



To: National Presidents and International Secretaries of National Scout and Guide Fellowships (NSGF)

The World Committee regrets deeply that there are no available accounts for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 and no budget for the years to come. It is therefore necessary to explain why we are in this situation.

For many years ISGF had the privilege to have Anthony Florizoone as treasurer on a voluntary base and also being responsible of the accounts. He has done this work properly and as expected of a professional in this field. He has always attended the WCom annual meetings and the Conferences and in these meetings given a full report of the financial situation of ISGF.

After the World Conference in 2017 the WCom had their annual meeting in 2018 where the treasurer took an active part and presented the accounts for 2017. After this meeting in 2018 the Secretary General resigned from her position and our new SG was in function from November 2018.

At the WCom annual meeting in 2019 the treasurer was not present and had not sent any documents to the meeting concerning the financial situation (accounts 2018). Since 2018 the treasurer has not been present at the WCom meetings (in 2019, 2020, and 2021) neither physically nor on Skype or Zoom.

After the WCom meeting 2019 the WCom was promised to receive the financial documents several times. The situation was discussed at the WCom meeting 2020 which resulted in a letter to the treasurer to try to clarify the situation. In May 2020 some members of the WCom had a video meeting with the treasurer where he promised to have the accounts for 2018 and 2019 finished by the end of September 2020. The WCom did not receive any information as promised. In September 2020 the corona virus had attacked the world and it was difficult to travel without any problems. At the same time the treasurer was attacked by this virus which together with other personal problems made the whole situation difficult. He still tries to fully recover from COVID-19.

The WCom has raised the following questions to the treasurer:

- a. Would the treasurer be interested in continuing his work?
- b. Would the treasurer be able to finish the accounts for the remaining years (2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021)?
- c. If the treasurer must resign, could he be helpful to find a voluntary replacement?
- d. If necessary, could the treasurer help ISGF to find a professional company to do this job?

One of WCom problems has been the fact that it was difficult to have any feedback. The received answers from the treasurer has been that he want to finish the accounts for 2018, 2019, and 2020 and it would be difficult for other people to take over this work. This promise has been followed up during 2021 and the latest information was that the accounts should be finished at the end of December 2021. We are sorry to say that no accounts are received by the end of January 2022.

We have no formal clarification from the treasurer if he is interested to continue the position as treasurer. There is also an addition problem connected to the treasurer. According to Belgian legislation ISGF has a formal link named Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif (AISBL) an international non-profit organisation where the treasurer has a very important role as administrator.



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The other option was to find a replacement for the treasurer.

By help of ISGF members in Belgium we tried to find a new voluntary treasurer unfortunately with no success.

The third option is to find a professional company to do the accounting. The WCom has so far concluded that due to ISGF financial situation this is a difficult solution. To do this it will be necessary to raise the fee which the WCom find difficult. Because of this situation the WCom have no budget to present to the World Conference 2022.

Of course, the WCom deeply regrets this situation which is a serious problem for ISGF. The new WCom will have this item as a top priority on their agenda on their first meeting and if necessary, has the authority to raise the fee to buy these services.

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