



September 2020 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,

We hope you had a relaxing and fun summer!

As we head into a new troop year and school year, GSEP continues to face the challenges presented by the pandemic with optimism and practicality. We hope you and your troops will take advantage of all the programs, events, and trainings that are offered through [GirlScouts@Home](#) from GSEP and GSUSA.

**[Are You a NEW Delegate? \(Girl Delegate or Service Unit Delegate!\)
Join us for virtual Delegate Training!](#)**

To get the most robust experience from your Delegate service, it helps to be educated about your new role. A group of experienced Governance volunteers is hosting live Delegate trainings via Zoom this month and will share their knowledge about Girl Scout Governance in general, GSEP's [new Bylaws](#) (adopted in May 2020), and GSUSA's [Blue Book of Basic Documents](#) (the national governing document).

The three training options for new Delegates (*you only have to attend ONE!*) are:

- *For Girl Delegates ONLY: **Sunday, September 20, from 1-3 p.m.** (and for SU Delegates who are girls).* Click [here](#) to register.
- **Wednesday, September 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Click [here](#) to register.

- **Saturday, September 26, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.** Click here [here](#) to register.

Registration closes on September 17. Thank you in advance for registering!

Fall Delegate Council Meeting – September 30!

The first Delegate Council Meeting of the Governance Year is happening later this month. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30 from 7-9 p.m. and will be held virtually.

The focus of this year's Delegate Council Meetings will be the National Council Session's proposals, votes, and activities. At this month's meeting, our NCS Delegates will be asking for your thoughts about the six proposals that will be voted on in October. Please check out the [Governance page](#) before September 30 for more info.

Please register for the Fall Delegate Council Meeting [here](#).

2020 National Council Session Information

The National Council Session (NCS) is scheduled to be held the evening of Friday, October 23; the afternoon and evening of Saturday, October 24; and the afternoon of Sunday, October 25.

As you have heard, this year's **NCS will be held virtually**. This actually means that *more people will be able to attend!*

GSEP's NCS Delegates and Alternates are already registered to participate as voting members and alternates, but GSUSA is encouraging anyone who is interested in viewing the event to register as "Balcony guests." That registration opens later in September, and the link will be shared via the [Governance page](#) of our website. Check back regularly!

Interested members are also welcome to attend the pre-NCS webinars, including:

- **Stewardship Report on Wednesday, September 9, 4:00-5:00 pm**
 - The 2020 Stewardship Report offers a summary of the "state of the Movement" and highlights all the work GSUSA has accomplished together over the last triennium, including the Treasurer's Report (covering fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019).
 - Spaces are limited; please register by September 4 by clicking [here](#)
- **Meet the Candidates Forum for the 2020-2023 National Board of Directors, Monday, September 14, 7:00-8:00 pm**
 - This is an opportunity for members to get to know the background, qualifications, and Girl Scout passion of the Board and National Board Development Committee candidates for the 2020-2023 triennium.

- Registration info will be posted to the [Governance page](#), once GSUSA shares it.
- **Keynotes: CEO, Board President, and Founding Chair of the Juliette Gordon Low Society, Saturday, October 3, 12n-1:30 p.m.**
 - Keynote addresses will be presented in this live webinar ahead of the virtual NCS later in October.
 - Registration info will be posted to the [Governance page](#), once GSUSA shares it.

Please Check This Out!

If your Service Unit is on [this list](#), your SU [Delegate Election Results form](#) has not been turned in!

Even if you are continuing your service as an SU Delegate or Alternate from last year, we still need a new MY21 [form](#) emailed to governance@gsep.org ASAP. Please check out the tab at the bottom of the [Governance Page](#) for more information.

Public Service Reminder – Remember to Vote on November 3rd!

The strength of our country lies in its educated, active citizens, and we want to ensure that our girls see their role models exercising one of our fundamental rights: voting in free elections. **Please remember to vote on November 3rd**. If you still need to register to vote in Pennsylvania, the deadline is October 19th and you can get more info on the state’s website [here](#). (The deadline to register to vote by mail is October 27; that info can also be found on the state’s website [here](#).)

Looking for more ways to get your girls interested in the election process and governance issues in general? Check out GSEP’s own patch program: **Scout the Vote!**

This summer, GSUSA just released **new Democracy badges** for all age levels.

Girls will gain an in-depth understanding of how local, state, and federal government works, preparing them to be voters, activists, and, potentially, political leaders. There are also **Citizenship badges** for every age level as well (just choose “citizenship” as the topic in [GSUSA's badge explorer](#) and you’ll see 24 options pop up!).

GSEP MY21 Governance Calendar

(which can also be found on the [Governance page of the website](#))

Date	Action Item
Sunday, September 20 1-3 p.m.	Girl Delegate Training for all NEW Girl Delegates <i>(if any girls are serving as new SU Delegates, they are also welcome to attend this session!)</i>

	Please register here .
Wednesday, September 23 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Delegate Training for all NEW Delegates <i>(if any Girl Delegates were unable to attend the training on 9/20, they are welcome to participate in this session)</i> Please register here .
Saturday, September 26 10 a.m. – 12 noon	Delegate Training for all NEW Delegates <i>(if any Girl Delegates were unable to attend the training on 9/20, they are welcome to participate in this session)</i> Please register here . PLEASE NOTE: New Delegates need to attend ONLY ONE of the three training sessions!
Wednesday, September 30 7-9 p.m.	Fall Delegate Meeting Please register here .
Thursday, October 1	Link for Girl Governance applications for MY22 goes live. The link will be accessible via the “Applications” tab at the bottom of the Governance page.
October 23-25	2020 Virtual National Council Session <i>Visitors (i.e., non-Delegates) are welcome to attend this VIRTUAL NCS, but all attendees MUST register.</i> Registration info will be uploaded to the Governance page of GSEP’s website, once GSUSA shares the link.
Monday, January 11, 2021	Deadline to submit nominations or self-nominations for the Board or Board Development Committee (BDC) for the BDC to consider adding to the official slate. <i>Check out the “Applications” tab at the bottom of the Governance page for more info.</i>
Monday, March 22, 2021 7-9 p.m.	Spring Delegate Meeting <i>Decision regarding location or holding the meeting online will be made later this fall/winter, in accordance with state public health guidelines.</i>

Thank you again for your commitment to Governance excellence here at GSEP!
Looking forward to a fantastic fall!

As always, if you have any questions or thoughts to share, please do not hesitate to reach out to governance@gsep.org!

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