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# Resolutions Committee Terms of Reference

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In compliance with the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the 27th Interamerican Scout Conference 2018 in Panama, the Resolutions Committee is established for the purpose of advising and assisting Member Organizations, the Interamerican Scout Committee and the Interamerican Scout Conference (hereinafter "the Conference") on issues related to the submission of Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions.

## A. Composition

1. The Resolutions Committee is composed of six members (4 volunteers, one Regional Committee member and one WSB-IASC staff member) who are appointed in accordance with Rules of Procedure of the 27<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference, Panama 2018. When proposing the 4 volunteers, the Interamerican Scout Committee shall consider gender balance and youth participation, as well as the previous experience of each volunteer. Their term runs from the moment of appointment until the official closing of the Conference.
2. The Resolutions Committee will elect by simple majority a Chairperson from amongst its members.

## B. Functions

The functions of the Resolutions Committee are:

### **1. To provide support to Member Organizations in drafting resolutions and Amendments as well as facilitating discussion on them prior to and during the Conference**

- a) To assist Member Organizations in drafting resolutions to ensure that Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines.
- b) To encourage discussion and debate, notably via on-line discussion tools, among Member Organizations, the Interamerican Scout Committee and Youth Advisors concerning Draft Resolutions, with a view to building a consensus on proposals to be submitted in advance of the Conference.
- c) To work with the Regional Office to ensure that all Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions are translated into the official languages of the Interamerican Scout Region and made available to Member Organizations on scout.org.

### **2. To deliver a report to the Conference on the received Draft Resolutions and Amendments**

The report will include all Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions submitted to it, in their final form, which have not been subsequently withdrawn by the proposer.

The report will be split into four sections:

- a) Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions that comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines. These will be put to the Conference for its consideration.
- b) Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions that do not comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines will not be recommended by the Resolutions Committee for consideration by the Conference.

The Resolutions Committee will inform the Conference of those Draft Resolutions that do not comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines. The Conference will vote whether or not it wishes to consider any Draft Resolutions not recommended by the Resolutions Committee.

- c) Draft Resolutions consolidated by the Resolutions Committee which deal with subjects which are consensual in nature, do not propose new policies nor request specific actions by the Interamerican Scout Committee or Member Organizations, and which it considers might be more effectively considered by the Conference by "declaration" or another form of endorsement.
- d) Draft Resolutions of courtesy, congratulations and condolence, and messages of good wishes.

### **3. Other functions**

- a) To issue, when requested so by the Conference Chairperson, an opinion whether or not an Amendment to a proposal circulated in accordance with Rules of Procedure of the 27<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference, represents an intermediate position between the Draft Resolution and the current position or policy.
- b) To group proposals from a Select Committee for voting purposes prior to resumption of the subject in Plenary Session.

## **C. Working Methods**

1. The Resolutions Committee meets at the Conference and conducts its business in advance of the Conference by electronic correspondence and other available means wherever possible and as needed in the execution of its functions.
2. The RoP, as approved by the Conference, govern the functioning of the Resolutions Committee.
3. The Resolutions Committee will take decisions by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the motion shall be considered defeated. The Chairperson will have no casting vote.
4. The Regional Office will provide support staff to the Resolutions Committee so it can fulfil its functions and duties.