



March 2021 Governance Bulletin

The Governance Bulletin is shared with all Service Unit Delegates on file, Girl Delegates, Girl Advisors to the Board of Directors, GSEP Board Members, GSEP Board Development Committee Members, NCS Delegates, and Service Unit Managers.

Dear Delegate Council –

As we head into spring (finally!), we want to wish you all a Happy Girl Scout Birthday this month!

[Spring Delegate Council Meeting – March 22](#)

[Register here](#)

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 22, from 7-9 p.m. You must [register](#) ahead of time to receive the online link.

The agenda includes a recap of the National Council Session from October 2020 and Strategy Café discussions around some of the issues voted on and discussed at the national level and the local impact. National and regional Girl Scout governance news will also be shared.

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

[Older Girls - Want to Influence the National Direction of our Movement?](#)

[Apply here by March 31st!](#)

A new national group of older girl leaders is forming! The Girl Advisory Board of GSUSA will work with the national office on key projects aligned with national strategy—providing critical insight and innovative ideas for serving girls in the 21st century.

Members of the Girl Advisory Board will make recommendations, contribute to key initiatives, and influence decision-making at Girl Scouts' national office. For more information, check out GSUSA's [Girl Advisory Board Position & Application Information](#).

All Girl Scouts who will be in **grades 8 through 12 in fall 2021 are eligible** to apply. The [application](#) is now open and the **deadline is March 31** at 11:59 p.m.

[Mark Your Calendars – Annual Meeting is May 1st!](#)

The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on May 1, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon, virtually (registration link will be sent with the Annual Meeting Notice on April 1).

The agenda for the Annual Meeting includes:

- Governance Award presentation
- Recap of MY20 from our CEO
- Votes on:
 - MY22 Girl Delegates
 - MY22 Girl Advisors to the Board
 - Officers of the Board of Directors
 - Members at-Large of the Board of Directors
 - Members of the Board Development Committee
- Recognition of Top Cookie Sellers and Scholarship Recipients

Look for the official Annual Meeting Notice and registration link being emailed to you on April 1. Registration will be open to the entire GSEP membership, but we really need our entire Delegate Council to join us!

[Service Unit Delegate Election Results for MY 21 – there's still time \(but not a lot!\)](#)

We are still missing the [form](#) reporting SU Delegate Election Results 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 1.

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.

For the very organized SUMs 😊, please know that the SU Delegate Election form for MY22 will be updated on the website the week of April 5. Please do not send in MY22 election results until the new form is uploaded. 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

Ever wonder why there is a single slate presented at the Annual Meeting, rather than voting on each nominee?

The simple answer is that our [Bylaws](#) (Article V, Section 3 a & b) state that the Board Development Committee “must present a single slate of nominees.” This is also reflected in Article XII, Section 9 of the [Blue Book of Basic Documents](#), the foundational reference provided by GSUSA for Girl Scout governance. It contains the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, Credentials, and Congressional Charter of GSUSA as well as criteria and standards for an effective Girl Scout council.

A more robust answer is that presenting a single slate is a preferred good governance practice. The Board Development Committee (BDC) has a strategic perspective

and detailed data on the current and future needs of the Board of Directors. The BDC (also elected by the Delegate Council) has the responsibility to identify, cultivate, and recruit candidates whose skills and talents can positively and concretely contribute to the Council.

Need more info? Email governance@gsep.org.

GSEP MY21 Governance Calendar

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

Date	Action Item
Monday, March 22, 2021 7-9 p.m.	Spring Delegate Meeting Via Zoom
Thursday, April 1, 2021	Official Notice for the 2021 Annual Meeting is mailed to Delegate Council Members
Saturday, April 24, 2021	Deadline to provide this form to the Board Development Committee of a nomination from the floor
Saturday, May 1, 2021 10 a.m. – 12 noon	2021 Annual Meeting virtual
April 2-August 31, 2021	Elections for SU Delegates/Alternates for MY22 should be held.

Thank you again for your commitment to Governance excellence here at GSEP! See you all on March 22!

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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