

## **Circular 11. Candidates to the WHR Committee 2023-2026**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The ISGF Western Hemisphere Regional Committee (WHR Committee) has three (3) members. One was elected by secret ballot during the 2nd Regional Conference of the Western Hemisphere, while Ricardo Blengini and Alberto Zambrana chose to run for a second period in the same Conference.

Alberto Zambrana - Uruguay. President  
Ricardo Blengini - Argentina. Secretary  
Bryan Bell - USA Treasurer

Alberto Zambrana and Ricardo Blengini will leave the committee after their second term, although they will remain as volunteers to accompany the new committee members to carry out their jobs for some time.

To fill the vacancies, we received two nominations. On the following pages, you will find the presentation of the candidates who will run for election to the ISGF WHR Committee.

These presentations are based on information provided by the candidates and some parts are extracts from their motivation letters and nomination forms.

In addition to this presentation, each candidate will be given a 3-minute slot for a short oral presentation at the Regional Conference on Saturday, October 28 at approximately 2:35 p.m.

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**Pons, María Mercedes (Mersi)**



**General Information**

Age	61, born in 1961
Languages	Spanish, English
Education	Graduated in Business Administration, MBA – International Business, MS – Reengineering and Assurance Technologies.
Profession	Administrative – Financial Manager; Administration Consultancy
Digital Skills	Proficient in the use of computer and programs.

**Scout/Guide Background**

Rover Lady and Rover Clan Leader.  
Scout Group Training Advisor  
ATZ FSGG Council Secretary  
Cooperating member to the WH Regional Committee

**Community Activities**

Participation in food collection and distribution campaigns, in support of organizations that help the homeless population.  
Organizer of Christmas events for needy children.  
Organizer of social and cultural activities for asylums for the homeless elders.

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**Ocampo, Jorge**



**General Information**

Age	44, born in 1979
Languages	Spanish
Education	Commercial Expert Bachelor Qualified Technician in Cooperatives and Mutuels Administration Human Resources Administration Technician Diploma in Human Resources
Profesión	Human Resources Manager at Labor, Consumer and Credit Cooperative Councelor and Teaching Assistant at Instituto Jóvenes Argentinos
Destreza digital	Proficient in operating computers and Social Networks

**Scout/Guide Background**

Cub, Scout, Raider, Departure Rover; Group Forum Delegate.  
Assistant, Deputy Chief and Head of the Walkers Community, District Assistant Walkers Branch; Rovers Community Head and Rovers Branch District Auxiliary; Deputy Group Leader; Group leader.  
Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Córdoba and the Argentinean Catholic Scouts Federation Development National Director.  
Founding member of SGAA, Chief of Ruca Huenei Cusuco.  
President of the South American Subregion Committee-ISGF (2018-2022). of Host team Coordinator to the 3rd ISGF Western Hemisphere Regional Conference, Córdoba-Argentin

## 3rd ISGF WH Regional Conference Córdoba, Argentina

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#### Community Activities

Collaborator in Civil Defense Córdoba, Caritas Archdiocesana of Córdoba, Manos Abiertas Foundation, María de la Esperanza Missionary Foundation. Founder of the Missionary Group “Pinceles”, Member of the CEA/UNEP (Liaison Committee in Argentina of the United Nations Environment Program), Coordinator to social program “Vivir el Verano”, Coordinator to Rover Project “Accompaniment of People in Situation Street”, Educator in Rover projects and Walking Companies.

#### Motivation

I wish to contribute with my time and my dedication, working as a team with those who have greater experience in the field, providing my young perspective and my positive vision, to develop an interconnected Region with the Subregions, and globally active.

I believe a Scouting and Guiding strongly committed to Democracy and Human Rights, where different opinions are respected and heard, thus contributing to strengthen the Region.

I am convinced that our Scout and Guide Movement be loyal to its tradition, a tradition that motivated B.P. 116 years ago: to provide a transformative response to the young people and the society of his time. That is what is revolutionary about B.P.'s thoughts. Let us remember what the subtitle of “Scouting for Boys” said: **“A manual for good citizenship.”** *If we do not work by permanently reflecting on the society in which we live, we are simply not being faithful to that tradition.*

I also believe that we should have an ample discussion about how we should organize ourselves to have a coverage and a representation throughout the Region and thus grow and develop.

We still have a lot to do. I am convinced that the transformative experience for any citizen that becomes a Scout or a Guide, helps them to become more committed to their homeland and to their region. This is achieved because we are an active commitment testimony to our people, we care on our homeland and we have fraternity as the main flag.

For this and more, I invite you to join me in this new challenge.