



### GSWPA COUNCIL PROPOSAL FORM

Proposals related to council policy or bylaws may be submitted by registered members of GSWPA, 14 years of age and older, for consideration by the Board of Directors. Proposals must be submitted on the GSWPA Council Proposal Form available from the executive secretary (412-594-2213) or on the volunteer secure section of the council Web site www.gswpa.org; and submitted to delegate(s) within the members' service area for review.

Delegates ensure that proposals submitted address a concern or issue that affects the entire council and that all information has been complete before forwarding the proposal to the GSWPA Service Delivery Committee, 30 Isabella Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or e-mail to delegateinfo@gswpa.org.

Proposals deemed appropriate by the Service Delivery Committee, and received at least 60 calendar days in advance of the first in the series of Town Hall Meetings will be presented at all meetings for input and discussion. A vote will be taken if the membership at Town Hall Meetings wishes the proposal to go to the Board of Directors. The Service Delivery Committee will provide a report of proposals and Town Hall Meeting discussion notes to the GSWPA Board of Directors so that informed decision-making can occur.

After a proposal is discussed by the Board of Directors, the member(s) submitting the proposal will be notified of action taken. Information will also be posted on the Web site and included in board action reports presented at Town Hall Meetings.

**All information is required in order for a proposal to be processed**  
(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

**Name of member(s) submitting proposal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position in Girl Scouting** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Proposal:** (Describe a specific description of the concern/issue)  
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**Reasons Given:** (Why your group wants to see action on this concern/issue)  
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**Additional Information:** (Information not noted above that is important to the consideration of the proposal.)  
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**Delegate Authorization/Service Area:** \_\_\_\_\_

This does not imply endorsement of the proposal by the delegate. The delegate's role is to review the proposal to ensure that it is complete and addresses a concern or issue that affects the entire council so that the proposal can be forwarded to the Service Delivery Committee.

Do not fill in this area

<b>Board Actions Taken</b>
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# SAMPLE PROPOSAL

Name of person(s) submitting proposal Mary Smith and John Doe

Position(s) in Girl Scouting Girl Scout Leader/Troop Committee Member

Phone # 412-123-4567 and 724-567-8901

**Statement of Proposal: (Describe a specific description of the concern/issue.)**

That weapons not be permitted at Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania council activities.

**Reasons Given: (Why your group wants to see action on this concern/issue)**

- The safety of girls is of utmost importance. This will eliminate the presence of weapons at Girl Scout activities, which may be harmful.
- The use of weapons is not in accordance with the Girl Scout Law and goals. The girls are learning to respect others and to resolve conflicts by nonviolent means. The absence of weapons at activities will encourage this form of education.
- The absence of weapons connotes a peaceful, friendly atmosphere for activities.

**Additional Information: (Any other information not noted above that is important to the consideration of the proposal)**

During last hunting season, one of the fathers was helping with a car pool. When the girls arrived at the destination, they told the leaders that there was a shot gun in the back seat of the car.

**Delegate Authorization/Service Area: Jane Jones – ABC Service Area**

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**Board Actions Taken** After reviewing discussion at Town Hall Meetings, the Board of Directors does not recommend this proposal for the following reasons: Members of the community may be eliminated as program resources because of requirement to carry weapons (i.e. police officers); safe inclusion of weapons in specific activities would be eliminated such as archery programs; the definition of weapon is not specified. The board recommends that the proposal be discussed at Town Hall Meetings for possible revisions, broader support and if appropriate, be resubmitted for board approval.