



❄ Winter ❄ **Delegate Council Meeting**

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Welcome!

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What is NCS?



GSEP's NC Delegation



Creation of the NCS Agenda



Board Actions:

Establishment of a National Pilot Program for Daisy Sprouts

This request for consideration directed the establishment of a pilot for a Daisy Sprout program for pre-Kindergarten youth ages four to five.

The pilot process will evaluate existing Pre-K programs within and beyond the Movement to develop council pilots for Pre-K girls and families.



Board Action:

Task Group to Research Equity in Distribution of GSUSA Gold Award Scholarships and to Look into Other Types of Scholarships That Could Be Available to Girl Scouts

This proposal directed the establishment of a task group of volunteers and staff charged with examining the current criteria for GSUSA Gold Award scholarship distribution and making recommendations for an equitable distribution structure, and to research and develop other scholarship opportunities.

2026 NCS Proposal #1: **Girl Scout Highest Awards Solicitation of Contributions**

Girl members may not engage in any direct solicitation for money except **girl members for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors**, **who** may solicit philanthropic donations to their councils of cash or in-kind goods for Girl Scout **Bronze, Silver, and** Gold Award projects, provided they have secured prior written permission from their council's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Development Officer, or their designee.

In addition, girls must abide by their own council's policies and procedures with regard to this matter.

*suggested update in the first paragraph of the **Solicitation of Contributions** part of the **Policies** section of the **Blue Book of Basic Documents** on page 20*

2026 NCS Proposal #2: **Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration**

The National Board of Directors must obtain approval from the National Council whenever a planned dues increase will result in dues increasing more than a total of ~~25~~ 15% in any one triennium.

suggested update in the first paragraph of the Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration the Credentials section of the Blue Book of Basic Documents on page 23

2026 NCS Proposal #3: Endorsements/Trademark/ Marketing/Internet Sales

Every product sold in connection with a Girl Scout council-sponsored product sale shall bear the Girl Scout name and service mark, either on the product or on its packaging. Every item bearing any of the registered Girl Scout names, logos, or marks purchased or developed for resale,² including items to be sold in council-sponsored product sales, shall be purchased (1) from a GSUSA-licensed vendor, (2) from Girl Scout Merchandise, or (3) produced with prior approval from GSUSA when items are not readily available from a licensed supplier. Every item bearing the Girl Scout name and service mark, including items for resale or non-resale³ by councils, shall conform to the Girl Scout Brand Standards published by GSUSA. Items used for both resale and non-resale shall adhere to the stipulations stated above for resale items.

GSUSA, along with its alliances and relationships with corporations and businesses, shall not sell, license or otherwise provide for sale any food product bearing the Girl Scout name bearing the Girl Scout name or service mark when related to the flavors, branding, or likeness of Girl Scout Cookies during the designated entrepreneurship program sales period of any Girl Scout council.

suggested update by adding a paragraph in the Trademark section of the Policies on page 19 of the Blue Book of Basic Documents

What's the difference between a
proposal & a discussion topic?

Differences between Discussion Topics and Proposals



Discussion topics* are opportunities for delegates and alternates to influence **future National Board**** or National Council action.

- Conversation(s) about topics important to the future of our Movement that enable us to get delegate input earlier
- Topics shaped by NCS Agenda Influencing Process, GSUSA, or National Board
- Held virtually throughout the triennium or at a National Council Session (NCS)
- Less structure, more input for future actions



Proposals are opportunities for delegates to deliberate and take **immediate** action through a vote

- Formal education and deliberation (hearing varied viewpoints) before taking action
- Submitted by the National Board or through the NCS Agenda Influencing Process by local councils
- The National Council must be formally “in session” to take action
- Decision-making is structured

*Discussion topics fulfill delegates' role to give “guidance to the National Board upon general lines of direction of the Movement and program.” - Article V., Sec. 2, GSUSA Constitution

Alternate delegates (those prepared to serve should a vacancy occur) may participate in discussion topics; alternate delegates may not discuss or vote on proposals.

**National Board uses decision influencing input gathered in discussion topics to inform decision making or to shape recommendations it provides to the National Council.

2026 NCS Discussion Topic #1:

Revolutionize Engagement: Girl Scouts Her Way

includes themes from the following council-originated agenda items:

- Amending the Credentials Section to Allow Girls Age Five to be Members
- Proposal to Establish a National Pilot for Daisy Sprouts

2026 NCS Discussion Topic #2:

Amplify Impact: Building Connections with Our Communities

Agenda item ideas submitted by councils that align to this discussion topic include:

- Advancing Inclusivity Discussion Topic
- Inclusivity in Girl Scouting Discussion Topic
- Proposal to Amend the Preamble of the Constitution to Add ‘Inclusivity’ to ‘Diversity, Pluralism, and Anti-Racism’
- Proposal to Expand the Definition of Girl Scout in the Membership Requirements Section of the Credentials

The role of GSEP's Delegate Council (i.e., YOU!)



Thank you!

*See you at the Spring
Delegate Council Meeting
on March 18!*

