

NATIONAL COUNCIL GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITIES [CONST., ART. V, SEC. 2]

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.

ELIGIBILITY [Const., Art. IV, Sec. 3]

GSSWT Delegates & Alternates are required to:

- Be a U.S. Citizen (Constitution Article IV.3)
- Be a registered member of Girl Scouts and member of Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas
- Be fourteen (14) years of age or older as of May 7, 2025

DUTIES OF A DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

This is a three-year commitment [Const., Art. IV, Sec. 7]

All Delegates and Alternates serve a three year term. (2025-2028).

Throughout the triennium, everyone elected by the council as a voting member/delegate to the National Council takes personal responsibility to:

- **Represent their council** as voting members of the National Council throughout the triennium (delegates only).
- **Register for and regularly connect to the Delegate website** for news and updated communications.
- **Complete training**, which includes self-paced online modules and virtual and in-person sessions
- **Attend briefing meetings** conducted by your council; participate in council, board, and association meetings; and participate in council forums and focus groups.
- **Actively gather and consider a broad spectrum** of the opinions of members from all parts of your council and across the Movement.
- **Participate in all webinars** sponsored by GSUSA and provide decision-influencing input as requested throughout the triennium.
- **Engage in opportunities** to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the Movement.
- **Share learning and insights** with council members.
- **Each alternate should be prepared** to step into the role of a voting member at any time.

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While attending any regular or special National Council Session, each voting member is responsible for:

- **Being fully prepared to vote on all business items,** including proposals and the National Board of Directors slate.
- **Attending all business meetings** of the National Council and participating in the decision-making proceedings.

Upon returning from any regular or special National Council Session, each National Council voting member/delegate is prepared to:

- **Report** to your council's membership, such as at a Board meeting, to the council board of directors, and to your council's constituency on the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions.
- **Share insights** on information gained at the National Council Session.
- **Assist your council** as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session including supporting onboarding of new delegates and alternates.
- **Participate** in teleconferences/webinars and other opportunities as requested by our council and the National Board Office.