



## **POSITION DESCRIPTION** **Delegate to the National Council**

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITIES**

**The National Council is authorized to:**

- Elect the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee.
- Amend the constitution.
- Establish requirements for credentials.
- Act on proposals.
- Influence the strategic direction of the Movement by providing guidance to the National Board.

### **RECOMMENDED SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES**

Girl Scout councils should elect delegates based on the following criteria:

- Ability to think strategically and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement.
- Experience in policy-influencing and policy-making positions.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the workings of Girl Scout councils and the Movement.
- Ability to analyze issues from a national as well as a council perspective. National Council actions and decisions have Movement-wide implications.
- Commitment to attending council and GSUSA training sessions in order to be as informed as possible about the issues and democratic process utilized at the National Council Session.
- Willingness to support all the decisions of the National Council.

### **DUTIES OF A DELEGATE**

- 1. In advance of the National Council Session**, each individual elected by the council as a voting member/delegate to the National Council takes personal responsibility to:
  - **Study** all items on the agenda, including background information, and recommendations of the National Board of Directors;
  - **Attend briefing meetings** conducted by the council; participate in council, board, and association meetings; and participate in council forums and focus groups, as requested;
  - **Obtain a broad array** of the opinions of adult and older girl members from all parts of the council.
  - **Participate in teleconferences/webinars for voting members** sponsored by the national organization.
  - **Engage in opportunities** to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the Movement.
  
- 2. While attending the National Council Session**, each voting member is responsible to:
  - **Attend** all business meetings and participate in the proceedings.
  - **Be fully prepared** to participate in discussion and vote on all business items.
  
- 3. Upon returning from the National Council Session**, each National Council voting member/delegate is prepared to:
  - **Report** at the council's annual meeting, to the council board of directors, and the council's constituency (if requested by council board chair/president and CEO) on the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions.
  - **Share insights** on information gained at the National Council Session, if requested.
  - **Assist the council** as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session, if requested.
  - **Participate** in teleconferences/webinars and other opportunities for voting members/delegates.