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To: Council, Area, Region and National Key 3's, National Council Members
CC: Scout Executives, Area Directors and Regional Directors
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Subject: *Moving Forward to Serve More Youth - Final Membership Standards Update*

Friends,

Once again, a special thanks to all who participated in the Membership Standards Study Initiative. The process in which you participated was historic. Through the process, the Boy Scouts of America proved that a volunteer-led organization can listen and learn from its members and move forward to serve more youth.

We are now in the implementation phase of the initiative. Between now and Jan. 1, 2014, an implementation task force made up of volunteers and professionals is looking at every aspect of our organization to implement the new membership policy in the best way for the youth and families we serve.

In the weeks ahead, you will begin receiving updates that will outline the work of the implementation group and its progress.

On May 24, Rex Tillerson, past president of the Boy Scouts of America, spoke to attendees of our National Annual Meeting. His message about Scouting, change, and the future of the BSA was powerful. I'm proud to share those remarks with you here. I encourage you to share this video with anyone who cares about the Scouting movement.



A special message from Rex Tillerson,
BSA past president,
[2013 National Annual Meeting](#)

Thank you for your leadership, your passion for Scouting, and for helping move the BSA forward to serve more youth.

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