

Delegate Council Meeting Overview

Delegate Council Meeting – Fall 2020

September 30, 2020 from 7-9 pm

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Invited: GSEP Board of Directors, Board Development Committee Members, GSEP Girl Advisors & Girl Delegates, Service Unit Delegates & Alternates, National Council Session Delegates, and Interested Members

Meeting Opening

Debbie Hassan, Board Chair, opened the Delegate meeting by welcoming all members to our second virtual Delegate Council Meeting. She then invited the Girl Advisors to the Board – Paris Graves, Mikayla Havers, and Rachael Thornton - to lead the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law.

Mission Moment

NCS Delegate and Gold Award Girl Scout Brianna Davis first explained her Gold Award project, which was creating STEAM educational opportunities and a dedicated website full of STEAM activities for children with developmental disabilities. She then explained that her Mission Moment was really about the bigger picture of her vast experiences in Girl Scouting, including being able to share her Gold Award project with U.S. Senator Toomey’s staff during a recent advocacy meeting with our CEO. Even though Brianna is now an alum, Girl Scouting continues to allow her to have “interesting adventures” and that she will continue to be an advocate for our Movement for the rest of her life.

Introductions

Board Chair Debbie Hassan then recognized the respective cohorts in attendance (Board, Board Development Committee, National Council Session Delegates, SU Delegates, and Girl Delegates). She reiterated the decision-influencing role of the Delegate Council and thanked the members for their service.

Board Development Committee Report

Susan Mucciarone, chair of the BDC, reviewed the names of the committee members, including the two newest members of the Board Development Committee, Laura Azzalina and Allison Green, who were elected at the Annual Meeting in May. Laura is the Senior Vice President - Director of Community Banking for Firsttrust Bank, and Allison is the Senior Vice President, Chief Diversity Officer and Head of Employee Engagement for Lincoln Financial Group.

Susan provided an overview on the work of the Board Development Committee, which focuses on identifying, cultivating, and recruiting candidates to become members of the Board of Directors and the BDC itself. Plus, this committee is responsible for reviewing all the applications for the Girl Delegates and Girl Advisors to the Board to create the slate for the Delegate Council to vote on.

Service Unit Delegate and Girl Delegate Pinning

Board Chair Debbie Hassan asked CEO Kim Fraites-Dow to join her for the pinning ceremony. Kim explained that all new Service Unit Delegates and Girl Delegates received their pins through the mail in a specially marked package (along with a hard copy of the new Bylaws). Kim then ceremoniously pinned a stuffed animal in absentia.

GSEP CEO Update

Kim E. Fraites-Dow, CEO, focused on the upcoming 2020 National Council Session. She first explained all the preparations and resources that GSUSA has been offering this year, because of the virtual nature of the NCS. For example, the National Board hosted 21 Delegate Forums over the summer to hear feedback about the six proposals; there is a dedicated Delegate website, weekly enewsletter, and numerous webinars, including a “Meet the Candidates” forum and one focused on parliamentary procedures. Kim also shared a short bio of the new interim National CEO, Judith Batty, and the nominee for Board President, Karen Layng. Kim also showed the Delegate Council the newly updated slate for the National Board of Directors, including pointing out that a couple of the nominees are from Philadelphia. She also invited anyone who is interested to register for the NCS Keynote Presentation being held on Saturday, October 3 as well as the actual National Council Session itself (October 23-25).

NCS Proposals Strategy Café

Deb Walters, NCS Delegate and National Volunteer Partner in Governance, introduced the 25 NCS Delegates and 3 Alternates from GSEP. Three of the Delegates reviewed Proposals 1, 5, and 6 and then all the attendees were randomly broken into small breakout rooms to discuss. After 20 minutes, there were report outs from each group. The entire process was repeated for Proposals 2, 3, and 4 (which all have to do with setting membership dues).

Closing

Board Chair Debbie Hassan reminded the Delegates of important dates in the MY21 Governance year, including emphasizing the January 22nd Girl Governance application deadline, the March 22nd spring meeting date, and the Annual Meeting date of May 1st, 2021.

Debbie adjourned the Spring Delegate meeting at 8:43 p.m.

If you would like to suggest a topic for the Spring 2021 Delegate Meeting on March 22nd, please email governance@gsep.org