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## Time to Pick Up the Pace

Fall is in the air. That change in temperature always seems to spark a “pick up the pace” mindset in our units’ programs as well as an emphasis on recruitment of new youth and their families. This is also the time of year that many new units are organized, creating a need for new commissioners. Fall—and recruitment—is all around us.

To be successful in our mission of unit retention, our commissioner staffs have to have a sufficient number of commissioners actively serving units. Fall is a perfect time to identify candidates and begin to build relationships with them. Sometimes those candidates are found within units; sometimes they are found outside of Scouting. They are people with an interest in Scouting and with a heart for serving others. Be on the lookout for them this fall.

Your support staff has some new faces as well and they are bringing new energy to the table. Two regions have new regional commissioners—Kandra Dickerson in the Central Region and Del Bishop in the Western Region. Additionally, we welcome Colleen Chapman from the Central Region as the new diversity and inclusion chair and Scott McKenzie from the Western Region as the new roundtable chair. Tim Acree will be stepping down in May from his tenure as training chair, and Larry Chase, who has been serving in the recruitment and retention area, is working with Tim now to create a smooth transition. Kevin Baker from the Western Region has come on board to begin filling the role of recruitment and retention chair. There are articles introducing all of them in this issue.

There is also a new unit position that ties into commissioner service. It is the new member coordinator. Hopefully each unit will have a team of people serving in that role. The function of the new member coordinator is to assist with both recruitment and retention of youth and their families within the unit. Unit commissioners will want to check in with the coordinators as well as with unit leaders when they make their unit contacts. Like unit leaders, new member coordinators should be in touch with all of the unit families.

Fall—and change—is in the air. It is time to “pick up the pace.” Our units are counting on us.

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