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## *DISTRICT COMMISSIONER*

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### *THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER*

The role of a district commissioner involves just five things:

- To envision what effective unit service in a district will look like and what goals must be accomplished during their term of service to fulfill that vision.
- To represent volunteers and Scouts to the district committee and district professionals.
- To recruit assistant district commissioners and an adequate number of roundtable and unit commissioners to provide effective unit service.
- To retain commissioners and units (ensuring commissioners are given assignments that fit well with their passion, potential, and priorities and recognizing their achievements and that units receive effective service to support retention).
- To enable commissioners to be successful (including ensuring commissioners complete onboarding, and training, are given assignments that are a good match for their passion, potential and priorities, are provided with a clear definition of success and are recognized for their achievements).

### *BY THE BYLAWS: THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER*

The role of the district commissioner is defined by a local council's bylaws and typically includes: "The district commissioner is responsible for seeing that the unit service function is performed in the district. The district commissioner shall:

- (a) Supervise the activities of the district commissioner staff and preside at regular meetings of assistant district commissioners, roundtable commissioners and unit commissioners in the district.
- (b) Lead efforts to recruit an adequate commissioner staff to provide continuing and effective commissioner service for each unit.
- (c) Provide a year-round training program for commissioners in the district.
- (d) Maintain the standards of the Boy Scouts of America, uphold national policies, promote good uniforming, and lead efforts to hold regular roundtable programs in the district.
- (e) Be concerned with proper recognition of unit leaders. Maintain their morale, periodically reporting unit conditions to the district committee.
- (f) Maintain a good working relationship with the district executive.
- (g) Maintain procedures to assure maximum on-time unit charter renewal in the district.
- (h) Work with the district chairman to secure the help of committees in meeting unit needs.