

Constitutional Proposals for the European Scout Region

Extracted from the complete text

Proposal 1

Article II: Purpose and Principles

Add point

c) In particular, the European Region values transparency in all its operations, reporting regularly and comprehensively to the members organizations, opening up committee and other meetings to participation on request, while respecting the confidentiality required by a membership organization.

The reason for this addition is to reflect the strength of commitment shown by the Region towards transparency.

Proposal 2

Article IV: European Scout Committee

Add two points

- On election, and following discussion with fellow committee members, all elected members should declare any possible conflicts of interest arising from positions held in their own or other Scout associations, which would lead to permanent conflicts of interest concerning their perceived impartiality. Positions on the national board, including that of International Commissioner if that position is a member of the board, would automatically be conflicts of interest, and such positions would require to be resigned within 4 months of election.
- A conflict of interest register will be established so that members may declare, at any time, issues and interests that they may have institutionally and personally that impact on their contribution to decision making or influence by the Committee.

The reason for this addition is to ensure best practice, to follow the example of the World Scout Committee and ensure the conflicts are managed in a fair way.

Proposal 3

Article IV: European Scout Committee

Amend the current text by replacing the second sentence.

The European Committee shall meet at such time and places as it may decide. The European Committee adopts its own rules of procedure and other operating processes which are contained in the Standing Orders of the European Committee which are adopted or amended by each new incoming committee at its first meeting.

This introduces the possibility of the European Committee to manage better its meetings and other processes based on the same principles expounded in Standing Orders developed by the World Committee and used as an exemplar for the European Committee.

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