22 August 2012

24th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference 2012
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION &
BY-LAWS and RULES OF PROCEDURE

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to APR Circular No. 7, dated 14 February 2012 on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, Rules and Procedure and Resolutions, no submissions were received from any NSO. However, following the 2009 Regional Conference resolution Nos. 02/09 and 03/09, the Regional Scout Committee submitted the following two proposals for constitutional amendment as requested by the resolution as of closing date of 13 April 2012:

1. Exit strategy of a Regional Scout Committee member

2. Inclusion of the Young Adult Member Group (YAMG) Chairman as an additional member of the Regional Scout Committee

Details of the above proposals are attached.

Please be informed that the above mentioned two constitutional amendments will be presented to the 24th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference in November 2012 in Bangladesh for adoption.

Thank you and more power.

Yours Sincerely,

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Regional Director

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PROPOSAL 1: Exit strategy of a Regional Scout Committee member

CHAPTER IV: THE REGIONAL SCOUT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE VIII

Present text:

5. In the interval between meetings of the Conference, the Committee may accept resignations and fill vacancies as follows:

(a) The position of an elected member in the Committee shall be ipso facto vacant when such member resigns or no longer belongs to a Member Organization.

(b) Any vacancy caused by the death of a member, through resignation or for any other reason shall be filled by a person co-opted by the Committee until the next meeting of the Conference, when a new member shall be elected for the unexpired term.

(c) Members who fill a vacancy under 5 (b) above are eligible as nominees to the next regular list of nominations and shall be eligible for the full six-year term commencing from the date of election.

Proposed amendment:

Resignations,
Suspension,
Vacancies

5. In the interval between meetings of the Conference, the Committee may accept resignations, suspend membership and fill vacancies as follows:

(a) The position of an elected member in the Committee shall be ipso facto vacant when such member resigns or no longer belongs to a Member Organization.

(b) The Committee may, by simple majority, provisionally suspend the membership of any member who is no longer able to fulfill the requirements and/or to perform and/or to discharge his/her duties required of him/her as stated in Article IX by his/her consecutive absence for no less than three Committee meetings or non-attendance within a 12 month period from his/her last attendance at a Committee meeting.

(c) If the Committee maintains its suspension of that member with a view to terminating his /her membership in the Committee, the Committee shall invite the suspended member to make written or oral comment and report his/her suspension together with the Committee’s recommendation of termination of membership to the next meeting of the Conference which shall decide the appropriate course of action on that member.

(d) Any vacancy caused by the death of a member, resignation or termination shall be filled by a person who received the next highest votes in the last election of the Conference co-opted by the Committee until the next meeting of the Conference, when a new member shall be elected.

(e) Members who fill a vacancy under 5 (d) above are eligible as nominees to the next regular list of nominations and shall be eligible for the full six-year term commencing from the date of election.

Note: The additions which are in both italics and bold letters are proposed by the Regional Scout Committee.
PROPOSAL 2: Inclusion of the Young Adult Member Group (YAMG) Chairman as additional member of the Regional Scout Committee

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1. The Committee shall consist of ten persons from Member Organizations in the Region who shall be elected by the Conference by secret ballot for a term of six years.

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5. The elected Chairman of the Young Adult Member Group during his/her term of office shall be an additional member of the Committee who shall have the same rights and obligations as the other ten members and the restriction in 2 above shall not apply in such case.

Note: The addition which is in both italics and bold letters is proposed by the Regional Scout Committee. If the above proposed amendment is accepted, then the numbering of the succeeding points (nos. 5-9) will change.