

DELEGATE DIALOGUE

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Save-the-Date
2021 GSCTX Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 10th
November 2020

GSCTX Board Meeting

The GSCTX Board of Directors held their meeting on Friday, November 13, 2020. Highlights included:

- **National Council Delegate, Marie Young**, reported on her experiences as a girl delegate to the first-ever virtual National Council Session.
- Oversight for the **Conflict of Interest** and **Gift Acceptance policies** will be transferred to the Audit Committee.
- CEO Paula Bookidis reviewed the **current financial position** for GSCTX, noting that another review will take place at the conclusion of cookie season.
- The Council's **end-of-year fundraising** campaign was discussed; board members were asked to help in key areas.
- The **2020 UT Board Fellows** presented their final report to the board. Their project was to provide a strategy for increasing GSCTX's Community Troops.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved at the January 2021 board meeting, then posted on the GSCTX [website](http://www.gsctx.org).



GSCTX Mid-Year All Delegate Forum

The GSCTX Governance Committee hosted a virtual Mid-Year All Delegate Forum on Tuesday, November 10th. Attended by approximately 40 council members, this highly informative session presented feedback from the GSUSA 55th National Council Session and the six proposals that were brought before the delegates. Governance Chair, Paul Pulley, presented the newly-elected National Board Member slate, and moderated a discussion, led by National Council Delegate team members, about the six proposals. Though there were many proposed amendments, all of the proposals eventually passed with minimal revisions.

- Proposal 1: Establishes a Task Force to examine the feasibility of a **National Gold Award Scholarship Foundation**.
- Proposal 2: Amends the GSUSA Constitution to allow the National Board to **change dues amounts** or categories between NCS's.
- Proposal 3: Establishes a procedure for communication by the National Board regarding any **dues actions**.
- Proposal 4: Places a restriction on the **percentage increase in dues** that may be implemented by the National Board without NCS action.
- Proposal 5: Amends the GSUSA Constitution to begin the **National Delegate term** a year earlier with respect to the NCS. This will require a change in **GSCTX's Bylaws** at our next Annual Meeting.
- Proposal 6: Establishes a **Lifetime Membership Discount** for long-time Volunteers.

CEO Paula Bookidis offered a **state of the council** presentation and a discussion around **cookie season**. Finally, Service Units were reminded to select their **2020-2021 Council Delegates**, a process which must be completed prior to the 2021 Annual Meeting (see next page). The evening concluded with a **Q&A** opportunity for those present.

Contact Governance Manager, Dolly Shubert, at council@gsctx.org to obtain the power point from this event for viewing at your next SU meeting!

We welcome your questions and input and invite you to submit them via the delegate email address: council@gsctx.org



GSCTX Standard Operating Procedures Council Delegate / Alternate Elections

Date of Revision	June 1, 2020
Department	Executive/Governance
Title of Procedure	GSCTX SOP --- Council Delegate/Alternate Elections
Purpose of Procedure	To share information in order to have informed volunteers and staff and consistency throughout the Council.
Procedures	Service Unit (SU) will call for nominations and democratically elect their council delegate(s) and alternate(s) prior to the Annual Meeting notification period.
Delegate/Alternate Qualifications	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> .
Number of delegate(s)/ alternate(s) per Service Unit	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.
Term of Office	Council delegates/alternates will serve a one-year term.
Confirmation Process: Sign Position Description	Once elected, both the Council delegate/alternate <u>and</u> the SUD must sign the <i>Position Description</i> .
Submit Position Description to Council	The SUD will submit the signed <i>Position Description</i> online to council@gscctx.org . council@gscctx.org 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.
Verification of Zero Council Debt	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.
Notification to Governance Chair	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.
Delegate/Alternate Roster, Forms and Information	Council delegate/alternate roster, forms and information are available at: https://www.gscctx.org/en/our-council/about-us/delegates.html
FAQs	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