



# Boy Scouts of the Philippines

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### NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO :** National Office Directors and Executives  
Regional Scout Directors and Executives  
Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge  
All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT :** Postponement of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual National Council Meeting  
Until Such Time that Normalcy has Returned

1. Pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation No. 922, s. 2020 issued on 8 March 2020, a State of Public Health Emergency was declared throughout the Philippines due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Furthermore, the Presidential Proclamation No. 929, s. of 2020 was issued on 16 March 2020, declaring a State of Calamity throughout the country and imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) throughout Luzon. On 24 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed the Republic Act No. 11469, An Act Declaring the Existence of a National Emergency Arising from the COVID-19 Situation and a National Policy in connection therewith, and Authorizing the President of the Republic of the Philippines for a Limited Period and Subject to Restrictions, to Exercise Powers Necessary and Proper to Carry Out the Declared National Policy and for Other Purposes.
2. Over the last two (2) months, the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the BSP National Executive Board (NEB) has been closely monitoring the evolving situation and considered the following multiple contingency scenarios and factors in connection with the conduct of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual National Council Meeting (ANCM):
  - a. The limited time to prepare and coordinate the Event as planned in May 2020;
  - b. Hosting a virtual version of the Event in May 2020; and
  - c. Postponing the Event until such time that normalcy has returned and the Event can Be adequately organized.
3. After careful consideration, and given the COVID-19 situation has yet to normalize, the BSP ExCom believed that is not viable to continue organizing the 64<sup>th</sup> ANCM as scheduled on 13-15 May 2020 in Cebu City and that a virtual version of the Event shall require and necessitate technological expertise, preparation and coordination and would likely generate a negative impact on the participation of delegations especially in Local Councils with less internet infrastructure system. Furthermore, the ExCom agreed that such arrangement would not achieve the purpose and objective of the conference which is the "coming together" and "unity" of the delegates. Likewise, the discussions on the prevailing issues and concerns that affect the Organization may not be thoroughly discussed when the conference will be conducted in such medium.

4. In view of the foregoing, the BSP ExCom has approved through a referendum to **POSTPONE THE CONDUCT** of the 64<sup>th</sup> ANCM scheduled on 13-15 May 2020 in Cebu City, until such time that normalcy has returned and can be adequately organized. The Committee further decided that a minimum of sixty-day (60) notice shall be released regarding new scheduled dates of the said Event, as provided in Article V, Sec.1-3 of the BSP National By Laws. Moreover, the BSP ExCom agreed that the Event shall take place only after everything is allowed and can be organized on the basis of the pronouncement of the President and the Chief Scout of the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. For information, guidance and widest dissemination.

  
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