

May 2015

To: Members of the Council of The Scout Association

cc: County/Area/Region (Scotland) Chairmen

Dear Council Member

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND COUNCIL IN CONFERENCE 2015

Saturday 12 September 2015, Baden-Powell House

The Annual General Meeting and Council in Conference 2015 will be held at Baden-Powell House, Queens Gate, London, SW7 5JS on Saturday 12 September 2015. The formal notice of the meeting and the agenda will be sent to you by early August but I can inform you now that registration will be open from 10:00 and participants will be asked to be seated by 10:45. In addition to the AGM, there will be a Council in Conference in the afternoon which will be focussing on achieving our strategic aims through the refreshed programme.

This letter contains information concerning attendance at the AGM and the nomination process for elected members and elected youth members of the Board of Trustees. Council members are encouraged to consider nominating members or associate members of the Association as candidates for election to the Board. The Scout Association aims to create and maintain a fully diverse Board and candidature is open to all members and associate members who fulfil the specific skills criteria and age requirement.

I would like to draw your attention to section 'c' of this letter, which describes the change being made to the nomination arrangements this year.

a) WeShape

Council in Conference 2015

By September 2015, our updated programme will be fully embedded and enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of young people across the UK. With its increased scope it gives us a golden opportunity to achieve our strategic aims.

At this year's Council in Conference, known as WeShape, we will update you on plans for the next 18 months about how we are going to deliver our strategic aims through the delivery of the programme - and we want your ideas and experiences to inform this work.

For example we will:

- Help Scouting become more Youth Shaped by promoting and supporting our Young Leaders
- Scheme and giving young people the chance to determine their own programme
- Deliver real social impact by helping young people achieve their Community Impact Staged
- Activity Badge, participating in the Million Hands project
- Make Scouting become more inclusive through **Better Prepared**
- Grow the movement by engaging with Cubs old and new as part of the 2016 **Cubs 100**

- celebrations

...and much more

Building on the success of YouShape, WeShape will be a fun, interactive session where together we can share ideas and identify opportunities to achieve the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan, Scouting for All, by delivering a fantastic, adventurous programme for young people.

We are also delighted to announce that our guest speaker will be Dame Julia Cleverdon, DCVO, CBE, listed by The Times as one of the 50 most influential women in Britain. She will be speaking about the power of collaborative working to achieve our strategic goals, improve outcomes for young people and deliver positive impact in our communities.

b) Election to the Board of Trustees

The Board comprises up to 19 members as follows:

- Elected members: Nine elected members are nominated and elected by the Council on a rolling basis. The nine are split across electoral colleges: England South (three members), England North (three members), Scotland (one member), Wales (one member) and Northern Ireland (one member).
- Elected youth members: Three members of the Board will be elected as youth members.
- Appointed members: The Chairman of the Board, the Treasurer and up to three appointed members.
- The ex-officio members of the Board are the UK Chief Commissioner and the Chief Executive.

A Trustee Role Description and Person Specification can be found on the nominations website.

c) Elected members

Elected members serve for a period of three years but may be re-elected for a second period. The maximum period of continuous elected service is six years. Elected members act as Trustees for the Association as a whole across the United Kingdom. Trustees are not elected to 'represent' a particular part of the country or electoral college. All members of the Council are entitled to vote for the nominated candidates.

This year there will be elections for elected members from the following electoral colleges:

One three-year vacancy from the England South Electoral College

One three-year vacancy from the England North Electoral College

One three-year vacancy from the Wales Electoral College

The Very Revd. Stephen Lake (England South) Carl Hankinson (England North) and David Chapman (Wales) will retire at the Annual General Meeting 2015 and are not eligible for re-election.

Council members are invited to nominate candidates for election to the Board of Trustees, using the online process which can be accessed through the following web link www.mi-nomination.com/sa.

Candidates do not need to be members of the Council to be nominated but they must be either a member or an associate member of the Association. Candidates standing for elected member seats must be over

18 years old at the formal nomination date (Friday 3 July 2015) and they must be a member or associate member of the Association from the electoral college in which they wish to stand.

The Board at its meeting in March 2015 considered its collective competencies based on a skills audit of its current membership and those independent members recently recruited. The Board shows a wide range of professional skills and experience but would benefit from more experience in the following areas: Safeguarding, Digital Technology and Property Management to enable it to work towards the aims and objectives of the organisation and meet obligations as charity trustee.

Both the proposer and the seconder (who must be members of the Council of The Scout Association) should support the nomination with a statement (maximum 60 words each) indicating why they believe that the nominee would make a good trustee, highlighting the qualities and skills they possess

Nominations must be submitted online no later than Friday 3 July 2015. Electronic versions of all forms will be available on the website shortly.

All members and associate members of the Association meeting the eligibility criteria described above are eligible to stand for election as elected members of the Board, except those who are continuing members of the Board.

The continuing members of the Board are:

Ex-officio members:

UK Chief Commissioner
Mr Wayne Bulpitt
Chief Executive
Mr Matt Hyde

Appointed members:

Ms Sally Cantello
Mr Gordon Boyd

Elected members:

Mr Nigel Hailey [England North]
Mr Stuart Howells [England North]
Mr Gareth Davies [England South]
Ms Fiona Durrant [England South]
Mr John Kennedy [Scotland]
Mr Colin Lammey [Northern Ireland]

d) Elected youth members

In accordance with the provision of bye-laws 23 and 36 the following member will have completed his term as an elected youth member and will not be eligible to stand for re-election.

Mr Michael Rollinson

Therefore there will be one three year vacancy for an elected youth member.

Any member or associate member of the Association who is over 18 (as at Friday 3 July 2015) but has not reached their 24th birthday by 31 January 2015 may stand for election as an elected youth member except the following continuing elected youth members.

Mr Jake Myatt

Mr Ashley Russell

All processes and deadlines for the nomination of elected youth member candidates are the same as for elected member candidates.

e) Appointed members

The Council will be asked to formally approve the Board's recommendation for the Chair of the Trustee Board and two appointed members.

f) Voting

Following the successful use of electronic voting over the last few years, electronic voting will this year be the default voting method for the election to the Board of Trustees. Details of the voting procedures will be sent to you by early August. If you have received this communication through the post, could you please e-mail us at governance@scouts.org.uk so that we may include you in the electronic voting system. If you do not send us these details, we will continue to send you paper ballot papers.

g) Briefing Note and bye-laws

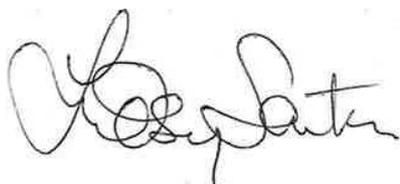
Enclosed is a briefing note which details the overall structure of the Council, information about its meetings, and the role of members. Also enclosed is a copy of the bye-laws which detail the structure of the Council and its role (see bye-laws 3-18). Details of the structure of the Board and its remit are covered by bye-laws 19-38.

If you require any information concerning the nomination of members or associate members for election please do not hesitate to be in touch with me.

h) Attendance at the AGM

All Council members are invited to the AGM. Any adult involved in Scouting who is not a member of the Council may apply to attend as a non-voting observer. Anyone wishing to attend as an observer must write to me by no later than Friday 21 August 2015 stating the role they hold in the Movement. County, Area and Region (Scotland) Chairmen who are not members of the Council are particularly welcome. Please note that attendance is limited by seating capacity. Observer applications will be dealt with on a 'first come' basis.

Yours sincerely,



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