NATIONAL DELEGATES
ALTERNATES DELEGATES
August 25, 2020
6:30 – 7:30 PM

DEEP DIVE:
Gold Award Scholarship Foundation Proposal (#1) and
Delegate Terms (#5)
Tonight’s Objectives

Get smart on Proposal 1 and 5

6:30 – 7:00 PM: Nation’s Capital Delegation Discussion
• Discuss the Gold Award Foundation Task Force and Delegate Terms Proposals 1 and 5 (Pro and Cons)
  – Antoinette Barksdale, and Natalie Lorenz-Anderson

7:00 – 7:30 PM: Girl Scout Visitors
• Proposal 1: Delegation from Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana
  - Gwen Ferguson
• Proposal 5: Delegations from Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey
  - Ginny Marino, CEO
• Proposal 5: Delegation from Girl Scouts of South Eastern New England Council
  - Pam Hyland, CEO
Proposal 1: National Gold Award Scholarship Foundation

Establishment of a Task Force to Examine the Feasibility of a National Gold Award Scholarship Foundation

Originated by:
• Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

Proposal
THAT the National Council establish a task group overseen by GSUSA and 2 council representatives, that includes volunteers, council staff, GSUSA Board members, and GSUSA representatives, charged with examining the feasibility of developing a college scholarship foundation to benefit Gold Award Girl Scouts. The task group will report back on the feasibility, recommendation and timeline for potential establishment of the foundation by the 2023 National Council Session. All members of this task force shall be appointed by the GSUSA Board of Directors.
Proposal 1: Pros and Cons

**PROs**
- Good first step to form a task force and evaluate further
- Further elevates the Gold Award
- May inspire more girls to earn the Gold Award
- May attract donors who would not otherwise give to GSUSA
- Offers a scholarship opportunity for girls who reside in councils that do not have a local scholarship fund
- Offers another scholarship path for all Gold Award Girl Scouts

**CONs**
- Task force may impact personnel dedicated to core operations in a time of constrained resources
- Competes with the National Gold Award Girl Scout recognition and scholarships already in place
- May compete with local Council scholarship awards programs and donors
- May have tax implications
- Establishment of Foundation may imply an Endowment – complex and time-consuming
- May not be perceived as useful or fair depending on numbers of scholarships available and metrics used for awarding scholarships
Proposal 5: Constitutional Amendment on Delegate Terms

Constitutional Amendment on Consistency in Delegate Terms

Originated by:
- Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey
- Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England

Proposal
THAT Article IV (The National Council), Section 7 (Term of Delegates) of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA be amended by inserting the words, “shall be elected in the calendar year preceding the National Council Session and” after the word “councils” and before the word “shall”. If approved the text would read as follows:

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<td>Subject to the requirements of the preceding sections of this article, delegates elected by local councils shall be elected in the calendar year preceding the National Council Session and shall serve as members of the National Council for three years from the date of their election or until their successors are elected, provided they remain the delegates of the local council which elected them; delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas shall serve as members for three years from the date of their selection or until their successors are selected, provided they remain delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas; members of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee shall be members of the National Council during their term of office; those persons elected by the National Council shall serve until the next regular session of the National Council.</td>
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Proposal 5: Pros and Cons

**PROs**
- Gives National Delegates additional time to participate in the proposal creation process.
- Gives National Delegates additional time to understand proposals before the NCS.
- National Delegates would also have time to out-brief their council counterparts after the NCS.

**CONs**
- Too far in advance (~18 months vs ~6 months) and may lose more National Delegates due to unforeseen conflicts.
- As written, limits population of girls who can serve if must be 14 years old when elected.
- Will require Councils (111 of them) to change their bylaws.
- This could impact the election of Officers as National Delegates as the Nominating Committee may not be ready to present a slate of Officers 18 months before the NCS.
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Proposal 5: Delegations from Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey - Ginny Marino, CEO
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PROPOSAL 1: Establishing a Gold Award Task Force

Delegation from Greater Chicago and NW Indiana

Benefits to establishing a task force

• Assess the fundraising climate
• Research the legal and tax ramifications
• Evaluate the human, technological, monetary, and other resources
• Determine potential sources of funding
• Calculate time and related resources to raise funds
• Develop a plan for the structure and oversight of the foundation
• Determine the prospects for success
PROPOSAL 5: Delegate Terms

Delegations from
Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey

Girl Scouts of South Eastern New England Council
# Delegate Terms

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How will this proposal impact national council girl delegates?

• Girls will have the best experience if they are elected during their freshman or sophomore year of high school, so long as they are 14 years old at the time of election.
  o They will be juniors or seniors at the time of the National Council Session, and it will be easier to attend in the Fall of the convention year.
• Being elected early in their high school career, allows girls to include this opportunity in their post-high school applications as a major honor and achievement.
• National Council girl delegates will have the opportunity to be more fully involved in the governance process, leading to a much more meaningful leadership experience.
How will this proposal impact the Girl Scout governance process, in general?

Benefits include:
• Fuller involvement in the governance process will result in a much more meaningful experience for all who are elected.
• Elevates the role of the National Council Delegate and creates a stronger delegate purpose throughout the triennium.
• Delegates will be able to shape the discussions for NCS and vote on the proposals they helped create.
- **September (TBD)** – **Training on Technical Aspects of NCS** (practice for councils)

- **Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 – 7:30 PM** – **Monthly Overall Training for Nation’s Capital Delegates (GSCNC)**

- **Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 – 7:30 PM** – **Monthly Overall Training for Nation’s Capital Delegates (GSCNC)**

- **October 23 – 25, 2020** – **55th National Council Session (The Movement)**
Girl Scouts of the USA Training Sessions

- Saturday, August 29, 2020 - Girl Delegate Caucus on Proposals (GSUSA)
- Wednesday, September 9, 2020 – Stewardship Report Webinar (GSUSA)
- Saturday, September 12, 2020 – GIRLS ONLY Meeting the Candidates (GSUSA)
- Friday, September 25, 2020 – NCS Technology Practice Sessions (GSUSA)
- Tuesday, September 29, 2020 – NCS Technology Practice Sessions (GSUSA)
- Saturday, October 3, 2020 – Keynotes from Organizational Leaders (GSUSA)
- October 23 – 25, 2020 – 55th National Council Session (The Girl Scouts of the USA)
THANK YOU FOR ALL FOR ALL YOU DO!