Young Adult Members Group Nomination/Election Procedures

A. Excerpts from the document, “Guidelines For Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum”

1) The inclusion of Young Adult Members Group in the Asia Pacific Regional Operational Framework demonstrates the APR Scout Committee’s belief in the capability of young people to take responsibilities at regional level and provides young people with experience in operating with regional level structures.

2) At each Regional Youth Forum, commencing with the 4th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum in Brunei, young people will be invited to elect young persons from among the participants to compose the Young Adult Members.

3) The number of young people to be elected will be determined by the number of Priority Areas in the triennial. Furthermore, the number of Young Adult Members should be equal to the number of Sub-Committee created by the APR Scout Committee during the triennial.

4) Candidates for the Young Adult Members should be under 23 years old in order to fulfil the age limit of 26 at the succeeding Youth Forum.

5) In order to maintain the balance among the Young Adult Members, gender and geographical aspects should be considered and the Youth Forum may take appropriate electing procedures to ensure this balance.

6) Each participant must understand that, if elected, they are expected to fully participate in either the Regional Committee and/or one of the Sub-Committee/Work Streams they are assigned to, by e-mail, mail and fax, as well as, attend a minimum of one meeting during the triennium. Any travel costs will be at the individual’s expense or that of the National Scout Organization and/or any external sponsors. The APR Youth Fund is established to support their travelling cost.

7) The Young Adult Members will elect a Chairman from among the Group. The Chairman shall represent the youth of the region at all appropriate forums. The elected Chairman of the Young Adult Member Group shall be a member of the Planning Committee and Chairman of the next Asia Pacific Regional Youth Forum, under a specific implementing guideline.

8) The members Young Adult Members Group shall support the Steering Committee in the conduct of the Youth Forum. The Young Adult Members shall participate to the succeeding Youth Forum with a status of Young Adult Members and may or may not necessarily be official delegates/observers of national Scout organizations.

9) These Young Adult Members will be requested to indicate their interest and availability to participate in the discussions and work towards any issues on which the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee would like to have the input of young people in any of the Sub-Committees / Work Streams (ideally each sub-committee / work stream will have one Young Adult Member).

10) Young Adult Members shall have a responsibility to report back and keep dialogue with the participants from the Regional Youth Forum and to continue to discuss issues with young people around the Region during their mandate period of office (up to three years).
B. Role of the national Scout organization

1) The national Scout organization, if it is interested, is requested to select a candidate to the Young Adult Members Group. Each national Scout Organization can only put forward one candidate and he/she should be a delegate to the 5th APR Scout Youth Forum.

2) After the selection is made, the participants should be endorsed by the national Scout organization to the 5th APR Scout Youth Forum, as a candidate to the Young Adult Members Group.

3) If the candidate is elected, his/her national Scout organization must understand that it is willing to support the Young Adult Members, to enable him/her to perform his/her function and accomplish the task assigned to them, including providing resources in attending meetings.

C. Proposed Voting Procedures during the Youth Forum

1) In accordance with the recommendations from the 4th Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Forum in Brunei Darussalam, the electoral procedure for Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) has been reviewed. In line with the Youth Forum Guidelines, in the interests of having a gender and geographical balance in the YAMG the following voting procedure is recommended to be ratified by the Youth Forum delegates:

2) A briefing on the role of the YAMG will take place on the afternoon of the 1st day (22 October). Only one candidate is allowed from each National Scout Organization.

3) The candidates will be announced after lunch on the 2nd day (23 October).

4) The election will take place in the afternoon of the 4th day (25 October).

5) Each delegate (two from each member-NSO of WOSM-APR) will vote for three candidates.

6) The votes will be tallied and the three candidates with the most votes will be Young Adult Members.

7) Delegates will be asked to vote again for another three candidates. At this point they will be aware of who the first three newly elected Young Adult Members are, and be able to adjust their preferences to ensure that a balanced YAMG is elected.

8) The votes will be tallied and another three candidates will be elected to constitute the six Young Adult Members Group, effective from the closing of the conference.

9) The Chairperson of the Young Adult Members Group will come from the six newly elected members.

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