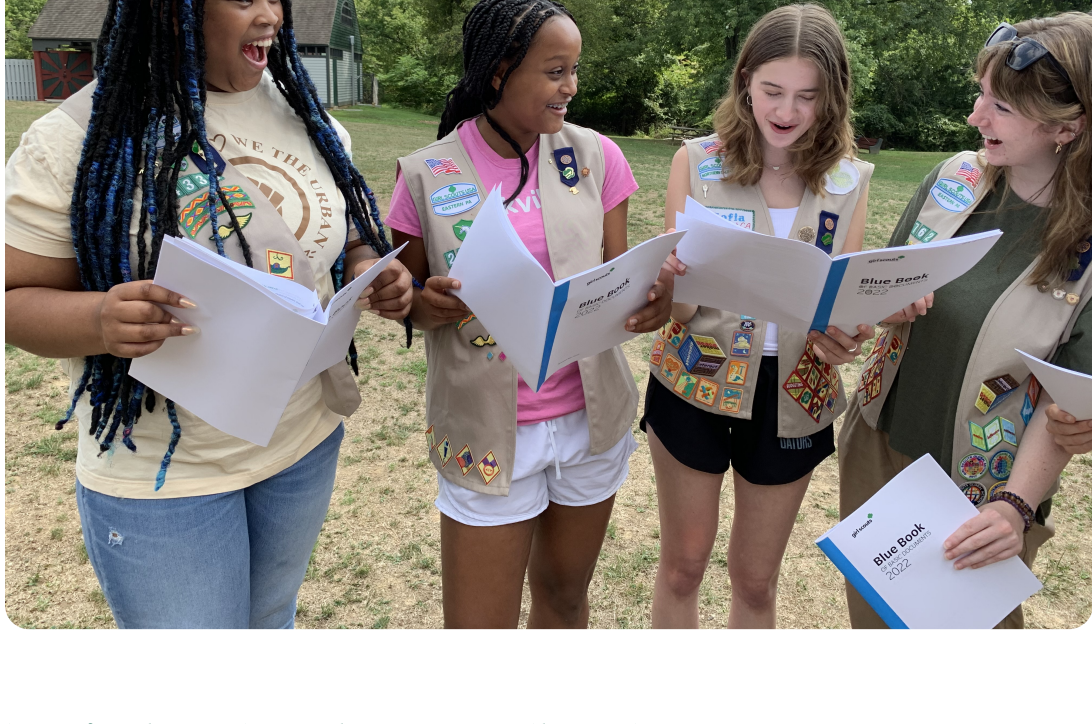


## March 2023 Governance Bulletin

*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!



### [Register for the Spring Delegate Council Meeting](#)

Spring Delegate Council Meeting  
Daisy's Place at Shelly Ridge or virtual  
Wednesday, March 22, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

Participants can attend in-person at Daisy's Place at Shelly Ridge or virtually via Zoom. Please [register here](#) and indicate your attendance preference as well as your Governance role.

The primary focus for this meeting will be discussion of the proposals being voted on at the 2023 National Council Session (NCS) this summer. The topics of the proposals are: allowing virtual attendance (GSEP submitted this!); changing the formula to determine the number of delegates per Council; updating the language in the Promise & Law by deleting the words "try" and "do my best"; changing the timing of electing NCS Delegates; having Council CEOs serve on the National Board; adding the words "anti-racism" to GSUSA's Constitution; and approving the creation of a national Gold Award Scholarship fund. More information on each of these proposals can be found [here](#).

Plus, the Shelly Ridge Shop will be open until 7:00 PM this day to accommodate all your Girl Scout purchasing needs! There will also be a small Pop-Up Shop at Daisy's Place that night. Please email [shops@gsep.org](mailto:shops@gsep.org) with any questions.

Please [register](#) no later than Monday, March 20. We look forward to seeing you on March 22!

### [Are you a new Service Unit Delegate/Alternate?](#)

*Missed the Delegate training in the fall?*

Hello to all new SU Delegates & Alternates who have been elected since September 2022! To get the most robust experience from your Delegate service, it helps to be educated about your new role.

Join us for a Virtual Make-Up Delegate Training Session on Monday, March 13, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. We will explain your governance role, our [Bylaws](#) and the part they play in GSEP's organization, GSUSA's [Blue Book](#), and how we all work together to improve our Movement on a strategic level.

Please [register here](#) by Friday, March 11, to receive a Zoom link for the training session.

### [Service Unit Delegate Elections](#)

*Last Call for GY22-23 & Reminder for GY23-24*

If you have not yet done so, please elect your Service Unit Delegates ASAP! Having a full complement of SU Delegates is especially important this year-- the GSEP Delegate Council will provide input on NCS proposals which impact the entire Movement and will also be electing new Board Officers and new Board Members at the May Annual Meeting.

All the information you need to make your elections go smoothly can also be found in the tab at the bottom of the [Governance page](#) of our website, including the [SU Delegate Election Results form](#), which must be returned to [governance@gsep.org](mailto:governance@gsep.org) as soon as possible after the election.

Don't forget: a Service Unit Delegate can be an older girl! This is a great opportunity for girls 14 years or older to learn more about the Council on a strategic level (and it looks great on a job or college application!).

As a reminder, elections for SU Delegates/Alternates for the 2023-2024 Governance Year should be held between April 7-August 31, 2023. The updated SU Delegate Election form will be posted on the Governance page of the website on Saturday, April 1.

Email [governance@gsep.org](mailto:governance@gsep.org) with any questions.

### [Mark Your Calendars – Annual Meeting](#)

Annual Meeting  
Daisy's Place at Shelly Ridge  
Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The agenda for the Annual Meeting includes:

- Governance Award presentation
- Treasurer's Report
- Recap of MY22 from our CEO
- Votes on:
  - o Officers of the Board of Directors
  - o Members-at-Large of the Board of Directors
  - o MY24 Girl Advisors to the Board
  - o Members of the Board Development Committee
  - o MY24 Girl Delegates
  - o Recognition of Top Cookie Sellers and Scholarship Recipients

We are excited to be in-person again this year! There will be family-friendly camp activities, camp tours, and service projects. Complimentary lunch will be provided to all attendees.

Look for the official Annual Meeting Notice and registration link being emailed to all Delegate Council members on Thursday, April 6. Registration will be open to the entire GSEP membership. Delegates highly encouraged to attend!

## Continuing Governance Education

### *How is a proposal for the National Council Session (NCS) actually determined?*

Every three years, representatives from all Girl Scout Councils from across the country and Girl Scouts Overseas gather together to elect National Board members, discuss topics relevant to the entire Movement, and vote on proposals on important ideas or amendments to the [Blue Book](#) (GSUSA's governance document that includes Bylaws, the Constitution of GSUSA, and other guiding principles and protocols for our entire Movement).

An NCS Proposal is created when a Girl Scout member determines that a change should be made to either the Bylaws or the Constitution in the [Blue Book](#) or they have an idea "directed toward the fostering and improvement of Girl Scouting" (Article V, Section 1 in the Constitution). That person or group of people can bring their intention to GSEP's current NCS. Delegates (by emailing the NCS Delegates at [governance@gsep.org](mailto:governance@gsep.org)). The NCS Delegates research the topic (e.g., they may contact GSUSA directly or other Girl Scout Councils or learn more about the issue in the greater nonprofit community). They also consider how this matter may impact the entire Girl Scout Movement.

Here in GSEP, our NCS Delegates then bring this idea to our Service Unit Delegates, Girl Delegates, and Board Members to seek additional input. After refining the concept and explaining why this idea is important to bring to the entire National Council (as well as any financial impact this intention may have), a formal proposal is written. It must be approved by our Board before submitting to GSUSA. Each Council also has the option of seeking written support from other Girl Scout Councils before final submission.

This triennium, GSUSA created an NCS Advisory Task Force made up of volunteers (including a girl member from GSEP!) to review the submitted proposals and offer feedback to the Councils. GSEP made minor revisions to our original draft and officially submitted the proposal. The National Board then reviews all submitted proposals and determines if each proposal should become part of the National Council Session agenda (for more information, please see Article VI, Sections 1.a & 1.b. in the Constitution of the [Blue Book](#)).

Questions? Please email [governance@gsep.org](mailto:governance@gsep.org)

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."

GSEP MY23 Governance Calendar  
(which can also be found on the [Governance page of the website](#))

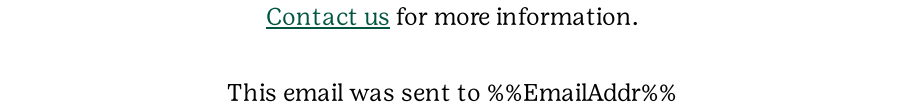
Date	Action Item
Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Spring Delegate Council Meeting <i>Hybrid</i> - Daisy's Place at Shelly Ridge or via Zoom <a href="#">Register here</a> by March 20
Thursday, April 6	Official Notice of the 2023 Annual Meeting will be emailed to all voting Delegate Council members
Saturday, May 6, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	2022 Annual Meeting <i>Location:</i> Daisy's Place at Shelly Ridge
Friday, April 7 - Thursday, August 31	Election of Service Unit Delegates and Alternates for Governance Year 2023-2024
Tuesday, July 18 - Saturday, July 22	2023 National Girl Scout Convention in Orlando (includes the business meeting of the 56th National Council Session 7/18-7/20, followed by Phenom 7/20-7/22). For more info, click <a href="#">here</a> .

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.

### QUESTIONS?

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