

Volunteer Position Description

Delegate to the National Council Session

Summary:

National Council Delegates are selected by the Council's Selection Committee to represent GSGLA at the National Council Session in November, every third year. The Delegate agrees to pre-event trainings and meetings, attending the National Council Session, and after-event duties. Selected delegates from all councils have the ability and may at the Council Session amend GSUSA's Constitution, establish requirements for credentials, discuss and vote on proposal, and influence the strategic direction of the Movement by providing guidance to the National Board.

Term of Appointment:

The Delegate position is appointed at the Annual Meeting in April for a term of 3 years.

Appointed by/ Accountable to:

National Council Session, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Selection Committee.
Accountable to Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles.

Duties and Responsibilities:

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 girl 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. (Ex: Service Unit Meetings, Forums, Special Events, etc.)

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

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

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, at Service Unit meetings, Forums and Special Events, etc
- **Assist the council** as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session, if requested. (Engage and recruit new delegates and appear in online videos, speaking about your experiences.)
- **Participate** in teleconferences and other opportunities for voting members.

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Core Competencies: All GSGLA Volunteers will effectively demonstrate these behaviors:

- **Girl focused:** Empower girls to choose and adapt activities, learn by doing, cooperate with others, and reflect on what they've accomplished (as well as on current issues that involve their interests and needs) while having fun.
- **Demonstrates personal integrity:** Demonstrate dependability, honesty, and credibility.
- **Demonstrates adaptability:** Adjust, modify own behavior, and remain flexible and tolerant in response to changing situations and environments.
- **Demonstrates effective oral communication:** Express ideas and facts clearly and accurately.
- **Fosters diversity:** Understand, respect, and embrace differences.
- **Demonstrates adequate computer skills:** Access to e-mail and the Internet, plus knowledge of social media.
- **Additional requirements:**
 - 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.

As a supportive partner with the Delegate Selection Committee, I agree to fulfill my duties for the entirety of my 3 year term as a National Council Session Delegate.

Volunteer - Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Selection Committee Chair- Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Vice President, Volunteer Development- Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____