October Governance Bulletin

SPECIAL EDITION

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:

A big thank you to those of you who attended the Delegate Council Meeting on September 24th. For those who were unable to be there, we wanted to share the information as soon as possible.

Fall Delegate Meeting Recap & Request for Additional Feedback

Last month, the first Delegate Council Meeting for the year was held at three locations simultaneously (Shelly Ridge, Valley Forge, and the Lehigh Valley). To see the Power Point from the meeting, click here. To read an overview of the meeting, click here.

The focus of this year’s Delegate Council Meetings is a comprehensive review of GSEP’s Bylaws. At the September meeting, all attendees broke into small groups to discuss one "chunk" of the Bylaws, suggest
any possible edits, and note any clarifications that are needed.

The Bylaws Review Subcommittee has collected the data from all attendees and will be meeting throughout the fall and winter to determine possible amendments.

As you may remember, your "homework" was to bring this initiative back to your Service Units, troops, and interested members to ask for additional suggested edits, comments, or questions. Feel free to look at any or all parts of GSEP’s Bylaws. Please submit this additional feedback via this online form no later than Tuesday, November 5. You will be asked to include your name, email, the exact Article, Section etc... plus any comments or concerns.

if you have any questions, please contact Deb Walters, Chair of the Bylaws Review Subcommittee, at debwalters1256@gmail.com.

Governance Applications Now Live!
Please check these out and consider applying to be:

• **National Council Session Delegate**
  ◦ NCS Delegates discuss, debate, and vote on proposals; participate in discussions involving topics impacting the movement on a national level; and influence the strategic direction of the Movement by providing guidance to the National Board.
  ◦ This is a 3-year commitment to represent GSEP at the 2020 National Council Session in Orlando, Florida in October 2020. Pre-convention orientation meetings in GSEP are required as well as occasional meetings post-convention, as requested by Council.
  ◦ Travel expenses (air fare, hotel, and most meals) will be covered by GSEP.
  ◦ Adults and girls who will be at least 14 years old as of May 2, 2020 can apply (even current girl members who will bridge to adults within the 3-year timeframe).

• **Girl Delegate/Girl Advisor to the Board for Membership Year 2021**
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 (three girls are elected to participate as non-voting members of the Board of Directors).

**Board and Board Development Committee (BDC)**

- Board members exercise responsibility and authority for planning, policy-making, and ensuring that the Council is achieving its goals and mission.
- BDC members identify, cultivate, and recruit candidates for the Board and BDC in a strategic and intentional manner.
- Any adult member who is interested in serving on the Board or the BDC can nominate themselves or another adult member for the BDC to consider for the slate voted on at next year's Annual Meeting (May 2, 2020).

**Please Note:** The deadline to apply for ANY of these positions is January 10, 2020.

**Governance Calendar**

When planning your Service Unit Governance activities, please keep in mind this calendar of dates important in the Governance year. This calendar can also be found in the [Governance webpage](#).

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<td>March 18, 2020</td>
<td>Spring Delegate Meeting at Shelly Ridge Service Center (7 - 9 p.m.)</td>
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April 2, 2020  |  2020 Annual Meeting info emails to Delegate Council
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May 2, 2020  |  Annual Meeting, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. @ Shelly Ridge
April 3 - August 31, 2020  |  Elect your Service Unit Delegates for the 2021 Membership Year

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! Contact us for more information.

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