

DELEGATE DIALOGUE

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GSCTX Board Meeting

The GSCTX Board of Directors held their meeting on Friday, September 11, 2020. Highlights included:

- **Welcome** to our newest board member, Luisa Gaviño-Martinez (BBVA).
- **Council Board Development Committee (CBDC)** – Herma Mullur will join as a new CBDC Member-at-Large. Leslie Midgley and Lauren Peters will join the CBDC as Advisory Members.
- **The 2020-2021 Capital & Operating Budget** was approved by the board.
- CEO Paula Bookidis spoke to the board about the impact of COVID-19 and gave board members a look at **plans for 2020-2021**.
- GSUSA has conducted their Annual Review and renewed GSCTX's **Charter** for three years.
- **Resource Development** Director, Jen Lester, led board members through a fund development training exercise.
- UT Board Fellows gave an update on their project to increase capacity in **GSCTX's Community Troops**.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved at the November 13th board meeting, then posted on the GSCTX [website](#).



GSCTX Mid-Year Delegate Forum November 10, 2020 Via Zoom

This year we are trying something different! On Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00 pm (CT) GSCTX Staff and Governance Committee will host a virtual Mid-Year Delegate Forum for all regions. Among the items discussed will be:

- ❖ **The GSUSA 55th National Council Session (NCS)**. Your 2020-2023 National Council Delegates will present feedback from the recent convention, including the result of voting on these important items:
 - Newly elected **National Board Slate** of officers.
 - Six **Proposals** that were presented to our delegate team for vote:
 - Proposal 1: Establishment of a Task Force to examine the feasibility of a National Gold Award Scholarship Foundation.
 - Proposal 2: Constitutional Amendment on Membership Dues (allowing the National Board to change dues amounts or categories between NCS's).
 - Proposal 3: Adoption of a Procedure for Communication on Dues Actions by the National Board (procedural support for Proposal C if it passes).
 - Proposal 4: Membership Dues Increase Restriction (limits the amount dues can be changed by the National Board; only applicable if Proposal C passes).
 - Proposal 5: Constitutional Amendment on Consistency in National Delegate Terms (beginning the term one year earlier in relation to the National Council Session).
 - Proposal 6: Lifetime Membership Discount (for volunteers).
- ❖ **Service Units: Selecting your 2020-2021 Council Delegates.**
- ❖ **Q & A** – Governance Committee members will be on-hand to answer your council governance questions!

[Zoom login access](#) or Dial-in option: +1 346 248 7799 Meeting ID: 931 4853 9910 Password: 000269

We welcome your questions and input and invite you to submit them via the delegate email address at the top of this newsletter



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@gstcx.org . council@gstcx.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.gstcx.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