An Update on BSA's National Membership Policy

After careful consideration and extensive dialogue within the Scouting family, along with comments from those outside the organization, the volunteer officers of the Boy Scouts of America's National Executive Board concluded that due to the complexity of this issue, the organization needs time for a more deliberate review of its membership policy.

To that end, the executive board directed its committees to further engage representatives of Scouting's membership and listen to their perspectives and concerns. This will assist the officers' work on a resolution on membership standards. The approximately 1,400 voting members of the national council will take action on the resolution at the national meeting in May 2013.

America today needs Scouting more than ever, and our policies must be based on what is in the best interest of our youth. We believe good people can disagree and still work together to accomplish great things for youth. Thank you for all that you do for Scouting and the youth in our area.