

NATIONAL COUNCIL 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.

CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

Girl Scout council's delegates are elected 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 as well as 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.

DUTIES OF A DELEGATE

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 & trainings** conducted by the council; 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 the national organization.
- **Engage in opportunities** to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the Movement.

While attending the 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.

Upon returning from the National Council Session, each National Council voting member/delegate is prepared to:

- **Report** to the council board of directors as requested on the National Council 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 delegates as needed during the triennium.