



**17**<sup>TH</sup> Western Hemisphere Regional Conference  
03-06 July 2025  
Virtual

# DOCUMENT 7 RECORD OF DECISIONS AND SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

August 2025

## INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the narrative summary of the discussions, and the Record of Decisions voted on by Member Organisations, at the Western Hemisphere Regional Conference held from July 3 to 6, 2025.

## RULES OF PROCEDURE

The [Rules of Procedure](#) used at the Regional Conference were those approved by Member Organisations at the 38<sup>th</sup> World Conference in July 2023.

## PARTICIPANTS/QUORUM

Twenty-five out of the Region's 35 Member Organizations sent formal delegations to the Conference (with an additional four participating as guests without voting rights). Young women were well-represented among the delegations, making up nearly a third of all participants. However, only four of the Head Delegates (16%) were women under 30.

During the Opening Business session of the Regional Conference, the Procedural Team Coordinator confirmed that the conference was quorate. The Tellers counted the Member Organizations present at the beginning of each voting session and found the conference to be quorate each time. The list of Member Organisations that participated in the Regional Conference can be found in Appendix 1.

## SUMMARY OF VOTING ON PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

The following Procedural Motions were considered during the Opening Business of the Regional Conference. All four Procedural Motions were proposed by the Regional Committee and required a simple majority of votes cast by eligible Full and Associate Member Organisations to pass.

PROPOSED MOTION	RESULTS OF VOTE
<p><b>Procedural Motion A – Confirmation of the Tellers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That the following individuals are appointed to serve as Tellers for the Western Hemisphere Regional Conference:</li><li>• Helen Cashman of Canada</li><li>• Yara Chavarría from Costa Rica</li><li>• Sheanna Rampersad from Trinidad and Tobago</li></ul> <p><i>Voted on by General Consent.</i></p>	MOTION PASSED
<p><b>Procedural Motion B – Confirmation of the Conference Chair and Vice Chairs</b></p> <p>That the following people be confirmed as Chair and Vice-Chairs of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amy Porteous, of Canada, as Chair</li><li>• Vanessa Carey-Campbell of Bahamas and Mariana Maciel of Mexico as Vice-Chairs.</li></ul> <p><i>Voted on by General Consent.</i></p>	MOTION PASSED

PROPOSED MOTION	RESULTS OF VOTE
<p><b>Procedural Motion C – Confirmation of the Procedural Team</b></p> <p>That the following individuals be confirmed to serve on the Procedural Team for the 17th Regional Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martha Balderas, from Mexico, as Coordinator</li> <li>• Deana-Marie Burkett from Trinidad and Tobago and Barbara Schiebe of the USA as Procedural Team Members.</li> </ul> <p><i>Voted on by General Consent.</i></p>	MOTION PASSED
<p><b>Procedural Motion D – Confirmation of the agenda</b></p> <p>That the agenda, as contained in Regional Conference Document 2, be approved for this 17<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference.</p> <p><i>Voted on by General Consent.</i></p>	MOTION PASSED

## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

The Programme and Agenda for the Regional Conference (Document 2) can be found [here](#).

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Neither presentation generated much discussion, though one delegation brought up concerns about the Western Hemisphere potentially being underrepresented at the 2026 WAGGGS World Conference. The Committee Chair advised that the WAGGGS was aware of that possibility and that it and the new Regional Committee were likely to devote some attention to helping MOs increase their chances of being able to attend.

In Session 1 of Day 4 of the Conference, the delegates were scheduled to address the Proposed Motions. The only motions before them were those put forward by the Regional Committee for the approval of the Triennial Report and Triennial Action Plan. These motions had been circulated in advance in [Document 6a: Proposed Motions](#). As the motions were so few in number, and were not expected to be controversial, before the discussion began the Chair invited head delegates to vote on a **Proposed Motion E** that had come up in discussion on Day 3:

That the Agenda be amended to combine the business sessions scheduled for Sunday, July 6, with the goal of beginning the Regional Awards and closing at 1:00 PM Eastern Time.

This motion passed by general consent.

Business then moved on to the presentation of the two Proposed Motions. The Chair of the Regional Committee introduced each one, and the Conference Chair or a Vice-Chair opened the discussion to the Member Organizations present. This process took place for both motions, following which the Conference then voted on them both.

Member Organizations seemed to have little to say with respect to Proposed Motion 1 until the Vice-Chair who was leading the discussion invited them to comment generally on the work of the Committee over the course of the Triennium if they wished. This stimulated some discussion; representatives of several Member Organizations – some Spanish-speaking, others English-speaking –spoke to thank the committee and praise their work. All were appreciative.

Although time was set aside for discussion of Proposed Motion 2, no Member Organizations indicated a desire to speak. The Vice-Chair who had intended to lead the discussion therefore moved the Conference along and into the voting process.

**SUMMARY OF VOTING ON PROPOSED MOTIONS (with abstentions noted only where they were registered by the head delegate choosing “abstain” on a ballot)**

PROPOSED MOTION	PROPOSER	VOTING ELIGIBILITY	MAJORITY REQUIRED	RESULTS OF VOTE	
<p><b>Proposed Motion 1 - Adoption of the Regional Triennial Report, 2023-2025</b></p> <p>The Regional Conference adopts the Triennial Regional Report for the 2023-2025 triennium (Conference Document 3)</p> <p><i>Voted on by general consent</i></p>	Western Hemisphere Regional Committee	Full and Associate Members	Simple majority of votes cast	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	
<p><b>Proposed Motion 2 - Adoption of the Regional Triennial Action Plan, 2026-2028</b></p> <p>The Regional Conference adopts the Triennial Regional Action Plan for the 2026-2028 triennium (Conference Document 4c).</p> <p><i>Voted on by electronic ballot.</i></p>	Western Hemisphere Regional Committee	Full Members	Two thirds majority of votes cast	For	24
				Against	0
				Abstentions	0
				<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

## ELECTION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE, 2025-2028

PROPOSED MOTION	VOTING ELIGIBILITY	MAJORITY REQUIRED	RESULTS OF VOTE	
<p>The Regional Conference ratifies the election of the following six candidates as members of the Regional Committee 2025-2028 (in alphabetical order by surname):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alison Alvarado Porras</li> <li>• Margaret Burke</li> <li>• Ale Delgado</li> <li>• Marina De Matthey Derosa</li> <li>• Maria Jose Gallardo Perez</li> <li>• Shonetta Lowe</li> </ul> <p>And the following Regional Approved Persons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Susan Birnie</li> <li>2. Tiffany Pierre</li> </ol> <p><i>Voted on by electronic ballot.</i></p>	Full Members	Simple majority of votes cast	For	22
			Against	1
			Abstentions	1
			<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

## Appendix 1: Member Organisations that participated in the Regional Conference

Country	Member Organisation	Full/Associate
Antigua and Barbuda	Girl Guides Association of Antigua and Barbuda	Full
Argentina	Asociación Guías Argentinas	Full
Bahamas	The Bahamas Girl Guides Association	Full
Barbados	The Girl Guide Association of Barbados	Full
Canada	Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada	Full
Chile	Asociación de Guías y Scouts de Chile	Full
Colombia	Asociación de Guías Scouts de Colombia	Full
Costa Rica	Asociación de Guías y Scouts de Costa Rica	Full
Curacao	Asosiashon di Guia PNA	Full
Dominica	The Girl Guides Association of Dominica	Full
Dominican Republic	Asociación de Guías Scouts Dominicanas Inc.	Full
El Salvador	Asociación De Muchachas Guías Scouts de El Salvador	Full
Guatemala	Asociación Nacional de Muchachas Guías de Guatemala	Full
Grenada	The Girl Guide Association of Grenada	Full
Honduras	Asociación Nacional de Muchachas Guías de Honduras	Full
Mexico	Guías de México, A.C.	Full
Panama	Asociación de Muchachas Guías de Panamá	Full
Paraguay	Asociación Guías Scouts del Paraguay	Full

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Peru	Asociación Nacional de Guías Scouts del Perú	Full
St. Lucia	Girl Guides Association of St. Lucia	Full
St Vincent and the Grenadines	Girl Guides Association of St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Full
Suriname	Surinaamse Padvindsters Raad	Full
Trinidad and Tobago	The Girl Guides Association of Trinidad and Tobago	Full
USA	Girl Scouts of the USA	Full
Venezuela	Asociación de Guías Scouts de Venezuela	Full



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