



POSITION DESCRIPTION: Delegate to the National Council

Summary of Governance Accountabilities

The National Council is authorized to:

- Elect the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee.
- Amend the Constitution.
- Establish requirements for credentials.
- Act on proposals.
- Influence the strategic direction of the Movement by providing guidance to the National Board.

RECOMMENDED SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

Girl Scout councils should select delegates for the following:

- Ability to think strategically and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement.
- Experience in policy-influencing and policy-making positions.
- Demonstrated knowledge about the workings of councils and the Movement.
- Ability to analyze issues from a national, as well as a council, perspective as National Council actions and decisions have national implications.
- Commitment to attending all 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.

DUTIES OF VOTING MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

I. In advance of Session, each individual elected by the council as a voting member to attend the National Council Session takes personal responsibility to:

- **Study** all business items on the agenda, 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.
- **Obtain a broad view** of the opinions of adult and Senior Girl Scout members from all parts of the council.
- **Participate in teleconferences for voting members, sponsored by the national organization.**
- **Engage in opportunities** to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the movement.

II. While attending the National Council Session, each voting member holds responsibility to:

- **Attend** all business meetings and participate in the proceedings.
- **Be fully prepared** on all business items.

III. In follow-up, upon returning from the National Council Session, each National Council voting member is prepared to:

- **Report on** the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions at the council's annual meeting, to the council board of directors, and the council's constituency (if requested by council board chair/president & CEO).
- **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 and other opportunities for voting members.