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Circular N° 4/2017

To: International Commissioners

8 February 2017

41st World Scout Conference, 14-18 August 2017, Azerbaijan **Call for nominations for World Scout Committee membership (term 2017-2020)**

Dear friends,

In accordance with the recently approved Rules of Procedure for the 41st World Scout Conference, the World Scout Bureau (WSB) would hereby like to notify all National Scout Organizations (NSOs) of the status of each existing Voting Member of the World Scout Committee (WSC) and call for nominations for candidates for election or re-election.

1. Status of current Voting Members of the World Scout Committee (term 2014-2017)

Retiring members, not eligible for re-election

The following six Voting Members of the WSC elected for a **second** three-year term of office at the 40th World Scout Conference in Slovenia in 2014 will step down at the 41st World Scout Conference in Azerbaijan and are **NOT** eligible for re-election:

- Ms. Karin Ahlbäck (Finland)
- Mr. Abdullah Bin Suliman Alfahad (Saudi Arabia)
- Mr. João Armando P. Gonçalves (Czech Republic, Iceland, Romania)
- Mr. Marcel Ledjou Blaguet (Côte d'Ivoire)
- Mrs. Mari Nakano (Japan)
- Mr. Daniel G. Ownby (United States of America)

Retiring members, eligible for re-election

The following six Voting Members of the WSC elected for a **first** three-year term of office at the 40th World Scout Conference in Slovenia will step down at the 41st World Scout Conference in Azerbaijan and **ARE** eligible for re-election:

- Mr. Peter Blatch (Australia)
- Mr. Fernando Brodeschi (Brazil)
- Mrs. Lidija Pozaić Frketic¹ (Croatia)
- Ms. Jemima Nartemie Nartey (Ghana)
- Mr. Craig Turpie (United Kingdom)
- Mr. Bagrat Yesayan (Armenia)

Note that current members willing to stand for re-election must be re-nominated by a NSO, following the same procedure as new candidates.

¹ In accordance with Article XIII.4 of the WOSM Constitution, Ms. Lidija Pozaić Frketic filled the vacancy that occurred following the death of Mr. Eric Khoo for the remainder of his 2008-2014 term (see Circular 2/2014). Ms. Lidija Pozaić Frketic was eligible to stand for election for a first three-year term at the Conference in Slovenia and is therefore eligible to stand for re-election for a second three-year term at the Conference in Azerbaijan.

2. Call for nominations for candidates for election or re-election to the WSC (term 2017-2020)

Elections will be held at the World Scout Conference 2017 in Azerbaijan to fill the resulting vacancies for the period 2017-2020. Consequently, the delegates will elect, from the list of candidates, **12 Voting Members** for a period of three years.

In considering candidates for nominations, NSOs are reminded to consider the following:

- The WSC members' **job specification** and suggested **profile**² (Annex 1).
- In no case shall more than **one Voting member from any one NSO** serve on the Committee in any one period³.
- Any NSO which is **provisionally suspended**⁴ from WOSM membership will have its nominated candidate removed from the ballot paper if it is not returned to good standing with WOSM at the time of the Opening Session of the 41st World Scout Conference.
- Members of the WSC do not represent "any particular Member Organization or Region". A **Conflict of Interest Policy** (Annex 5) was developed in the current Triennium which will be applicable to candidates for the 2017-2020 term.
- As one of WOSM's fundamental purposes is to promote unity (Article IV.2 of the Constitution) of the Scout Movement throughout the world, the WSC invites all WOSM NSOs to keep in mind the desirability of **geographical balance** in nominating candidates for membership of the WSC.
- In accordance with the Strategy for Scouting and in particular the objectives on **youth involvement** in the decision-making process and the importance of **gender equality**⁶, NSOs are strongly encouraged to nominate young people of less than 30 years of age, at the time of the Conference, as well as women as candidates.
- All candidates are kindly reminded to **act according to the values of Scouting when promoting their candidature**⁷. Any actions that may be perceived as inappropriate or extravagant, could be viewed negatively by the World Scout Conference at the time of voting for elections.
- Subject to formal approval of the newly elected WSC at its initial meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Thursday evening 17 August 2017:
 - a **3-day induction meeting** is planned for all WSC members and Youth Advisors of the 2017-2020 term, building on the best practice developed in the 2014-2017 triennium. The foreseen dates for this meeting are **6 to 8 October 2017** (venue to be confirmed, arrivals on the 5th in the evening, departures from the evening of the 8th onwards). A short business meeting will also be scheduled during this event, with the consideration of the 2017-2018 WSB's annual operating budget as the main agenda item.
 - the **first full business meeting** of the newly elected WSC is foreseen to take place from **17 to 19 November 2017** in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (arrivals on the 16th in the evening, departures from the evening of the 19th onwards).

² Resolution 1993-25 on "World Committee"

³ Article XIII.2(a) of the WOSM Constitution

⁴ As a result of Article VIII.1 & XI.5 of the WOSM Constitution, including application of sanctions due to the WSC Policy concerning Payment of Registration fees (Circular 22/2015)

⁵ Resolution 2014-04 on "Exclusive dedication of WSC Members"

⁶ Resolutions 2002-06, 2008-14, 2011-08 on "Youth involvement in decision-making" and 2014-09 on "World Scout Youth Involvement Policy"

⁷ Resolution 2008-07 on "Rules of good practice for electoral campaigns"

NSOs interested to nominate a candidate for election as Voting Member of the WSC should submit the following documentation to the WSB:

- *A duly completed **Nomination Form** (Annex 2)*
- ***A horizontal head and shoulder colour portrait of the candidate** in electronic format (see Annex 3 for technical specifications)*
- *A duly completed **Statement of Motivation** of the candidate (Annex 4)*
- ***A duly completed Conflict of Interest "Certification Form"** (Annex 5)*

The four documents should be sent **in digital format only** to Charles Ng, Manager Constitutions and Legal Affairs (charlesng@scout.org), **no later than 14 June 2017 23h59 GMT**.

- The WSB will send a confirmation of receipt to the International Commissioners of the nominating NSOs upon receiving a nomination.
- Applications which are received after the deadline or which do not include the documentation above will be discarded.

After the closing date for receiving nominations, a Conference Document will be compiled and released to all NSOs no later than 14 July 2017.

Should you have any further questions regarding the procedure for nomination to the WSC or the enclosed forms, please contact David Berg, Global Director, Organizational Development to: dberg@scout.org.

Sincerely,
World Scout Bureau

Annexes:

- Annex 1 - WSC Job Specification & Suggested Profile
- Annex 2 - Nomination Form ([in Word document here](#))
- Annex 3 - Technical specification head and shoulder colour portrait
- Annex 4 - Statement of Motivation ([in Word document here](#))
- Annex 5 - Conflict of interest "Certification Form" ([in Word document here](#))



ANNEX 1

WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

JOB SPECIFICATION & SUGGESTED PROFILE

Approved by the World Scout Committee, September 1995
Last update: September 2016

(Resolution 1993-25)

1. OVERALL SITUATION

The World Scout Committee (WSC) is the executive organ of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

World Organization of the Scout Movement
World Scout Conference: Governing organ
World Scout Committee: Executive organ
World Scout Bureau: Secretariat

The chief administrative officer of WOSM is the **Secretary General**, who is appointed by the WSC. The **Treasurer** is also appointed by the WSC.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1. Voting members of the WSC

There are twelve (12) Voting members of the WSC. They are each elected for a three (3) year term of office and may stand for re-election for one additional term. After two continuous terms (i.e. a total of six (6) years), a retiring member shall only be eligible for re-election after a lapse of three (3) years.

(See Article XIII of the Constitution for provisions in the event of a vacancy on the WSC arising between World Scout Conferences. A member who has filled a vacancy in this way is eligible for immediate re-election at the next World Scout Conference.)

2.2. Ex-Officio Non-voting members of the WSC

The following are non-voting members of the WSC:

- The Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement
- The Treasurer
- The Chairperson or a Vice-Chairperson of each Regional Scout Committee
- A member of the Board of the World Scout Foundation.

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1. Constitutional functions of the World Scout Committee

Article XIII.1 of the World Constitution stipulates that:

"The World Scout Committee is the executive organ of the World Organization. Its members shall consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered, as representing any particular Member Organization or Region."

Article XIV.1 describes the functions of the World Scout Committee as follows:

- a) *To act on behalf of the World Scout Conference between its meetings; to give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies; and to represent it at international and national events.*
- b) *To promote the Scout Movement throughout the world by means of visits, correspondence, training courses and other appropriate action.*
- c) *To advise and assist Member Organizations in carrying out the purpose, principles and method of Scouting.*



- d) *To recommend the admission of National Scout Organizations applying for membership, and to suspend provisionally the membership of a Member Organization.*
- e) *To designate Accredited National Scout Organizations.*
- f) *To prepare the agenda and procedure of the meetings of the World Scout Conference, giving consideration to suggestions from Member Organizations, and appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson(s) of the World Scout Conference.*
- g) *To appoint the Secretary General of the World Organization, and to appoint his Deputy or Deputies upon a recommendation of the Secretary General; and to supervise the management of the World Scout Bureau.*
- h) *To approve the annual budget and financial statements of the World Scout Bureau.*
- i) *To accept the responsibility for the raising of additional funds.*
- j) *To approve the constitutions or other laws governing Regions.*
- k) *To appoint the Treasurer.*
- l) *To appoint Chairpersons of sub-committees and working groups on the recommendation of the Chairperson of the World Scout Committee.*
- m) *To grant consultative status to such organizations as may be of assistance to the Scout Movement.*
- n) *To decide upon granting of awards for services to the World Scout Movement.*
- o) *To coordinate links with all organs of the World Organization.*
- p) *To secure compliance with the Constitution of the World Organization by all organs.*
- q) *To ensure that risks facing the World Organization of whatever nature are assessed and appropriate control measures put in place.*
- r) *To call for an extraordinary meeting of the World Scout Conference in accordance with Article XII where required.*
- s) *To consider plans and strategies for the World Organization and make appropriate proposals to the World Scout Conference.*
- t) *To approve the purchase/lease of real estate for use or occupation by the World Organization and ensure that the title is registered in the name of the World Organization according to legal requirements.*
- u) *To follow-up on the execution and evaluation of the programmes/activities of the World Scout Bureau.*
- v) *To receive yearly audited reports from each Region.*
- w) *To liaise and promote good relationships with the World Scout Foundation and receive its annual plans and strategies.*
- x) *To approve the creation and supervise the management of all legal bodies created on behalf of the World Organization.*
- y) *To supervise the organization of World Scout Events.*
- z) *To exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution.*



3.2. World Scout Committee meetings

In a non-World Scout Conference year, the WSC meets formally twice a year, usually in March and September. A meeting usually lasts three full days (normally during a weekend + 1 day).

In a World Scout Conference year, the WSC meets formally three times a year - normally (i.e. when the Conference is held in July/August) in March and November, and at the time and place of the World Scout Conference. In the last triennium a specific 3-day induction meeting for the Committee was also held in October, following the World Scout Conference.

- WSC meetings are usually held at the World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre in Kuala Lumpur but may be held at other locations, at the discretion of the Committee and insofar budget allows.
- The provisional agenda and related advance documentation are sent to all WSC members in advance of each meeting.
- In addition, the Steering Committee (Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons, a Youth Advisor to the WSC and Secretary General) meets when necessary but usually holds its meetings by electronic means.
- The six Youth Advisors to the WSC elected by the World Scout Youth Forum are also invited to attend WSC meetings.

3.3. WSC substructures

According to Article XVI.6 of the Constitution, *"the WSC may establish, on a permanent or ad hoc basis, such subsidiary committees or other organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions."* At present, there are four working groups dedicated to the core areas of work defined in the Triennial Plan, four task forces with a time-limited scope and specific deliverables as well as four Standing Committees dealing with institutional affairs (Audit, Finance, Constitutions, and Honours & Awards) as well as a number of ad-hoc groups. The working groups usually meet on the first day of WSC meeting. Sub-committee meetings may take place prior to WSC meetings or at other times.

3.4. WSC Expenses Policy

In accordance with Resolution 2002-10, WSC members attending WSC and sub-committee meetings are entitled to request reimbursement of their expenses for travel and accommodation in keeping with specific WSC Expenses Policy. This policy is [available here](#) and on the Intranet of scout.org (in English).

4. STANDING ORDERS OF THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBSTRUCTURES

As a consequence of Article XVI.5, the World Scout Committee has adopted its own Standing Orders. These outline a vast amount of processes and procedures which govern the daily operations of the WSC and its substructures, including membership, meetings, relationships with other entities etc. The Standing Orders are available to all NSOs and reviewed and approved by each incoming World Scout Committee.

To acquire a deeper understanding of the operations and duties of the World Scout Committee it is highly recommended for each candidate to carefully review the current version which is [available here](#) and on the Intranet of scout.org.

5. WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE AND WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM

The host of the next World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum in 2020 will be decided at the World Scout Conference in Azerbaijan in August 2017. A member of the World Scout Committee is usually appointed to act as a liaison with the Host of these events. In addition, World Scout Committee members play a vital role in the delivery of sessions and reports during these events.

6. WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE AND WORLD SCOUT MOOT

The 24th World Scout Jamboree will be from 22 July to 2 August 2019 in West Virginia, United States of America. The hosts of the Jamboree are Scouts Canada, Asociación de Scouts de México and Boy Scouts of America. The host of the 25th World Scout Jamboree in 2023 will be decided at the World Scout Conference in Azerbaijan in August 2017.

The 15th World Scout Moot will be held in Iceland from 25 July to 2 August 2017. The 16th World Scout Moot will be held in Ireland in 2021.

The World Scout Committee usually appoints a person to act as a liaison with the Host of these events.

7. REGIONAL SCOUT CONFERENCES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

According to Article XX of the Constitution, *"Regions may be established in conformity with the requirements of this Constitution, comprising Member Organizations so desiring within a geographical*



area to be defined from time to time by the World Scout Committee". At present, there are six Regional Scout Organizations within WOSM: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe and Interamerica.

Each Region holds a Regional Conference every three (3) years, plus several Regional Committee meetings annually and many regional activities. The next Regional Conferences will be held in 2018 and 2019.

8. LIAISON ROLES WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The WSC usually appoints its members or representatives to liaise with a number of external partners. These include the World Scout Foundation, WAGGGS, KISC as well as other non-Scout Organizations.

8.1. Organisations holding Consultative Status with the World Scout Committee

A number of organizations have been granted Consultative Status by the WSC in the past. These include:

- the Council of Protestants in Guiding and Scouting (CPGS),
- the International Link of Orthodox Christian Scouts (DESMOS),
- the International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS),
- the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF),
- the International Forum for Jewish Scouts (IFJS),
- the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS),
- the World Buddhist Scout Council (WBSC), and
- the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU).

Members of the WSC may be asked to serve in a liaison role with one of these organizations and attend their conferences and meetings. The specific function of the WSC member may vary from one organization to another, depending on the organization's own statutes.

9. SPECIAL TASKS

Depending on the needs arising from the WSC's work.



WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBER SUGGESTED PROFILE
Approved by the World Scout Committee, September 1995
Last update: October 2004

(Resolution 1993-25)

According to Article XIII.1 of the World Constitution, the members of the WSC *"...shall consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered as representing any particular member Organization or Region"*.

This means that the candidates for the World Scout Committee (WSC):

- must be registered as a member of WOSM
- must have a strong commitment to Scouting, coupled with understanding of, and exposure to World Scouting
- must be sensitive to, and experienced in intercultural relations
- be in good health and in condition to travel
- be available to travel to WSC meetings twice a year
- have or secure the means to travel to international Scout events or to any other country where his/her specific functions would require his/her presence
- accept a fairly extensive commitment of time, and be able to react regularly to papers, reports and correspondence
- be able to communicate either in French or in English
- should understand and accept the Mission & Vision Statements, to be capable and willing to address with creativity and determination challenges facing World Scouting; to be able to motivate and inspire fellow WSC members, and other leaders in World Scouting, to constructive and positive action in carrying out the Mission
- must be motivated to act with other members of the WSC to serve, in a personal non-partisan capacity, the sole interests of WOSM in the fulfillment of its Mission & Vision and not for reasons of personal ambition or prestige
- should possess independent judgment
- be sensitive to, and respect, the concerns and opinions of others
- be resolute and non-partisan in making decisions, and tolerant in carrying them out have the courage to recommend what is right, even if that choice may not be popular
- be reliable in meeting responsibilities and deadlines
- be ready to work with team spirit to build within the WSC conditions promoting unity and harmony among its members
- should have a high consciousness of the ethical and professional responsibilities that membership on the WSC implies towards WOSM and beyond it
- should be inspired at all times in their decisions and actions by the principles of WOSM.

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ANNEX 2 – NOMINATION FORM

For election to the World Scout Committee, term 2017-2020

This form is part of a package of 4 elements that needs to be submitted for each candidate:

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- **A horizontal head and shoulder colour portrait of the candidate** in electronic format (see Annex 3 for technical specifications)
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Surname :		First name :	
Nationality:		Country of residence :	
Date of birth :		Gender:	
E-mail address:		Mobile:	

Registered member of WOSM with the following NSO:	
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Educational background and qualifications:	
Professional activities:	

Please mark in bold language proficiency:						
English	<input type="checkbox"/> native speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> basic	<input type="checkbox"/> none	
French	<input type="checkbox"/> native speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> basic	<input type="checkbox"/> none	
Arabic	<input type="checkbox"/> native speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> basic	<input type="checkbox"/> none	
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> native speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> basic	<input type="checkbox"/> none	
Russian	<input type="checkbox"/> native speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> basic	<input type="checkbox"/> none	
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...	<input type="checkbox"/> native speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> basic	<input type="checkbox"/> none	

Scouting experience (appointment held, dates, etc. including service on Committees and/or Task Forces and involvement in international Scout events):	
National level:	
Regional level:	
World level:	

Membership of other organizations:	
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Please include a short rationale why the NSO is nominating this candidate for election to the World Scout Committee? (max. 200 words)

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We confirm that the above candidate has agreed to stand for election to the World Scout Committee and is willing to commit her/his time, energy and passion to the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

NSO:	
Country:	
Name:	
Position*:	
E-mail address:	
Date:	
Signature:	

** Nominations of candidates for election to the World Scout Committee should be signed by authorised representatives of the NSO (President, Chief Commissioner, International Commissioner)*

The Safe from Harm Check is a requirement that applies to anyone involved in the leadership of the Scout Movement. It is the right and responsibility of the NSO to undertake diligence and implement necessary screening to ensure full-clearance of the candidate in any matter related to child and youth protection.

By ticking this box, the candidate's NSO confirms that a Safe from Harm Check was implemented and full-clearance in terms of misconduct or inappropriate behaviour is verified¹, thus the candidate is fully supported by their NSO.

In pursuance to Resolution 2002-9, candidates will be invited to present, in a plenary session on 15 August 2017, their personal motivations, priorities and objectives for their future contributions to the World Scout Committee, should they be elected. Further details will be provided to candidates in the run-up to the World Scout Conference.

¹ Resolution 2002-07 "Keeping Scouts Safe from Harm" and WOSM's Child and Youth Protection Position Paper (2016)

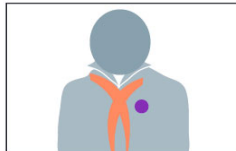


ANNEX 3
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION
HEAD AND SHOULDER COLOUR PORTRAIT OF THE CANDIDATE
For election to the World Scout Committee, term 2017-2020

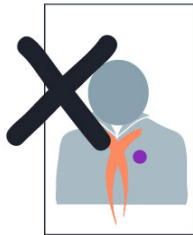
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Yes Landscape



NO vertical

- Recent Photograph in colour
- Dressed in the National Scout Uniform
- Landscape Portrait
- White Background
- Digital Format - High resolution
- .JPG or .TIFF file

- NO Power Point file
- NO Microsoft Word file



Annex 4 - Circular N° 4/2017

ANNEX 4 – STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

For election to the World Scout Committee, term 2017-2020

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Surname:		First name:	
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1. What is your personal motivation to stand for election to the World Scout Committee? (max. 200 words)

2. What do you see as the most important issues and opportunities facing World Scouting? (max. 150 words)

3. What experience and skill sets would you bring to help World Scouting achieving Vision 2023? (max. 150 words)

4. How would you describe your leadership style? (max. 150 words)

5. In which Strategic Priority / Areas of work do you wish to be involved?

- Youth Engagement
- Educational Methods
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Social Impact
- Communications & External Relations
- Governance
- Finance / Audit
- Constitutional & Institutional matters



ANNEX 5 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST “CERTIFICATION FORM” For election to the World Scout Committee, term 2017-2020

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About the World Scout Committee Conflict of Interest Policy

The purpose of the Conflict of Interest Policy that was approved by the World Scout Committee (WSC) in November 2014, is to prevent the institutional or personal interests of the WSC members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) from interfering with the performance of their duties and to see that there is no personal, professional, or political gain at the expense of WOSM. This policy is not designed to eliminate relationships and activities that may create a duality of interest, but to require the disclosure of any conflict of interest and the non-participation of any interested party in a decision relating thereto.

Under WOSM’s Constitution, WSC members have a responsibility to act in the best interests of WOSM as a whole above all other roles and responsibilities carried on by WSC members when making decisions. If a decision is to be made where the WSC members have a personal or other interest, this is regarded as a “conflict of interest” and the WSC member will not be able to comply with his or her responsibilities unless certain steps are followed.

In particular, a WSC member has a conflict of interest if the WSC is considering making a decision that would mean either:

- a WSC member or the WSC member’s NSO could (be perceived to) benefit financially or otherwise from that decision, either directly or indirectly, or
- a WSC member’s duty to WOSM competes with a (perceived) duty or loyalty through another appointment that the WSC member has to another organization, Scout committee or individual.

Conflicts of Interest are common in voluntary, public and commercial dealings. Having a conflict of interest does not mean that a WSC member has done something wrong or that he or she must always stand down from involvement in that decision. However, a WSC member needs to act with prudence to prevent conflicts of interest from interfering with the WSC member’s ability to make a decision only in the best interests of WOSM.

A copy of the full WSC Conflict of Interest Policy (in English), as well as the current Registry of Declared Interests for the incumbent WSC can be downloaded from the [World Scout Committee page](#) on the scout.org Intranet.

Requirements for candidates for election to the World Scout Committee

In line with Resolution 2014-04, all candidates for election to the World Scout Committee for the term 2017-2020 are required to duly complete the attached Conflict of Interest “Certification Form”. Candidates should be conscious that the content of this declaration will be disclosed to the 2017 World Scout Conference as part of the information package on each candidate for election to the World Scout Committee.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION FORM
Candidates for election to the World Scout Committee (Term 2017-2020)

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the WSC Conflict of Interest Policy in case I am elected to the World Scout Committee. To the best of my knowledge, I (mark one in **bold**) have / do not have one or more conflicts as described in this Policy. If applicable, all known conflicts are noted below. I will give prompt notice during the term of any additional conflict of interest as it arises.

1. Yes / No (mark one in **bold**), I hold a Scouting position of leadership or authority at the national level in my NSO/NSA.

If yes, please provide details of your position and responsibilities. If you intend to resign from (some of) these positions and responsibilities upon election to the WSC, please mark them as such.

2. Yes / No (mark one in **bold**), I hold a position of authority at the Regional level in a Scout Region.

If yes, please provide details of your position and responsibilities. If you intend to resign from (some of) these positions and responsibilities upon election to the WSC, please mark them as such.

3. Yes / No (mark one in **bold**), I, or a member of my family, a related party or other organisation that I control, offer services in exchange for paid remuneration to Scout Organizations or related activities at any level.

If yes, please provide details of the services you provide to Scouting in exchange for paid remuneration. If you intend to stop offering (some of) these services upon election to the WSC, please mark them as such.

4. Yes / No (mark one in **bold**), I, or a member of my family, have other appointments or responsibilities, which may affect my ability to fulfill the roles and obligations as a WSC member under the Constitution of WOSM.

If yes, please provide details of the appointments or responsibilities held by you. If you intend to resign from (some of) these upon election to the WSC, please mark them as such.

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I am aware that the content of this declaration will be disclosed to the 2017 World Scout Conference as part of the information package of my nomination to the election to the World Scout Committee. If I am elected, this information (including any updates I provide during the term) will be disclosed in the Registry of Declared Interests on the Intranet of scout.org.

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