

# DELEGATE DIALOGUE

## Girl Scouts of Central Texas

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### GSCTX Board Meeting

July 9, 2020

The GSCTX Board of Directors held their board meeting on Thursday, July 9. Highlights included:

- **Farewell to Board Members who have completed terms:**
  - Ellen Fleming
  - Pauline Lewis
  - Suzi Marshall
  - Sandra Trainor
- **Girl Advisory Board (GAB)** members Randee Freeze, Riley Miller, Suhaani Srireddy, and Marie Young spoke to the board about ways the council can better serve girls.
- CEO Paula Bookidis spoke to the board about the impact of COVID-19 and gave board members a look at **plans for 2020-2021**.
- Governance Committee Chair, Paul Pulley, reported that the **delegate training modules** are complete and available online, the *Regional Chair and Delegate Handbook* has been updated, and in August the committee will begin the process of reviewing all GSCTX **policy documents**.
- **Resource Development** Director, Jen Lester, talked about re-tooling fund development to create a more sustainable giving program.
- Outgoing chair, **Trish Ferguson** reflected on her two terms leading the GSCTX Board. *Thank you, Trish!*

Minutes from this meeting will be approved at the September 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting, then posted on the GSCTX [website](#).



### GSUSA National Council Session Town Hall Meeting

On Monday, July 20, your newly-elected National Council Delegates/Alternates hosted a virtual Town Hall Meeting. The purpose was to gather **input and feedback** on the six proposals that will be brought before the National Council Session for vote in October. The six proposals and the percentage votes received at the Town Hall are:

- ❖ **Proposal A:** Establishment of a Task Force to examine the feasibility of a National Gold Award Scholarship Foundation. **100%** of those attending supported this proposal.
- ❖ **Proposal B:** Constitutional Amendment on Consistency in National Delegate Terms (beginning the term one year earlier in relation to the National Council Session). **100%** of those attending supported this proposal.
- ❖ **Proposal C:** Constitutional Amendment on Membership Dues (allowing the National Board to change dues amounts or categories between NCS's). **36%** supported this proposal; **64%** did not support this proposal.
- ❖ **Proposal D:** Adoption of a Procedure for Communication on Dues Actions by the National Board (procedural support for Proposal C if it passes). **93%** supported this proposal; **7%** did not support this proposal.
- ❖ **Proposal E:** Membership Dues Increase Restriction (limits the amount dues can be changed by the National Board; only applicable if Proposal C passes). **93%** supported this proposal; **7%** did not support this proposal.
- ❖ **Proposal F:** Lifetime Membership Discount (for volunteers). **100%** of those attending supported this proposal.

If you would like additional information or to offer feedback on any of these proposals, please contact the National Council Delegate Team at: [council@gsctx.org](mailto:council@gsctx.org)



## GSCTX Standard Operating Procedures Council Delegate / Alternate Elections

<b>Date of Revision</b>	June 1, 2020
<b>Department</b>	Executive/Governance
<b>Title of Procedure</b>	GSCTX SOP --- Council Delegate/Alternate Elections
<b>Purpose of Procedure</b>	To share information in order to have informed volunteers and staff and consistency throughout the Council.
<b>Procedures</b>	Service Unit (SU) will call for nominations and democratically elect their council delegate(s) and alternate(s) prior to the Annual Meeting notification period.
<b>Delegate/Alternate Qualifications</b>	The nominees will be selected on the basis of qualifications of membership, ability to perform the job, and willingness and availability to participate in training. The delegate or alternate cannot have debt with the council. See <i>Council Delegate/Alternate Volunteer Position Description</i> .
<b>Number of delegate(s)/ alternate(s) per Service Unit</b>	Each SU is entitled to elect one delegate with an additional one delegate per 500 girls registered in the area served by the SU. GSCTX will determine the number of delegates per SU based on the number of girls being served as of September 30 of the previous membership year. Each SU may elect as many alternates as there are delegates.
<b>Term of Office</b>	Council delegates/alternates will serve a one-year term.
<b>Confirmation Process: Sign Position Description</b>	Once elected, both the Council delegate/alternate <u>and</u> the SUD must sign the <i>Position Description</i> .
<b>Submit Position Description to Council</b>	The SUD will submit the signed <i>Position Description</i> online to <a href="mailto:council@gstcx.org">council@gstcx.org</a> . <a href="mailto:council@gstcx.org">council@gstcx.org</a> is monitored daily by the council Governance Manager. Forms received by MDE's, other staff or volunteers should be forwarded to the Council Governance Manager.
<b>Verification of Zero Council Debt</b>	Once received, the Council Governance Manager will give the signed form to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The CFO will verify the elected delegate or alternate does not have debt with council. If they do have debt, the form will be returned to the SU to inform them that the elected person cannot serve as a Council Delegate.
<b>Notification to Governance Chair</b>	The <i>Council Delegate/Alternate Position Description</i> form will be sent to the Governance Chair and the appropriate Regional Chair. The Council Governance Manager will keep the official roster of elected Council Delegates and Alternates and update the roster on the GSCTX website, as needed.
<b>Delegate/Alternate Roster, Forms and Information</b>	Council delegate/alternate roster, forms and information are available at: <a href="https://www.gstcx.org/en/our-council/about-us/delegates.html">https://www.gstcx.org/en/our-council/about-us/delegates.html</a>
<b>FAQs</b>	Can a Service Unit Director (SUD) be elected as the Council Delegate? YES Can the Council Delegate also serve as an appointed Regional Chair? NO Can the Council Delegate also serve as an elected National Council Delegate? YES