



NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Delegate, National Council Session
Position Purpose:	A National Delegate is the elected representative of Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming to the National Council Session of GSUSA. This position is responsible for determining the direction Girl Scouting will take throughout the country. The number of delegates to be elected is based on membership. The formula used to calculate the number of delegates allotted to Montana/Wyoming is set forth in the Blue Book of Basic Documents.
Term of Office:	Three Years
Selected by:	Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming Board of Directors
Authority and Accountability:	Carries out all the duties, expressed or implied, as outlined in the framework of the Council's policies, and as stated in the Council's bylaws and the laws of local, state, and federal government. Accountable to Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming's membership.

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

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

The Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming Board of Directors elects delegates based on the following criteria:

- Ability to model behavior consistent with the Girl Scout Mission, Promise, Values and Law.
- Ability to think strategically and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement.
- Experience in a policy-influencing or policy-making capacity.
- 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.

NATIONAL DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES

In advance of the National Council Session, each individual elected by the council as a delegate to the National Council takes on personal responsibility to:

- Sign the conflict of interest statement provided by Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming.
- Study all items on the agenda, including background information, and recommendations of the National Board of Directors.
- Becomes informed on the Council's point of view for all national proposals, but votes independently according to their conscience and on what he or she believes to be in the best interest of Girl Scouting nationally.
- Attend briefing meetings conducted by the council; participate in council forums and focus groups, as requested.
- Participate in teleconferences for delegates, sponsored by the national organization.
- Engage in opportunities to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the Movement.
- Understands parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order.

While attending the National Council Session, each delegate is responsible for:

- Attending all business meetings and participating in the proceedings.
- Being fully prepared to participate in discussion and vote on all business items.

Upon returning from the National Council Session, each National Council delegate is prepared to:

- 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.
- Remain active in the council until a delegate replacement is elected.
- Alternates are expected to attend the training session and be informed so they are prepared to fill any vacancy during the three-year term. Participation or attendance at the National Council Session is not required unless they fill a delegate vacancy.