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TO : National Office Staff, Executives and Directors
Regional Office Staff, Executives and Directors
Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge
Council Chairpersons and Local Council Executive Board
Regional Chairpersons and Regional Scout Committees
Commissioners at all Ranks and Levels
All Concerned

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XV, SECTION 2 AND INCLUSION OF
SECTION 8 OF THE BSP NATIONAL BY-LAWS AS APPROVED,
ADOPTED AND RATIFIED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
DURING THE 66TH ANNUAL NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

1. The National Executive Board has approved and adopted, during the 66th Annual National Council Meeting on 10-12 May 2023 held at the Leyte Academic Center in Palo, Leyte, the amendment of Article XV, Section 2 of the BSP By-Laws that will take effect upon the release and issuance of this memorandum.
2. **Background.** The Boy Scouts of the Philippines recognizes and adheres to the principles of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), which emphasizes the development of young people with the guidance of adult leaders. This is evident through the Scout Youth Forum, a primordial part of the youth development program of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and is organized to fill in the need and the clamor for more youth participation in the decision-making processes in the Scouting movement, especially in matters and issues directly affecting young people, and serves as a laboratory for the development of leadership from among the Scouts.
3. **Rationale.** A Regional Scout Committee is organized in all Scouting Regions which shall serve as advisory body to the National Executive Board regarding matters affecting the Region and its component Councils and shall serve as an extension of the National Executive Board in the promotion and implementation of the Scouting Program. The Regional Scout Committee is composed of various representatives, **but the existing BSP National By-Laws do not mandate Regional Scout Representatives to be included as members of the Regional Scout Committee.**
4. Article XV, Section 2 of the BSP National By-Laws stipulates that:

"Members and Officers. Regional Scout Committees shall be organized in all Scouting Regions. It shall serve as advisory body to the National Executive Board regarding matters affecting the Region and its component Councils and shall serve as an extension of the National Executive Board in the promotion and implementation of the Scouting Program."

It shall be composed of the Council Chairman or other member of the Executive Board from each Local Council in the Region; and the corresponding Regional Directors of the Department of Education.

The officers of the Regional Scout Committee shall be a Regional Chairman, who may not be a Chairman of a Local Council, a Vice-Chairman, a Treasurer, a Regional Scout Commissioner, an Auditor and the Regional Scout Director.

Except for the Regional Scout Director, the Officers shall serve for one (1) year or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

The Regional Chairman, once elected, shall promote the interest of the entire Region and shall not consider himself as representative only of the particular Council to which he belongs.

5. In this connection, it is hereby announced and made the matter on record, that **Article XV, Section 2 of the BSP National By-Laws be amended and shall read as follows:**

Section 2. Members and Officers. Regional Scout Committees shall be organized in all Scouting Regions. It shall serve as advisory body to the National Executive Board regarding matters affecting the Region and its component Councils and shall serve as an extension of the National Executive Board in the promotion and implementation of the Scouting Program.

It shall be composed of the Council Chairman or other member of the Executive Board from each Local Council in the Region; and the corresponding Regional Directors of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports; and the duly elected two (2) Regional Scout Representatives who receive the highest plurality of votes during the Regional Scout Youth Forum.

The officers of the Regional Scout Committee shall be a Regional Chairman, who may not be a Chairman of a Local Council, a Vice-Chairman, a Treasurer, a Regional Scout Commissioner, an Auditor and the Regional Scout Director.

Except for the Regional Scout Director, the Officers shall serve for one (1) year or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

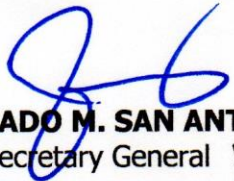
The Regional Chairman, once elected, shall promote the interest of the entire Region and shall not consider himself as representative only of the particular Council to which he belongs.

6. Likewise, Section 8 shall be added in Article XV which shall define the functions of the Regional Scout Representatives in the Regional Scout Committee, and shall read as follows:

Section 8. Regional Scout Representatives. The two (2) Regional Scout Representatives who receive the highest plurality of votes during the Regional Scout Youth Forum shall represent the interests and concerns of the youth and the Scout membership and shall have a voting right in all decision-making processes and the election of the Regional Scout Committee.

7. Consequently, this amendment shall make necessary adjustment in the numberings of the succeeding sections (Sections 8 – 12) of Article XV under "Meetings" to Sections 9 – 13 accordingly.

8. The National Executive Board also approved in its 3rd Regular Meeting last 25 November 2022 held at the National Office, BSP, to change the official title and designation of duly elected Regional Scout Representatives (RSRs) to the National Executive Board (NEB) as **National Scout Representatives (NSRs) for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao to the National Executive Board (NEB)** to avoid confusion from among the duly elected Regional Scout Representatives (RSRs) from the Regional Scout Youth Forum (RSYF) to the Regional Scout Committees, respectively.
9. Should you have further queries, you may refer them directly to Mr. Yasser F. Sarona, Program and Adult Resources Development Executive at (02) 8527-8317 to 19 loc. 524 or via email at yaz@scouts.org.ph
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