



# March 2022 Governance Bulletin

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Dear Delegate Council –

As we head into spring (finally!), we want to wish you all a Happy 110th Girl Scout Birthday this month! We hope you & yours continue to be safe & healthy as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.

## Virtual Spring Delegate Council Meeting – March 21, 2022!

Please join us at the second Delegate Council Meeting of the year! This month's Spring Delegate Council Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, March 21, from 7-9 p.m. You must register ahead of time to receive the online link. Please [register here](#).

During the meeting, we will be finalizing the proposal topic(s) that you want GSEP to submit to GSUSA for consideration at the 2023 National Council Session. As a reminder, you voted on your top four choices at

the Fall Delegate Council Meeting back in September, and the 2020 National Council Session (NCS) Delegates have been working on refining the ideas to present to you for a final review and vote in March.

You will also hear national Girl Scout news from our Board Chair and CEO.

Plus, we will be sharing an update on the 2023 NCS timeline and application process.

All Service Unit Delegates/Alternates and Girl Delegates are strongly encouraged to attend!

## Mark Your Calendars – Annual Meeting is May 7th!

Please save the date of Saturday, May 7th, since GSEP's Annual Meeting will be held IN-PERSON at Shelly Ridge (our headquarters in Miquon), from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting includes:

- Governance Award presentation
- Treasurer's Report
- Recap of MY21 from our CEO
- Votes on:
  - MY23 Girl Delegates
  - MY23 Girl Advisors to the Board
  - Members at-Large of the Board of Directors
  - Members of the Board Development Committee
  - Recognition of Top Cookie Sellers and Scholarship Recipients

We are really excited to be back in-person this year! There will be family-friendly camp activities, camp tours, and service projects. A barbecue lunch will be provided to all attendees, and we will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new kitchen in

Smith Lodge and other camp improvements.

Look for the official Annual Meeting Notice and registration link being emailed to you on April 7. Registration will be open to the entire GSEP membership, but we really need our entire Delegate Council to join us!

## Service Unit Delegate Election Reminder (for both MY22 & MY23)

We are still missing the [form](#) reporting SU Delegate Election Results for this year from a few Service Units. As a reminder, this info must be received no later than March 31 for your SU Delegates to be able to officially cast their votes at the Annual Meeting on May 7.

For more information, please check out the tab labeled “Service Unit Delegate Election Info” at the bottom of the [Governance page](#).

If you are unsure if you’ve already sent the form in, please contact Carla Hickey, Director of Governance & Advocacy, at [governance@gsep.org](mailto:governance@gsep.org).

For the very organized SUMs, please know that the SU Delegate Election form for MY23 will be updated on the website the week of April 4. Please do not send in MY23 election results until the new form is uploaded. As a reminder, SU Delegates & Alternates for MY23 should be elected between April 8th-August 31st. Thank you!

## Want to Catch Up?

Past issues of this year’s Governance Bulletins can be found on the [Governance page](#). Check out the tab at the bottom of the page labeled “Past Governance Bulletins.”

# Continuing Governance Education

## **What exactly is the National Council Session (NCS)?**

Just like GSEP has a Delegate Council (made up of Service Unit Delegates, Girl Delegates, Board members, Girl Advisors, and Board Development Committee members), GSUSA has a National Council. Starting in 1915 and every few years since then, representatives from every council across the nation and Girl Scouts Overseas have met to discuss, debate, and vote on issues important to the Girl Scout Movement and elect national leaders for the next triennium (AKA, a three-year timeframe).

At each National Council Session (NCS), thousands of NCS Delegates meet to celebrate, learn from each other, and make decisions on how to evolve Girl Scouting to meet the needs of girls in the 21st century. National Board members are elected, topics that are relevant to the entire Movement are discussed, and proposals on important ideas or amendments to the Blue Book are voted on.

Concurrently, there is a Convention occurring in the Hall of Experiences, where vendors and sponsors showcase their products and services, visitors can participate in unique experiences, and GSUSA-hosted meetups of various groups are held. Being together in a “sea of green” is truly life-changing and inspiring for all attendees! A more detailed explanation about the governance aspects of the National Council can be found in Articles IV-VII of GSUSA’s [Blue Book of Basic Documents](#) (similar to GSEP’s Bylaws). GSUSA also has additional information on the National Council Session and Convention on [its website](#).

The next National Council Session is being held July 18-20, 2023, in Orlando. We will be sharing additional details as they become available from GSUSA.

As the 8th largest Girl Scout Council in the country, GSEP sends one of

the largest delegations to the NCS (since the number of Delegates is determined by the number of girls we serve). Therefore, we have a sizable presence and influential voice at this national platform. Consider joining us in 2023! All Girl Scout members who are at least 14 years old at the time of election can apply, so keep an eye out for the application link!

## GSEP MY22 Governance Calendar

Also available on the [Governance page](#).

Date	Action Item
Monday, March 21, 2022	Virtual Spring Delegate Council Meeting, 7-9 pm, held over Zoom. Please <a href="#">register here</a> .
Thursday, April 7, 2022	Official Notice of the 2022 Annual Meeting will be emailed to all voting Delegate Council members.
Saturday, May 7, 2022	2022 Annual Meeting to be held at Shelly Ridge from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Immediately following will be the Ribbon Cutting ceremony and free lunch. Plus, there will be fun camp activities, camp tours, and service projects.
April 8- August 31, 2022	Election of Service Unit Delegates and Alternates for Governance Year 2022-2023.

Thank you again for your commitment to Governance excellence here

at GSEP!

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



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