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Returning to Commissioner Service

Returning home to commissioner service after several years in membership feels great. The time spent in membership has brought me fresh insights to commissioner service. Truly, they are two sides of the Scout coin: Membership reaches out with the invitation to join while commissioner service, through support of units, keeps the youth in Scouting.

Stepping into Scott Sorrels' position is both an honor and a humbling experience. It is also overwhelming. Consider all that the support staff has accomplished under Scott's leadership. In the past nine years, commissioner service has made great strides in our ability to serve units. Scott's shoes are big ones to fill.

This is an exciting time to be in commissioner service. We have so many tools—and their continued enhancements—to help us fulfill our mission. We have new training to guide us in better ways to serve. They support what we have always been about—building relationships with unit leaders and finding ways to help them be successful in providing strong programs for youth.

Our relationships with unit leaders are at the heart of everything we do. Experts tell us all relationships need constancy, counterbalance, and joint narrative. For us in commissioner service:

Constancy = frequent and regular meaningful contacts with unit leadership recorded in Commissioner Tools

Counterbalance = *collaborative* Detailed Assessments resulting in a jointly developed and executed Unit Service Plan

Joint narrative = teaming with the Membership Committee and others in support of units

While keeping these things in mind and with each of us fulfilling our roles to our best ability, the future of America's youth looks bright. Thank you for your continued dedication to commissioner service and the Boy Scouts of America.

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