

DELEGATE DIALOGUE

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February 2021

GSCTX Board Meeting

January 23, 2021

The GSCTX Board of Directors held their first board meeting of the new year on Saturday, January 23. Highlights included:

- Appointments:
 - Shelley Clifford Brophy (Executive Committee)
 - Ryan Greuter (interim Treasurer)
 - Suzanne Copeland (interim Governance Committee Chair)
 - Ann Marie Rodriguez (Region 5 Chair)
- Cherisse Robison was introduced as the incoming CFO, replacing Jerry Spataro, who will retire at the end of March.
- DE&I survey results were reviewed by Dr. Kazique Prince and Melissa Andrews from Jelani Consultants. Board members broke into small groups for additional discussion/feedback.
- The 2019-2020 audit was presented and approved.
- Board committee chairs presented their work plans for 2021.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved at the March 26th board meeting; then posted on the GSCTX [website](http://www.gsctx.org).

In Memory



On January 9, 2021 GSCTX lost one of its most enthusiastic supporters and longtime volunteer, Paul Pulley. Paul joined the Board in 2016, eventually serving as Treasurer, Executive Committee member and, most recently, as Governance Committee Chair and National Council Delegate.



Paul was the proud father of three Gold Award Girl Scouts and recent grandfather to a future Gold Girl. We will miss Paul's leadership, dedication and passion for Girl Scouts and our council.

2021 Save-the-Dates

January 20 – February 28

Cookie season!

January – May

Service Units may select their Council Delegates and Alternates (see next page).

June 7, 2021

Annual Meeting Official Notice goes out. Council delegates/alternates *cannot* be added or changed after this date.

July 10, 2021

Virtual Annual Meeting and Volunteer Enrichment Conference (VEC).

Governance Opportunities to Serve

Governance Committee

The GSCTX Governance Committee is looking for a few individuals who are interested in helping shape the Council's governance and policy process. Contact the committee at council@gsctx.org

Regional Chairs

Currently we have a vacancy for a Region Four (4) Chair (please see region map →). If you are interested in serving, please fill out the [application form](#) on the GSCTX website and return to council@gsctx.org.

Council Delegate / Alternate

Each Service Unit (SU) is entitled to one delegate and one alternate per 500 girls registered in the area served by the SU. Please see the following page for additional information and application guidelines.



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@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