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## 2014 Commissioner Workshop at the Sea Base Conference Center

The Sea Base Commissioner Workshop was held January 12–17 at the Conference Center in Islamorada, Florida. The conference was facilitated by Kandra Dickerson, Central Region Area 5 commissioner, and Kresha Alvarado, Circle 10 Council assistant council commissioner.

In the quest for more attendees, the conference this year was changed to provide an update to all aspects of commissioner service rather than position-specific conference offerings as in the past. The curriculum change was well accepted as we had 12 registered students compared to four the previous year.

The topics covered in this conference were designed to help bring best practices and current ideas to the commissioner role. The final course outline included:

- Four main focus areas for commissioners
- Linking district resources to unit needs
- Finding and using commissioner resources
- The commissioner's role in retention
- Commissioner support to new units (the new-unit commissioner)
- Building better relations with unit leaders through effective communication
- Managing conflict
- The administrative commissioner
- Roundtable organization and the new program planning guides
- JTE
- The annual service plan
- The Commissioner Tools
- Preventing commissioner burnout
- The Voice of the Scout and what it means to your units

Thanks to Kandra and Kresha for serving as faculty. And thanks to Kresha, Kandra, and Dave Fornadel for course development. Creating a workshop that would pertain to all commissioner roles was quite a challenge.

If you have any questions about commissioner training at Sea Base, please contact Tim Acree, national commissioner support staff training chair, at [tim.acree@comcast.net](mailto:tim.acree@comcast.net).



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