

Frequently Asked Questions-GSCNC Forums

Do I have to attend the delegate orientation?

As a way to help our delegates understand the democratic process of our governance, we encourage all new delegates to attend the delegate orientation. At future Forums, the orientation session will take place during the first half hour of the event and delegates having already taken part in orientation are not required to attend the first 30 minutes of the Forum. Delegates and Alternate Delegates may also view the Orientation video online at www.gscnc.org/governance.

What exactly happens at the Forums?

Following optional delegate orientation, we will have a 90-minute quick update on issues relevant to by-laws adjustments and other issues surrounding the Annual Meeting. We will then spend the majority of the time in small group discussions. Our objective is to get YOUR feedback on where the Council should be headed as we establish our Council Goals for the next 4-year period.

What if I'm not a Delegate but would like to attend the Forum?

Visitors are welcomed to our Forums, but due to limited seating at some locations, Delegates will have priority for attendance at the meeting. In the unlikely event that we exceed capacity, we will let visitors know which location has additional space for guests. Please register as a visitor and we will make every effort to accommodate your interest in attending.

What if I can no longer attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 4th?

As soon as you learn you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please get in contact with your Service Unit Manager so they can notify the Alternate Delegate or select another delegate from your Service Unit. Part of the responsibility of a delegate is to be present at the Annual Meeting; if you already know this is not going to be possible please allow another person to take that place. Remember that delegates are selected for a year, meaning you can always request to be a delegate in the following Girl Scout year.

If I cannot attend the Forum, will this affect my participation in the Annual Meeting?

While highly recommended, the Forum events are not required. Forums provide a discussion space for you to learn what other delegates are interested in and concerned about. This will allow you to be prepared for new business at the Annual meeting. It is also an opportunity to clarify any questions concerning by-laws or other issues of interest. Remember: to remain a delegate you must be able to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

What will registration look like for the Annual Meeting?

We are currently exploring new technologies to help quickly register all Delegates and inform Alternates should they be needed to serve. More information will be available in February at the Winter Forums concerning the registration process for the Annual Meeting.

What could affect my Delegate status?

According to GSCNC by-laws all delegates must be registered Members of Girl Scouts for the year they are to serve—if you have not registered for the 2008-2009 Girl Scout year, your ability to serve as a Delegate could be revoked. To register, please visit <http://www.gscnc.org/forums.html> or ask your Service Unit Manager about the registration process.

Do I forfeit my term as a Delegate if I fail to attend the Annual Meeting?

Yes. As part of your commitment to the Delegate role, you must be able to attend as a voting member of the delegation at the Annual Meeting in April. However, you are able to reapply for another term the following year.

As a Delegate, why does the Council need my mailing address?

According to GSCNC by-laws the Council must mail a package containing pertinent governance information to all voting Delegates no less than 40 days before the Annual Meeting.

How do I get other questions answered?

For more information, contact your Service Unit Manager, Area Membership Manager or Ashley Lusk, Special Assistant to the Deputy Executive Director, at alusk@gscnc.org.