NATIONAL DELEGATES/ALTERNATES ORIENTATION SESSION

May 20, 2020

5:00 – 6:00 PM
Agenda for Tonight

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Barbara Krumsiek and Diane Tipton
- Congratulations to the Officers Team
- National Council Session 2020, VIRTUAL
- Schedule and Engagement Plan
- National Council Proposals
- Delegate Checklist
- Log In for More Information
Get to know your President-Elect

- First Vice President of the Board of Directors, Girl Scouts Nation’s Capital
- Former GSUSA National Board Member
- President-elect of the Board for Girl Scouts Nation’s Capital
- Gold Award Girl Scout
New National Board Member: Diane Tipton

GSUSA National Board Member & former Board President of Girl Scouts Nation’s Capital
Incoming Officers of the Board: Congratulations!!

Terms begin October 1, 2020

Kathleen Matthews
1st Vice President

Antoinette Barksdale
2nd Vice President

Natalie Lorenz-Anderson
3rd Vice President
Incoming Officers of the Board

Terms begin October 1, 2020

Wendy White
Secretary

Maria Rodriguez
Treasurer

Jenny Herrera
Assistant Treasurer
• As the largest Girl Scout Council in the country we have 41 delegates and 34 alternate delegates.
• We are known for being very prepared and asking tough questions.
• We are known for being leaders in the Movement, and analyzing issues for the benefit of the whole Movement.

• And we wear crazy hats that are the envy of every delegation.
CONGRATULATIONS
Nation’s Cap: 2020 Delegates

Kathleen Althoff
Antoinette Barksdale
Kristin Brown
Kayla Brumfield
Tiffany Brumfield
Ann Burke
Michele Choi
Kathleen Coulter
Lorilei Dreibelbis
Kathy Duda
Laura Essex
Elizabeth Falsone
Yvette Fey
Cheryl Gooding
Margie Hackett
Leah Hall
Jenny Herrera
Nefertiti Hunter-Holbeck
Mia Jackson
Mary Jenkins
Brian Kearney
Barbara Krumsiek
Sally Clark LaBonte
Vivian Li
Natalie Lorenz-Anderson
Christina Luckett
Kathleen Matthews
Jessica Mense
Julie Moeller
Jodi Morton
Julie Mulkey
Carla Partlow
Maria Rodriguez
Amanda Sass
LaVerne Scott
Barbara Skog
Lidia Soto-Harmon
Maureen Sullivan
Jean Turner
Wendy White
Aisha Youins
ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Ulaina Ahn
Natalie Bosche
Broadine Brown
Trinity Burdette
Colleen Cibula
Surayyah Colbert
Linda Rhodes Dooley
Marjorie Fellows
Shagun Gandhi
Teresa Garner- Williams
Cindy Gilman
Patty Green
Critchett Hodukavich
Pam Hosimer
Jessica Hyman
Christine Jones
Deb Kempton
Mary Martin
Deborah Moomey
Bonnie Morihisa
Cynthia Mulkey
Rebecca Muse
Keisha Nelson
Felecia Peppins
William Perry
Melissa Pieja
Mary Reynolds
Sharon Richardson
Jamal Frangie Rubeiz
Anne Scott
Kirsten Shields
Stephany Smith
Melissa Teates
Jessica Theis
• **Every three years** the Girl Scout Movement comes together in the National Council Session.
• This October will be the 55th **time the Girl Scouts** have held this governance event.
• This will be the first-time ever that it will be a **virtual experience**.
Current Schedule for the National Council Session

Friday, October 23—late afternoon and evening (ET)

Saturday, October 24—noon and evening (ET)

Sunday, October 25—noon and late afternoon (ET)
GSUSA's Delegate Engagement Plan

**Virtual Delegate Training Toolkit to be released**

**Workbook and Stewardship Report to be released**

**Parliamentarian webinar**

**GSUSA Recorded presentations for each proposal**

**FAQs posted on GSUSA delegate website and continually updated**

**GSUSA Delegate survey on tech access and capacity**
GSUSA’s Delegate Engagement Plan

JULY & AUGUST 2020

DISCUSSION

- Council-Led delegate trainings
- Board Chair/CEO webinar: Leading Your Delegation in a Virtual NCS
- Small-group forums (two per council)—one on four dues proposals, one on two other proposals
- Parliamentarian office hours
- Girl Delegate Caucus: virtual forum on NCS proposals for girl delegates only
GSUSA’s Delegate Engagement Plan

September & October 2020

FINAL PREP

- Summary webinars on NCS agenda items
- Virtual “Meet the Candidate” webinars on each for officer slate, National Board and National Board Development Committee and Girl only
- Stewardship Report Webinar
- Parliamentarian office hours
- Virtual Platform training
# National Council Session Proposals

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* Under GSUSA governing documents, councils may submit proposals and a proposal MUST be placed on the agenda if supported by a required number of councils.

** On recommendation of National Council Session Advisory Team and Dues Subgroup.
In October 2020, Girl Scouts from across our country and around the world will gather for the 55th time to conduct the important business of our Movement, using our democratic process to do so, “The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are the makers of that history,” Juliette Gordon Low said in 1915. The first National Council Session in 1915 engaged women in a democratic process five years before the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted American women the right to vote. For more than a century, delegates have been brought together to represent their collective voices to discuss and debate topics around the future direction of Girl Scouts, always with the girls we serve as the focus of these meetings. In fact, at our 54th National Council Session in 2017, nearly 28% of the elected delegates were girls. We have a lot to be proud of!

As we continue to prepare for our 55th National Council Session, this Early Alert outlines the items that will be placed on the agenda based on insights from local volunteers, council leaders and staff, national leaders and staff, and the volunteers who serve as members of the Girl Scouts of the USA Board of Directors (the board). The overarching goal for the G.I.R.L. 2020/55th National Council Session (NCS 2020) is to bring together the Movement to reinforce our shared commitment to girls and build a common vision and continued excitement for our organization’s future. We look forward to our triennial gathering later this year to collectively and collaboratively create a strong and vibrant future for Girl Scouting.

Summary

The board has determined to place the following proposals and discussion topics on the NCS 2020 agenda:

**Proposals**

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

B. Constitutional Amendment on Consistency in Delegate Terms

C. Constitutional Amendment on Membership Dues

D. Adoption of a Procedure for Communication on Dues Actions by the National Board

E. Membership Dues Increase Restriction

F. Lifetime Membership Discount

**Discussion Topic**

- Girl Speak Out

**Early Alert** contains the NCS 2020 Proposals that we will be considering as a delegate body.

It is 29 pages and it described the six proposals that delegates will be voting on during the National Council Session in October.

We will email it to you tomorrow morning so that you can start learning all the issues we will need to address.
The National Council is authorized to:

- **Elect the National Board** of Directors and National Board Development Committee.
- **Amend the constitution**
- **Act on proposals**, and
- **Influence the strategic direction** of the Movement by providing guidance to the National Board.

*GSUSA is also planning to hold the 2023 session in Orlando, FL.*
Criteria for Selection of National Delegates

Girl Scout councils elected delegates based on the following criteria:

• Ability to **think strategically** and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement.
• Experience in policy-influencing and policy-making positions.
• Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the workings of Girl Scout councils and the Movement.
• **Ability to analyze** issues from a national and a council perspective. National Council actions and decisions have Movement-wide implications.
• Commitment to attending council and GSUSA training sessions in order to be as informed as possible about the issues and democratic process utilized at the National Council Session.
• Willingness to support all the decisions of the National Council.
1. In advance of the National Council Session, each individual elected by the council as a voting member/delegate to the National Council takes personal responsibility to:

- Study all items on the agenda, including background information, and recommendations of the National Board of Directors;
- Attend briefing meetings conducted by the council; participate in council, board, and association meetings; and participate in council forums and focus groups, as requested;
- Consider a broad spectrum of the opinions of adult and older girl members from all parts of the council.
- Participate in teleconferences/webinars for voting members sponsored by GSUSA.
- Engage in opportunities to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the Movement.
2. During National Council Session, each voting member is responsible for:

- Attending all business meetings and participating in the proceedings.
- Being fully prepared to participate in discussions and vote on all business items.

*Delegates are informed not instructed!*
Delegate Checklist: AFTER

3. Upon returning from the National Council Session, each delegate is prepared to:

- Report at the council’s annual meeting to the council’s board of directors, and the council’s constituency (if requested by the council’s board chair or CEO) on the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions.
- Share insights on information gained at the National Council Session, if requested.
- Assist the council as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session, if requested.
- Participate in teleconferences/webinars and other opportunities for voting members/delegates.
GSUSA’s Delegates website: log-on information

You should have received an email from GSUSA with specific login information.

This customized email is very important because it will be how you vote in October.

If you have not received an email, please send an email to:

GSDelegates@girlscouts.org
Please note, the first time you access the delegate website, it must be through your personalized access link received via email from Word Press.

Every other time you log on, you will access the site by typing: delegates.girlscouts.org in your web-browser.

Questions? Contact GSDelegates@girlscouts.org
Our next meeting will be a **Webinar** Training session on **Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR & watch for an official calendar invite from me after this meeting.**
Thank you!

“The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers.”

- Juliette Gordon Low

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