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BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES
National Office
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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No. 64 Series of 2014

TO: REGIONAL SCOUT DIRECTORS, COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVES AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE

SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF THE LOCAL COUNCILS IN COA'S AUDIT JURISDICTION

1. The Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) has been classified as a public corporation by virtue of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *Boy Scouts of the Philippines v. Commission on Audit (G.R. No. 177131, June 7, 2011)*, and the National Office, as well as the Regional Offices have since been complying and continue to comply with the pertinent issuances from the Commission on Audit (COA) relative to their mandate as enshrined under the 1987 Constitution. On 30 June 2014, the BSP issued National Office Memorandum No. 45, Series of 2014 re: COA's Entry Into Local Council Operation. In the said memorandum, the entry of the COA at the level of the Local Councils was sought to be held in abeyance pending clarification of some vital issues between the BSP National Office and the COA Central Office.
2. The Local Councils, created through their respective Charters issued by the National Executive Board, are tasked to promote and supervise the delivery and the implementation of the Scout Program in the provinces, cities and their subdivisions. Furthermore, they are also tasked to promote and to facilitate the local development and extension of the Scouting Movement and establish local responsibility for leadership and supervision of Scouting Operations (Section 1, Article XVI, BSP National By Laws). Hence, though they function and operate independently from the National and Regional Offices, the Local Councils form part of the BSP. Portion of the decision says and we quote, "*After looking at the legislative history of its amended charter and carefully studying the applicable laws and the arguments of both parties, we find that the BSP is a **public corporation and its funds are subject to the COA's audit jurisdiction** xxx*" (emphasis supplied)
3. The BSP recognizes the COA as an independent constitutional commission charged with "*the power, authority, and duty to examine, audit and settle all accounts pertaining to the revenue and receipts of, and expenditures or uses of funds and property, owned or held in trust by, or pertaining to, the Government, or any of its subdivisions, agencies, or*

instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations with original charters xxx” (Section 2(1), Article IX-D of the 1987 Constitution)

4. Pending, therefore, the clarification/resolution of the issues between the BSP National Office and the COA Central Office, we are formally informing all concerned that the Office of the COA Resident Auditor at the BSP National Office, has already advised us that their local auditors shall, henceforth, include all Local Councils in their audit coverage and jurisdiction and therefore, all concerned are directed to advise and consult their respective Local Council Executive Boards (LCEB’s) for their information and appropriate action.

5. For your information, guidance and strict compliance.


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