Please refer to Conference Document N°2 – Rules of Procedure, Section 10, Elections to the World Scout Committee.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

Name	Nominated by
Ms. Karin Ahlbäck	Finland
Mr. Abdullah Alfahad	Saudi Arabia
Mr. Nouredine Benbraham	Algeria
Mr. Ledjou Marcel Blaguet	Côte d'Ivoire
Mr. Peter Blatch	Australia
Mr. Michael Bradshaw	Trinidad and Tobago
Mr. Fernando Brodeschi	Brazil
Ms. Lidija Pozaic Frketic	Croatia
Mr. João Armando Gonçalves	Czech Republic/Iceland/Romania
Mr. Mohammed Ali Khalid	India
Ms. Mari Nakano	Japan
Ms. Jemima Nartey	Ghana
Mr. Daniel Ownby	United States
Mr. Craig Turpie	United Kingdom
Mr. Bagrat Yesayan	Armenia
Mr. Wassim El Zein	Lebanon

Name: Karin Ahlbäck
Nominated by: Finland

Aged 27. Not married. Is Member of the World Scout Committee (2011-2014), including Chairman of the 21st Century Leadership Priority Area Working Group, Chairman of the World Scout Youth Programme Policy Task Force, Member of the Educational Methods Team, Member of the Planning Committee of the 1st World Scout Education Congress 2013. Youth Advisor to the World Scout Committee (2008-2011), Member of the Educational Methods Committee, Member of the Registration Fees Task Force, Member of the World Scout Youth Forum 2011 Planning Committee. Was Member of the International Relations Committee in Finland, Member of the Youth Programme Committee, Member of the Regional Board.



Attended: Regional Conferences and Summits, 1st World Scout Education Congress 2013, Roverway (European Rover Moot) 2012, World Scout Jamboree 2011.

Holds a Master of Science (Technology). Major in Operations Research. Minor in Financial Engineering from École Polytechnique Fédérale, Lausanne, Switzerland. Is Associate at McKinsey & Company, a global management consulting firm. Specialised in organizational transformations and leadership development, mainly in the heavy machinery and power generation industries. Was Lecturer and Research Assistant, Department of Applied Physics and the Department of Mathematics & Systems Analysis, Aalto University. Has been a Member of Finnish Youth Cooperation – Allianssi (national umbrella organization for youth work in Finland), Academic Engineers and Architects TEK (professional and labour market organization).

Text of Motivation

For the past three years on the World Scout Committee, I have witnessed first-hand the tremendous impact that Scouting has on youth around the world. From Cub Scouts experiencing adventure at local camps to young adults forging new international friendships, Scouting changes lives worldwide.

The impact of Scouting depends on the relevance of our Youth Programme, and we must keep adapting it to the needs and interests of young people. The renewed Programme Policy and WOSM's work on life and leadership skills have recently helped develop our approach to education. Going forward, we should work together to ensure that every Scout can benefit from the best possible Scouting experience.

The impact of Scouting must not go unrecognized; we need to work hard to build and maintain the recognition of Scouting as a social force. The World Scout Education Congress helped crystallise Scouting's role as an impactful partner for all major society stakeholders. We should build on this success to strengthen our position as the world's leading educational youth Movement.

In this triennium, much focus has been placed on shaping the direction for our Movement and World Organization – including also several difficult discussions and decisions. I strongly believe that by working together we can expand the impact of Scouting globally to an unprecedented level. I am committed to working with all NSOs to fulfil this Vision, and look forward to using my accumulated World Committee experience and resulting perspective to help develop Scouting and WOSM further. I would be honoured to continue to serve the Movement as a Member of the World Scout Committee, thus contributing towards unleashing the full potential of Scouting.

Karin Ahlbäck

Name: Abdullah **Alfahad**
Nominated by: Saudi Arabia

Aged 57. Married. 2 children. Joined Scouting as a Boy Scout. Is a Member of the World Scout Committee. Was President of the Saudi Scout Foundation and President of the Arab Scout Committee; Executive Manager, Secretary General and Vice-President of the Saudi Arabian Scouts Association; Commissioner of Leadership Development. Has been a Member of the European Scout Foundation, of Kandersteg Scout Committee, of the African Scout Foundation.



Attendances: Head of SASA Delegation to the Euro-Arab Meeting (2002-2013), to the 36th-39th World Scout Conferences, to the 21st and 22nd World Scout Jamborees, to the 6th and 7th World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) Meetings.

Holds a BA from the Sociology Imam University, and an MA in Curriculum Evaluation and a PhD in Curriculum Development from University of Wales, Cardiff, U.K.

Text of Motivation

Scouting is one of the world's best youth programmes that supports young people in becoming active citizens and leaders locally, nationally and globally. Young people in every corner of the world deserve the opportunity to benefit from the Scout Promise. We owe it to them!

Throughout my life, I have tried my utmost to follow Baden-Powell's vision – leave the world a little better. In my own Scout group, I always encourage my team members to help "create a better world".

The proudest day in my Scouting career was the day when we made it possible for Scouts the world over to benefit from the Messengers of Peace Initiative.

Today, with over 573 million hours of service recorded on www.scout.org, Scouts the world over have shown that they can, in fact, create a better world through their actions!

I believe we can do more, and as I submit my candidacy for Member of the World Scout Committee, I promise you I will do my best to help our members all over the world as Scouts, Leaders and Messengers of Peace!

Abdullah Alfahad

Name: Nouredine **Benbraham**
Nominated by: Algeria

Has been Chairman of Scouts Musulmans Algériens since 1997. Was Chairman of the Parliamentary Union of Arab Scouts (2003), Vice-President of World Scout Parliamentary Union (2003).

Attended several international Scout events, World Scout Jamborees and World Scout Conferences (Tunis, Durban,...).

Holds a Diploma from the Institute of Drama and Choreography in Audio-Visual Technic. Is Chairman of Adwa Rights (NGO for democracy and human rights) and Founding Member of the NADA Network on Children's Rights. Is Coordinator for the good running of the elections. Was Member of the APN (National Popular Assembly) Parliament of Algeria and President of the Commission for the Youth and Activities through Associations (both in 2002-2007), Member of the APN Parliament (1997-2002), Executive in the Ministry of Youth and Sports (1989) and Executive in the Ministry of Culture (1988).



Text of Motivation

Thanks to my avid interest in the Scouting development and my 20-year experience in both national and regional Scouting, I am hopeful to become a Member of the World Scout Committee.

My vision for the future of Scouting is to do everything we can possibly do to further engage young people, make Scouting a deeply rooted actor in our society, in order to promote peace and tolerance.

Nouredine Benbraham

Name: Ledjou Marcel **Blaguet**
Nominated by: Côte d'Ivoire

Aged 42. Married. Two children. Is World Scout Committee Member (2011-2014). Served as International Commissioner, Côte d'Ivoire (2010-2011); Chairman of the African Scout Committee (ASC) (2007-2009); ASC member (2004-2007); Catholic Scout Association of Côte d'Ivoire (ASCCI) National Commissioner (2001-2009); National Commissioner of the Educational Programme, ASCCI (1995-2001); National Commissioner of the Cub branch, ASCCI (1993-1995). Has also done 5 international courses as International Scout Leader.



Attended 4 International Conferences on Peace and Conflict Prevention, 5 African Regional Conferences, 2 Asia-Pacific Regional Conferences, 2 European Regional Conferences, the last 4 World Scout Conferences, 2 World Scout Jamborees.

Holds a Bachelor in Sociology (2003-2004) and a Masters in Communications, Administration and Management (1999-2000) from Université de Cocody, Abidjan. Has been Director of Communications and External Relations at Port-Bouët Town Hall (Côte d'Ivoire) since 2008. Was Manager in the International Relations and written media Department at Port-Bouët Town Hall, and Unit Manager of the community life at Port-Bouët Town Hall.

Text of Motivation

For the past three years, I have accomplished my mission through the World Scout Committee with great interest, enthusiasm and passion. This allows me to contribute positively and be at the service of the Movement on many issues.

I am a candidate for the next triennium, and my wish is to further encourage the World Scout Committee, the World Scout Bureau and the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) to allocate their resources and leadership mostly to help support NSOs, to enable them to provide a stimulating Scout Programme to the highest possible number of young people.

My vision of Scouting is that it must be a Movement showing a powerful force capable of transforming the world, of promoting peace while reaffirming its Mission to build a better world. I believe in the diversity inherent to Scouting, which aims to respect differences, to promote equality and to develop a system of values based on the three fundamental principles.

Finally, I am looking forward to giving back to Scouting what Scouting has given me and I am ready to put my knowledge and experience at the service of World Scouting through the World Scout Committee in which I honestly think I can serve for another three (3) years.

Ledjou Marcel Blaguet

Name: Peter **Blatch**
Nominated by: Australia

Aged 60. Married. Two children. Joined Scouting in 1960. Has been Consultant on the Asia-Pacific Region (APR) Specialist Consultancy Panel since 2012, Team Member of the APR Messengers of Peace Assessment Team since 2011, Member to the Educational Methods Committee of the World Scout Committee (2007-2010), Leader for the Review of Gifts for Peace Initiative, Switzerland (2008), Developer, Child Protection Package for the World Scout Jamboree (2007), Member of the World Scout Trainers Network (2007), Leader of Education for All Initiative (2005-2007), APR Representative to the Educational Methods Committee of the World Scout Committee (2005-2007), Member of the APR 50 Years Celebration Committee (2004-2007), Chairman of the APR Adult Resources Sub-Committee (2004-2007), and numerous other APR leading positions.



Attended 4 APR Conferences, 3 World Scout Conferences (2 as Conference Strategy Group Facilitator), 10 Courses for Leader Trainers, New Scout Section Programme Workshop (2002), Introduction of new Scout Section Training to World Programme (2003), Introduction of new Scout Section Training to Members of IAR (2003), Region Trainers Network (2004), and numerous other events.

Holds a Diploma of Teaching, Primary and Special Schools, Master of Educational Studies and of Educational Administration. Has been Senior Executive Officer with the Queensland Government for the past 23 years. Is Assistant Regional Director, Special and Specific Schools with responsibility for supervision of schools in the Metropolitan Region of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Was School Principal, founded and led a statewide consultancy service which operated throughout the state for students with disabilities. Received an educational award (2013).

Text of Motivation

My motivation is for Scouting to continue to provide excitement, challenge and relevancy to each of its members, and that this is promoted, communicated and supported widely through NSOs. I offer my experiences to promote the continued expansion of World Scouting through strong stewardship and service.

The success of Scouting is our universal, value-based Youth Programme which is enticing, challenging and meets the needs and aspirations of young people as they develop leadership skills. This delivery requires confident, skilled adults who guide our youth using the Scout Method. It is critical that the educational component of our Scout Programme, through its structure, leadership development, youth participation and adult support continue to be extended to ensure strategies are relevant and timely.

I recognise the challenges this presents globally for effective communication, promotion and the extension of Scouting at all levels especially as we extend the involvement of young people. I am an active promoter of our Mission and a contributor to the World Strategy as we progress to 2020. My work as a Leader Trainer in four Regions, on the earlier Educational Methods Committee and current Messengers of Peace Programme, has reinforced the need to consider the interests of our Movement as a whole, while reinforcing the importance of supporting individual Member Organizations, with their different and diverse needs through Regions and other flexible structures, as and if required.

I offer commitment, passion, time and expertise to further develop Scouting so that young people everywhere can continue to be educated for life and to help create a better world.

Peter Blatch

Name: Michael **Bradshaw**

Nominated by: Trinidad and Tobago

Aged 56. Married. Three children. 42 years in Scouting. Is Executive Director/Chief Executive at the Accreditation Council of Trinidad & Tobago. Was *ex-officio* Member of the World Scout Committee and Chairman of the Interamerican (IAR) Scout Committee (2010-2013), IAR Scout Committee Member (2007-2013), National (Chief) Commissioner of the Scout Association of Trinidad & Tobago (SATT) (2002-2008), International/Deputy Chief Commissioner, SATT (1996-2002). Is also a Member of 3 other organisations: Vice-Chairman of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, Rotary International and Children Alliance for the Protection of the Environment.



Attended the last 4 World Scout Conferences and 3 World Scout Jamborees.

Holds Certificates in Science Education, Human Resource Management, Quality Assurance, Project Management. Bachelor of Science in Education, Master (parts) in Education-Administration and Policy Development, Master of Philosophy-Education. Was Associate Lecturer, School Administration, Curriculum and Development (2003-2009), Senior Training Specialist, Public Sector Training (2003-2005), Professional Development Specialist, Teacher Education (2001-2003), Sector Development Specialist (1999-2001), Curriculum Specialist, Science Education (1991-1999) and School Teacher, Mathematics and Science (1981-1991).

Text of Motivation

An old native America proverb "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children" gives me enormous hope for the future in our young people. I believe Scouting can and has made a tremendous contribution to world peace and national development by inculcating in young people the necessary "skills for life". Young people are faced with challenges at home, school, community work and their personal lives. Challenges can be changed into opportunities given the right catalyst. This catalyst could be Scouting on its own or in collaboration with another kindred organization. However this can only be possible based on the programmes and activities that Scouting can provide for the youth. It is imperative, therefore, to have programmes and activities that meet the needs of a diverse group. Scouting must cater for diversity and speak the needs of individuals. This must be done at an early age.

I believe that with my 42 years of Scouting experience working with young people, I can contribute to making a difference. By working together, celebrating success and supporting the needy, I can assist in giving young people the opportunity to grow and develop themselves to the full.

Michael Bradshaw

Name: Fernando **Brodeschi**
Nominated by: Brazil

Aged 34. Not married. Joined Scouting in 1987 as a Cub Scout. Was the 1st Vice-Chairperson (2010-2013) and Member (2007-2010) of Interamerican (IAR) Scout Committee, Coordinator of the IAR Youth Network (2002-2006). Is a Member of the IAR Scout Foundation Board of Trustees (2010-2016). Has experience at National level in two different NSOs. In Brazil, is Member of the International Team since 2002 and from 2014 is the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Brazilian National Scout Fund; was International Commissioner (2007-2010), Deputy International Commissioner (2004-2007) and Member of the National Board (2007-2009). In Mexico, was Member of the National Board (2011-2014) and was the International Commissioner (2011-2012). Received different recognitions from several Scout Organizations around the world.



Attended the last 4 World Scout Conferences, the last 4 IAR Scout Conferences, the last 2 IAR Scout Summits, 1 Asia-Pacific Region (APR) Scout Conference, 1 Caribbean Chief Commissioners' Summit, 2 World Scout Youth Forums, 3 World Scout Jamborees, 3 IAR Scout Jamborees, and 1 APR Scout Jamboree.

Holds a Degree in Civil Engineering (B.Eng.) and Master in Business Administration (MBA). Experience in different countries working as a Marketing Manager on multinational pharmaceutical companies. Responsible for the elaboration and execution of strategic plans for key brands, being recognized several times for outstanding results and innovative projects.

Text of Motivation

I strongly believe in the power of Scouting to transform people and lead them to be the change that their communities need.

Scouting has been part of my family's history since my grandfather joined the Movement in the 1930s. My personal experience started in 1987 as a Cub Scout and was the key to forge my values and beliefs. After serving at Regional level as a Youth Advisor, Regional Committee Vice Chairperson, International Commissioner and at National Boards level of the Brazilian and Mexican NSOs among other positions, I believe it is time to share my knowledge, experiences and energy at world level.

Our global society is in constant change and our Movement is facing an interesting moment in which preserving our unity will be decisive to achieve our Vision. More than ever, it is time to work together so that more young people will have the opportunity to join Scouting and become better citizens.

My commitment, if elected to the World Scout Committee, is to work with our volunteers and professionals to support the Regions and the National Scout Organizations with concrete and sustainable deliverables. We must go from theory to practical actions, making significant impacts, externalizing our achievements through a strong communications structure, building capacities and sharing best practices among our NSOs and other organizations.

I ask for your support and hope that together we will build the path to be the world's leading youth Movement.

Fernando Brodeschi

Name: Lidija Pozaic **Frketic**

Nominated by: Croatia

Aged 39. In a relationship. One child. Joined Scouting in 1983. Was Patrol Leader and Group Leader (1988-1992), Member of the National Council (1992-1995), International Commissioner of the Scout Association of Croatia (1995-2001), Member of the World Programme Committee (1999-2002), Member of the Planning Committee of the 8th World Scout Youth Forum (2000-2002), Member (2001-2004) and Chairman (2004-2007) of the European Scout Committee, Member of the Tailored Support Unit of the European Scout Region (2007-2010), Member of the World Scout Committee (2014).



Attended the last 5 World Scout Conferences, 2 World Scout Youth Forums, 4 European Scout Conferences, 2 Interamerican Scout Conferences, Arab Scout Conference (2005), Asia-Pacific Scout Conference (2009), 2 World Scout Parliamentary Union General Assemblies, 3 World and 2 European Scout Jamborees, Boy Scouts of America Annual Meeting (2006), Kandersteg International Scout Centre Assembly (2010) and major Scout events in European Scout Region (2001-2007).

Holds an MSc in Chemical Technology, an MBA in Marketing Manager, ongoing PhD in Analytical Chemistry. Was a Research Analyst in a laboratory for 6 years, promoted to Project Manager then Quality Control Manager. Is CEO of Instrumentalia Adria, a Croatian company that is the business partner of Waters Corp. US, responsible for business in Croatia. Listed as one of the most successful managers in the country (2012-2014). Elected Consultant (2010-2013) of Croatian Government for the Civil Society, then Member of the Council for the Development of Civil Society.

Text of Motivation

Four years ago, I set out my mission, motivation and strategy on how to contribute to World Scouting; at that point in time I believed passionately that I was the right candidate to join the World Scout Committee (WSC) during the Conference in Curitiba.

With hindsight, the Committee requires different people at different times and I might not have been the right person at that time. However, since then, I have focused my energy on my career, and starting a family. I became the CEO of a company, and I am very proud of my achievements, and those of the team that I put together. More recently, I became a mother of a wonderful baby boy, and together with my partner and my dog, moved to the suburbs. Life is great, and I couldn't be happier, and so I didn't dream that I would be offering my candidature to the WSC again.

Just after I returned from hospital with our baby boy, I was really upset to hear of the death of my dear friend Eric Khoo. It was a real shock, as he was a good friend, as well as a true Scout. When I was asked from Geneva if I would agree to be co-opted to the Committee to replace Eric, I was still upset at the news of his death, and being a new Mum, my first reaction was to decline the invitation. Later, I thought about it, and realised that I still had Scouting deep in my heart and with my greater professional and personal experience since my original candidature, together with my undiminished passion for Scouting, I believe I can help World Scouting towards the goals in Vision 2023.

I believe my original proposals are still relevant, and you can see these thoughts on <http://www.equality7.info>. All in all, I still represent value-based leadership through a personal touch and I still believe I am the right person for better Scouting.

Lidija Pozaic Frketic

Name: João Armando **Gonçalves**

Nominated by: Czech Republic/Iceland/Romania

Aged 50. Married. Three children. Joined Scouting in 1976. Was local Leader (1986-2000), National Rover Commissioner (2000-2002), National Youth Programme Commissioner (2003-2004), Project Director of Roverway 2003 (held in Portugal), Member of the European Scout Committee (2004-2010), Chairman of the WOSM Adolescents and Young Adults Task Force, Member of the WOSM Educational Methods Committee, International Commissioner (2007-2010), Member of the World Scout Committee (2011-2014).



Attended the last 4 World Scout Conferences, African Scout Summit (2009) and Conference (2012), the Arab and Eurasia Scout Conferences (both 2013), the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference (2012) and Leaders' Summit (2014), 4 European Scout Conferences and Symposiums, 2 Interamerican Scout Conferences (2010, 2013) and Summit (2012), 3 World Scout Jamborees and 2 World Scout Moots.

Holds a Degree and MSc in Civil Engineering (specialisation in Town Planning), undertaking PhD studies in Planning and Participation. Was Project Director and Consultant in the construction business. Since 1996, is Professor in the Civil Engineering Department of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra (Portugal).

Text of Motivation

WOSM has some exciting 3 years ahead of it: the implementation of new Strategy and Policies, the strengthening of our Unity (and the respect for our Diversity), the consolidation of our Educational profile, the increase of transparency in our Governance, or the innovation in our Processes and Systems, are just a few of the challenges and opportunities that lie in front of us. And all this to be done in a constructive and positive way, involving all, regardless of their origin, age, gender.

The World Scout Committee 2014-2017 can play a decisive role in addressing those issues. For that, it needs to take quality and informed decisions (and support their implementation), to provide timely guidance to the Organization, and to nurture those relationships with NSOs, NSAs and relevant partners.

I have been giving my contribution to WOSM for the past 10 years, serving in different roles within the Organization, at regional and world levels; the last three as a Member of the World Scout Committee. During this time, I have been in contact with people from all over the world: listening to them, understanding their concerns, celebrating their successes, learning from them, sharing my opinions, and providing advice and support. I have worked side by side with NSOs and NSAs around the globe and had the privilege to contribute to some of their key processes.

This close contact with Scouts and Associations from all over the world, besides broadening my understanding of our commonalities and differences, has reinforced the idea that we belong to an extraordinary global family, which can only gain from exchange, sharing and collaboration. Because this increases our power of transforming the communities in which we live.

I believe that my expertise, my personal capabilities and my understanding of the world around us can be of value for the times ahead for the World Scout Committee. I am passionate about the Scout Movement and its transformative power; I know well this World Organization of ours; and I am ready to give a positive contribution to both, serving as World Scout Committee Member in the next three years.

João Armando Gonçalves

Name: Mohammed Ali **Khalid**
Nominated by: India

Aged 63. Married. Three children. Joined Scouting as a Cub Scout in 1959. Is International Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, and Member of National Council and Executive Committee, State Secretary for the Karnataka State, Consultant for the Asia-Pacific (APR) Scout Committee, Member of the APR Global Issues Task Force, Promotion Coordinator for the APR Scout Foundation Committee. Presented the Report on World Scout Seminar on Partnership (India), was Chairman of Resolutions Committee of the Conference, Member (2004-2009) and Vice Chairman (2007-2009) of the APR Scout Committee, Chairman of the APR Awards Committee (2009-2012), Member of the APR Scout Foundation Committee (2001-2004), Chairman (1998-2001) and Vice Chairman (1995-1998) of the APR Strategic Plan Task Force. Also held 3 national positions.



Attended 7 World Scout Conferences, presented the APR Strategic Plan at 4 out of the 7 APR Scout Conferences he attended, participated in 8 APR Scout Leaders' Summits, 7 APR Committee CNV Visits, 3 Regional Conferences, has been associated with other Scout/Scout related entities.

Graduate in Science & Law, Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Management. Is Advisor to Moulana Azad Foundation, Government of India & Haj Corporation of India. Is a retired Senior Civil Servant of the Government. Has held several key administrative positions in various Ministries. Held various other government and executive positions.

Text of Motivation

A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to defeat others. As a Scout, I feel we should be creative and innovative enough to face challenges with courage and a smile under all difficulties. Further, inspiring others should come from within rather than as exhibitionism. Having said so my intention is very clear. I would want to serve the Movement and give my best. If I am given an opportunity to be part of the World Scout Committee, I wish to leave behind a legacy of progress and development in World Scouting, for the future generations to come.

World Scouting needs further enrichment in the future with innovative ideas and an understanding of ground reality, to face the challenges of our young people that change every minute. We have reached a stage where our vision should be broader enough to create more space for youth to do what they want. The full utilization of the available resources and mobility of the young people is the challenge ahead.

I stand to commit myself to serve the Movement and be accountable for my role in the WSC. The large Indian peninsula in size as a sub-continent with over 3 million Scouts and the Asia Pacific Region with over 85% of the world Scout population has given me ample opportunities to associate myself deeply in Scouting from grassroots to the top levels of Scouting. The experiences I have gained from the last four decades as a volunteer in Scouting and over a decade as a Cub/Scout/Rover will surely be put to full use in supportive action to the work of the WSC. I strongly feel that the policies we adopt should be flexible and based on the needs, at every level of society and globally accepted by one and all. The policies should be consistent, and the WSC should stand firmly on the principles of Scouting and on fairness and equality to all, irrespective of the level of their development or being able to advocate for themselves. I am of the opinion that the WSC should collectively stand by its decisions at all times and should have the ears and eyes to cater for the needs of, and to listen to, the National Scout Organizations. I am committed to joining the WSC to bring about these changes, which I believe are urgently needed.

To conclude I wish to say that every leader is an asset to the Movement, but every asset may not be a leader.

Mohammed Ali Khalid

Name: Mari Nakano
Nominated by: Japan

Aged 59. Married. Three children. Is Member of World Scout Committee (2011-2014). Was Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Region (APR) Programme Sub-committee (2004-2007), Vice-Chairman of the APR Management Sub-committee (2007-2009), SAJ representative to APR Governance Review Task Force (2009-to date), Member of the WOSM Educational Methods Committee (2005-2008).

Attended the last 3 World Scout Conferences, the last 4 APR Scout Conferences, all six Regional Conferences 3 times (2007-2013) except Arab Region twice in 2010 & 2013, 2 World Scout Jamborees, APR Jamborees, numerous workshops and meetings at regional and world levels.



Holds a B.A. (International Relations) and M.A. (Human Development). Was a member of the Board of Ehime Prefectural Science Museum (2001-2005) and of Social Education of Shigenobu town (2004-2005), International Training in Communication (1995-2005). Is a Teacher of Japanese as a second language and a Freelance Translator (English-Japanese) for Prefectural and Municipal offices, private companies and NGOs.

Text of Motivation

In today's globalised community, mutual understanding and leadership are becoming more important, and I believe this is what we provide through Scouting. It is important to bring diversity to World Scouting, and we need smooth transition of the World Scout Committee, especially considering the current status of our Organization; and this is why I am standing for re-election.

Ever since I was elected as a Member of the World Scout Committee (2011-2014), I have been actively involved in the work of World Scouting. In the previous triennium, my main contribution was on the educational side of the work, which is the core of this Movement. Referring to the related Conference resolutions, our team worked hard to meet the request by conducting workshops, creating training modules, revising various policies and so on. One of the highlights was the first World Scout Educational Congress, which I was one of the coordinators of the event. At the same time, my role as a liaison with our partners gave me good insight of the importance of working together.

I have also devoted myself to the preparation of the 23rd World Scout Jamboree as a Chairperson of the Jamboree Management Team through which I have gained valuable experience. I believe these events will promote the value of Scouting and provide opportunities for more young children to join this world leading youth Movement, and we have to share the experience and knowledge with more people.

I would like to serve another three-year term to ensure quality Scouting for more Scouts, and I promise to continuously serve World Scouting as a leading youth Movement with my full devotion, passion and to the best of my ability.

Mari Nakano

Name: Jemima **Nartey**
Nominated by: Ghana

Aged 50. Not married. One child. Was an Adult Leader in 1995, Deputy Chief Commissioner of Ghana Scout Association (2002-2010), Chairperson of 1st and 2nd West Africa Zonal Conferences (2002 & 2004), Regional Conference Director (2009), Chairperson of Ghana/Netherlands Partnership Committee (2009-2010), Member (2007-2009) and Chairperson (2009-2012) of the Africa Scout Committee, Adult Leader of Horizon Scout Group (2012 to date), Advisor to the Ghana Scout Association – Constitution Amendments Committee (2014), Member of the Human Rights Task Force (2013-2014).



Attended the 4 last World Scout Conferences, the 4 last African Regional Conferences, the European and Arab Regional Scout Conferences (2010), the World Scout Jamboree (2011) and other events throughout the world.

Holds two Diplomas: in Communication Studies (Public Relations / Advertising) and in Education, and two Certificates: Women in Management (level 1 & 2) and West African Woman in Management. Was an Executive Director (Dzorm Project Ghana) and now is the Founder/Director of Happy Kids School in Accra. Was President, Empretec Business Women Forum (2010-2012) and Secretary of the African Women Entrepreneurship Program (2012-2013).

Text of Motivation

As an educationist who joined WOSM as an adult, I have developed lots of skills in adult leadership and management at various levels both nationally and regionally. I believe this training is a dynamic way of bringing up young people in our Movement through the direction, wisdom and experience of adults.

Reaching out to the less fortunate and under privileged is a sure way of ensuring that we are a World Movement that is not limited by distance, time or financial resources. I intend to give full support to the Messengers of Peace project, which is a laudable tool to ensure that this is achievable. This will make the Scouting brand noticeable, acceptable and appreciated in every corner of the world.

As a communicator, my vast experience has taught me that no matter how difficult a conflict may be or how resolute people are in their thinking, a good communication strategy or tool can ease up situations and bring about peace. A strong World Scout Committee needs to get closer to its constituents through communications to ensure our peaceful Movement can move forward.

A commitment to a growing Movement in the context of the 21st century is vital. I firmly believe that WOSM needs strong, dedicated, competent and open-minded leadership that is committed to ensuring support for Scout Associations/Organizations and to respond to the needs of its members especially young people.

“A Scout is a brother or sister to all Scouts”. As simple as this excerpt from the Scout Law is, it is the basis and the binding factor of a strong global Organization. Mutual respect and understanding of all is vital. Our diversity in culture, religion and gender is an invaluable asset that should ensure our unity.

Good values, passion, hard work, commitment, knowledge and experience is what I intend to give back to World Scouting.

Jemima Nartey

Name: Daniel Ownby
Nominated by: United States

Aged 45. Married. No children. Has been a Member of the World Scout Committee (2011-2014), has led the development of the Human Rights Task Force, has been a Member of the Secretary General Search Committee and the WSB Organisation and Location Review. Organised the pilot Interamerican Leadership Training (ILT), resulting in the youth leading MoP projects involving 10,000 Scouts worldwide. Was a Kandersteg International Scout Centre Committee Member (2007-2011) and since 2008 is a Member of the United States Fund for International Scouting Committee.



Attended the 3 last World Scout Conferences, several Regional Conferences, attended and was involved in 2 World Jamborees and will be a member of the Host Committee for the 2016 Interamerican Regional Conference.

Holds a Bachelor of Science/Business, and continual studies in China. Is the President of Energy Pipeline Company, also a Board Member of several Joint Venture Companies which own energy assets. Has developed and managed businesses in the USA and internationally.

Text of Motivation

My motivation in running for re-election to the World Scout Committee is to help provide strong leadership so WOSM can set the example and support NSOs to better enable them to grow and to reach more youth with quality Scouting.

In the past 3½ years that I have served, I have had the opportunity to see Scouting at its best in Messenger of Peace projects that youth, NSOs and our Regions are doing around the world. We need to share their best practices and experiences with all our members.

In Slovenia, we will set forth a Vision for 2023. To accomplish this we need to elect 12 dynamic leaders to inspire the Movement. A number of topics need our attention:

- We need to better utilize our youth talent and do a better job of listening, developing and mentoring them. Developing the next generation of stronger leaders is the most important role in our Movement and the future of the world.
- We need to utilize the best volunteer and professional talent as well as improve transparency in the volunteer governance with accountability back to the NSOs that elected them.
- To make our vision a reality, we need strong financial governance in such areas as adopting a centralized accounting system, promoting better financial reporting and working with the Audit/Risk Management Committee to improve our internal processes. My business experience will facilitate my working with professionals and recruiting volunteers that have expertise in these areas.

If re-elected I am prepared to serve our Movement with hard work, passion and integrity.

Dan Ownby

Name: Craig Turpie
Nominated by: United Kingdom

Aged 40. Married. 3 children. Craig has been involved in Scouting since joining his local Cub Scouts in 1983. He progressed through the Cub Scout, Scout and Venture Scout Sections where he achieved both the Queen's Scout Award and Explorer Belt. Became Assistant Venture Scout Leader in 1995, Assistant Area Commissioner for Venture Scouts in Edinburgh, the first Area Scout Network Commissioner in Edinburgh, became involved with the work of Scottish and UK Headquarters in a number of different capacities. Has participated in and been involved in organising a significant number of international activities. Was Member of The Scout Association's International Team from 2001 to 2007 and briefly again in 2013 as Deputy International Commissioner. Member (2004-2007) and Chairperson (2007 to 2013) of the European Scout Committee. Has served on various sub-committees, task forces, planning teams at home and abroad and co-authored a number of practical tools and resources. Has contributed significantly to NSOs across Europe and beyond.



Has participated in many events throughout the U.K., Europe and the world as a leader (1993-2014), and many international events (1991-2014).

Holds a B.A. in Visual Communication, and a Master of Design. Co-founded a specialist web development company in 2001 and is a Creative Director. Has subsequently co-founded a number of spin-off digital businesses with interests in digital marketing, social media, data mining and health and wellbeing.

Text of Motivation

WOSM is about to embark on the next phase of its strategic development. In order to deliver on an ambitious strategy, focused on development and growth which will bring better Scouting to more young people, the World Scout Committee needs a mix of capable individuals who can make an active contribution and ensure that the Strategy for Scouting is implemented effectively.

I have been encouraged by many NSOs around the world to stand as a candidate for election to the World Scout Committee. Their belief that I have a strong record in transformational and motivational leadership is heartening, as these qualities will be needed to ensure our strategic ambitions are realised.

Between 2007 and 2013, as Chairperson of the European Scout Committee, I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to deepen my understanding of WOSM and the remarkable impact that NSOs have on young people and their communities. There is considerable inspiring, life-changing work being done in many NSOs. But we cannot rest. There is more to do in extending Scouting to even more young people, often in challenging circumstances, so that they and their communities can benefit.

The service that I have given to WOSM has allowed many people around the world to learn more about me, my values and my approach to leadership and teamwork. I have a core belief that the World Scout Committee exists to be of service and support to NSOs and I will seek to ensure that this is realized through Global Support and other measures.

I am also a passionate believer in transparency, accountability and open dialogue. I will work to encourage further improvement in these areas to ensure that we stand together, united in our diversity. The prospect of serving WOSM over the next three years is exciting. With your support I look forward to demonstrating my commitment to the Promise I made to do my best and to be of help to others.

Craig Turpie

Name: Bagrat Yesayan
Nominated by: Armenia

Aged 49. Married. 3 children. Founded the first Armenian Chapter (1989-1991), Member (1991-1994, 1997-2004) then Chairperson (1999-2004) of the Central Committee of HASK, Chairperson of Yerevan District Committee (1996-1997), HASK International Commissioner (2004-2007), Member (2004-2013) then Chairperson (2007-2013) of the Eurasia Regional Scout Committee.



Attended the 1999, 2002, 2005 and 2011 World Scout Conferences, 2009 and 2012 Asia-Pacific, 2013 European, 2013 Interamerican and 1998, 2001, 2007, 2010 and 2013 Eurasia Regional Conferences.

Holds a Master in History. Was Advisor to the President, then Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia since 2009, and had various government positions subsequent to his teaching/lecturing career. Is now the Executive Director of the Armenian Cause Non-Profit Foundation.

Text of Motivation

I am coming from the Eurasia Region, which is the newest and smallest Region of WOSM. It was founded 16 years ago and its member NSOs are all former republics of the Soviet Union.

Of course, this fact creates a unique set of challenges that each of these NSOs must overcome as they strive to encompass more youth into their Organizations. In the past, candidates from the Eurasia Region have unsuccessfully tried to be elected to the WSC. As an ex-officio member, I participated in the meetings of the World Scout Committee and had the opportunity to raise the issues and challenges that Scouting faces in our Region. This allowed our Region to cooperate more closely with other Regions, representing our problems and issues and having some kind of influence on the decision-making processes. I am fully convinced that having a voting member from Eurasia in the World Scout Committee will bring the integration process of the Eurasia Region into World Scouting to its final point of destination – unity and equality of all NSOs and Regions.

We have a huge potential for Scouting. The Region's NSOs work in countries that have a total population of more than 300 million people. I believe that we can dramatically change this situation by working hard, in cooperation with other Regions. I believe that I have the experience to make this happen. In 1989, while the Soviet Union was on the verge of collapse, my colleagues and I re-established Scouting in Armenia, one of the first in the USSR. Since that time, I have served as a member and Chairman of the Chapter Council, International Commissioner, Chairman of the Armenian NSO, and Member, then Chairman of the Regional Committee. For the past 25 years, I have managed to get acquainted, not only with the needs of the NSOs of our Region, but also with the experience of our Movement in overcoming such kinds of obstacles. I am also convinced that the Eurasia Region has gained plenty of positive experiences and unique spirit, which I can bring into the World Scout Committee, thus contributing to the development of Scouting.

Bagrat Yesayan

Name: Wassim El Zein
Nominated by: Lebanon

Aged 43. Married. No children. Joined Scouting as a child. Served as Leader, Trainer and General Commissioner of the Lebanese Scout Federation. Is currently the International Commissioner, and a member of the Leadership Development Team of the Arab Scout Region.

Attended the last 4 World Scout Jamborees, the last 2 World Scout Conferences, and the last 4 Arab Regional Scout Conferences.

Holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, and an executive MBA in Finance. Is a Strategy Consultant for the Government and NGOs, and Human Resources and Strategy Manager at Imam Sadr Foundation.



Text of Nomination

The Mission and values of the Scout Movement, through which I have been raised since my childhood, have empowered me with a strong incentive and a big challenge to accomplish each Scouting task I have volunteered to do, to discover the world around me, and they have convinced me to work continuously in order to enhance and develop the Scout Movement towards creating a better world.

In fact, millions of young girls and boys, women and men all over the world, perform Scouting with no lassitude, but rather lasting plenitude. They are the non-stopping heartbeats of this Movement; they are in urgent need of our care and follow-up, so their Scouting programmes can improve and become updated and objective-oriented. Hence, we must customize their programmes and activities to their needs, so they will grow up as efficient citizens serving constructively their communities.

I hereby look forward to the Mission of the Scout Movement, as an inspiration for Peace in the world, trusting that, what has been corrupted by politics, will only be reformed by the Scouting spirit. We must also emphasize the importance of the Scout Movement unity and put all our efforts together to present it to society through its brightest image and high principles and highlight its positive impacts on Scout members.

Furthermore, all of us must also support the World Scout Committee and gather all our effort to help the Scout Associations in their growth and attempts to implement their vision. I have full trust that the Committee can rely on the principles of Good Governance and methodological planning appropriately with the relevant social cultures, scientific updates and socio-economic evolutions in each country, in order to better serve the Scout Associations and fill in the missing gaps amongst them.

Finally, as a fervent and objective observer of all the international Scouts events over the past 15 years, I'm truly motivated and delighted to work directly with the Scout Associations and I'll be trying hard to serve the biggest number of Scouts in order to implement the ultimate goal of **Creating a Better World.**

Wassim El Zein