December Governance Bulletin

The Governance Bulletin is shared with all Service Unit Delegates on file, National Council Session (NCS) Delegates, Girl Advisors to the Board of Directors, Girl Delegates, GSEP Board Development Committee members, GSEP's Board of Directors, and Service Unit Managers (SUM).

Dear Delegate Council,

Happy Holidays! We hope this festive season is filled with light and love for you and yours!

Deadline for All Governance Applications is January 10, 2020!

Girl Delegates & Girl Advisors to the Board for Membership Year 2021!
Girls! Are you ready to raise your voice, learn how the Council is governed, influence change, and speak up on behalf of girls?

Girls who will be at least 14 years old as of May 2, 2020 can apply to be either a Girl Delegate (30 girls are elected to represent all girls throughout our nine county footprint) or a Girl Advisor to the Board (3 girls are elected to participate as non-voting members of the Board of Directors).

Apply via this online application; the due date is January 10, 2020.
Don't wait too long! Girls interested in applying to be Girl Delegates will need at least one reference letter, whereas girls interested in applying to be a Girl Advisor will need at least two. These are due along with the rest of the application on January 10, 2020.

More information can be found under the Applications tab at the bottom of the Governance page.

**2020 National Council Session Delegates**

Girls! You can also apply to be a GSEP Delegate at the 2020 National Council Session in Orlando, Florida from October 21-23, 2020. Interested adult members are also encouraged to apply!

Any Girl Scout (adults and girls who will be at least 14 years old by May 2, 2020) are encouraged to apply to be an NCS Delegate via this [online application](#), which is due **January 10, 2020**.

This role is a 3-year term, but girls who will bridge to adults within that time frame are still welcome to apply. The expectations of the role include preparing for the convention as a group here at GSEP and then bringing back to the Council the ideas and information shared at the National Council Session.

Please know that GSEP will underwrite most travel expenses (air fare, hotel, and more meals) since this is a working committment.

For additional information, check out the Governance page of the website. The completed application must be submitted by January 10, 2020.

**Nominations & Self Nominations to the Board**

Know anyone who you feel would make an excellent board member? Do you think you would make a good board member?

The Board Development Committee (BDC) works year-round on maintaining and updating a cultivation list of potential Board and BDC candidates. This includes nominations from our general membership.
The form for nominations/self-nominations can be found on the Governance page under the Applications tab.

**Save the Dates - Including a NEW Event!**

**NEW** Delegate Conversation, Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
As you may remember from the Fall 2019 Delegate Meeting, the major work of the Delegate Council this year is to review and determine if any changes, edits, or amendments need to be made to the Bylaws.

A Bylaws Review Subcommittee has been established (under the auspices of the BDC) to take all your comments, questions, and suggestions and create a coherent plan of work. They have been meeting regularly to undertake a comprehensive review of the Bylaws in light of your discussions from the fall.

The subcommittee recognized there is a need for more education about governance and the Bylaws themselves. Therefore, they are sending out Special Bylaws Editions of the Governance Bulletins and are also planning to host a NEW Delegate Conversation the evening of Wednesday, February 19 via phone/computer call-in.

The call-in information can be found here on the Governance page.

Spring Delegate Meeting - Wednesday, March 18, 7 - 9 p.m.
Just a reminder that the next Delegate Council Meeting will be held the evening of March 18, 2020. It will, once again, be simulcast from Daisy's Place at Camp Shelly Ridge to the other two major service centers, Lehigh Valley and Valley Forge.

The primary focus of this meeting will be the GSEP Bylaws and what amendments, changes, or edits are going to be proposed at the Annual Meeting.

In addition, Board Chair, Debbie Hassan and CEO, Kim Faites-Dow, will be sharing news from GSUSA. BDC Chair, Susan Mucciarone, will also give an update on the slate for the upcoming Annual Meeting.
Please register via the Calendar on the Governance page. Please note that you must register for a specific location (although you can change your attendance plans as the date approaches).

**Service Unit Delegate Election Result Forms Still Needed from 32 Service Units**

Thank you to the 66 Service Unit Managers who have sent in their SU Delegate Election forms so far this year! However, we are still missing forms from about 1/3 of the Service Units.

This is an incredibly important year, since the Delegate Council is reviewing the Bylaws, a process started at the Fall 2019 Delegate Meeting. The Bylaws Review Subcommittee will share their work at the Spring 2020 Delegate Meeting for review before the Annual Meeting.

We want to make sure the entire Council is represented in this vital, foundational work.

To hold a Service Unit Delegate Election, each SU must have a meeting where at least 25% of the troops are represented. Just a reminder that girls 14 years and older can also serve as SU Delegates (as long as they are not also current Girl Delegates or Girl Advisors to the Board).

Election results (reported via [this form](mailto:governance@gsep.org)) must be emailed to governance@gsep.org as soon as possible (the deadline was August 31). If you are unsure if you've already submitted your results, please contact Carla Hickey, Director of Governance, at governance@gsep.org.

For more information, please check out the tab of the bottom of the Governance page entitled "Service Unit Delegate Election Info".

**Want to Catch Up?**

Past issues of this year's Governance Bulletins can now be found on the Governance page of the website. This includes the "Bylaws
Editions" that includes explanations and clarifications of GSEP's Bylaws that were discussed at the Fall 2019 Delegate Meeting.

Check out the tab at the bottom of the page labeled "Past Governance Bulletins".

**GSEP MY20 Governance Calendar**

When you are planning for your Service Unit governance activities, please keep in mind this calendar of important dates.

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May the New Year be filled with peace and prosperity for you and yours! Thank you again for your commitment to Governance excellence here at GSEP.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to governance@gsep.org.
Have a question? Don't be shy!

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