

### Auditor Referral Program

The Audit Referral Program is being coordinated by the National Council to offer local councils the opportunity to work with qualified audit firms that will provide the highest quality audit while striving to keep costs low by leveraging efficiencies achieved from experience working with a number of councils. The National Council receives no commission or any form of compensation from this arrangement and any engagement with these auditors is strictly between the local council and the audit firm. There are several advantages to consider using one of these firms:

- Firms are selected based on their extensive experience with local councils and non-profit accounting. They assist the National Council in annually updating the *Local Council Guide to the Audit*, giving them a deep understanding and familiarity with the standards to ensure councils receive audits meeting National Council’s expectations and accounting standards. Firms have the ability and capacity to complete audits anywhere in the country including offering remote audit techniques.
- Each firm has been recommended by Scout executives and Audit Committee members based on their familiarity with the unique characteristics affecting council audits. These include familiarity with the PeopleSoft system, the BSA fund accounting system, investments held by BSAAM, and councils working with Jitasa. This breadth of knowledge gives them the advantage of being able to communicate with management to generate meaningful reports for internal use, as well as reports required for the audit.
- Firms understand the importance of meeting the National Council filing deadline of July 31 and are committed to meeting that deadline. They will provide a trained and dedicated engagement team of professionals who will remain actively involved in the relationship with council management, the audit committee and the executive board.

### Member Firms

<p><b>Wipfli, LLP</b>                  Michelle Swoboda – CPA, Partner                  1502 London Road, Suite 200                  Duluth, MN 55812                  (218)740-3928</p>	<p>mswoboda@wipfli.com  <a href="http://www.wipfli.com">www.wipfli.com</a>                  Catalina Council – AZ                  Chippewa Valley Council –WI                  Gateway Area Council –WI                  Golden Gate Council – CA                  Mountaineer Council – WV                  Muskingum Valley Council - OH                  Northeast Illinois Council – IL                  Pacific Skyline Council – CA                  Patriot’s Path Council – NJ                  Potawatomi Council – WI                  South Texas Council – TX                  Texas Southwest Council – TX</p>
--	--