

**National Council Delegate
Information Packet
2020**



2020 NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE INFORMATION PACKET



GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA – MOUNTAINS TO MIDLANDS, INC.

OVERVIEW

Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization dedicated solely to girls. Girl Scouting offers girls an accepting and nurturing environment in which they develop strong values, leadership skills, social conscience and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. The Girl Scout program can change the way girls see the world and their place in it. Girls learn the importance of personal responsibility, the value of goal-setting, the spirit of teamwork, and the thrill of accomplishment. They participate in programs involving leadership and self-esteem, community outreach and education, environmental awareness, financial literacy, health and wellness, arts, travel and science, technology, engineering and math. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts are our future community leaders.

HISTORY OF GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts of the USA was founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912. Girls between the ages of 5 and 17 are invited to join one of nearly 240,000 local troops throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and more than 150 other countries. The nation's First Lady customarily has adopted its honorary leadership.

THE COUNCIL

Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands, Inc. is one of 112 jurisdictions nationally that is chartered to provide regional programmatic engagement. Our council is comparatively small to our national sister councils, but serves more than 15,000 girl and adult members who live in a 22-county region that stretches from throughout the central Midlands region to the western Upstate regions of South Carolina.

Service Centers: Columbia, Greenville, and Spartanburg, SC

Corporate Office: Greenville, SC

Total Delegates: 6

Total Alternates: 6

Web site: www.gssc-mm.org (separate delegate kiosk site after election)

REFERENCE MATERIAL ON NATIONAL DELEGATE KIOSK

Fact Sheet – Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA)
Fact Sheet – Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands, Inc.
Jurisdictional Map
www.girlscouts.org

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the National Council is comprised of representatives from throughout the Girl Scout Movement including Girl Scout councils across the country, National Board and governance representation, and Girl Scouts Overseas. By corporate definition, a council nominee elected to represent the Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands, Inc., shall be known as a Council Delegate member of the National Council. When all representatives assemble, that meeting shall be known as the National Council.

2020 NATIONAL COUNCIL

The National Council Session/54th Convention of Girl Scouts of the USA will be held October 21-25, 2020 in Orlando, Florida. National Council Sessions (conventions) are held every three years for the purpose of determining the general lines of policy of the Girl Scout Movement and the Girl Scout Program. The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Hear the report of the National Board of Directors
2. Act on proposals and information presented to the delegation
3. Elect the Board of Directors and Board Development Committee for the next three year term
4. Help establish direction for Girl Scouts of the USA on new strategies for success, growth and expansion in the next century

REQUIREMENTS

The Movement's governing standards, the *Blue Book*, denote how many council delegates each council may have as members of the National Council. Based on the most recent revision, South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands anticipates electing and sending 6 delegates from our council, one of which will be the Chair of the Board of Directors. A minimum of two of these openings will be held for Girl representation. In addition, 6 alternates will be selected of which one is the council's President & CEO. Should a delegate need to forfeit, the first alternate, and so forth, will be move up to the opening.

Requirements for the National Council include:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a currently registered volunteer member of Girl Scouts through the Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands council as an annual or lifetime member
- Be 14 year of age or older
- If a girl National Delegate, must be 14-17 years of age at the time of the National Council Session and Convention
- Be available to attend the National Council Session in October of 2020 (communication/letters of support for school credit available for girls)
- Be able to travel with the council delegation to/from Orlando prior to the session start and remaining through session completion
- Be committed to participate and attend Delegate Training sessions offered by Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands for the year preceding travel.
- Be committed to a three-year tenure as a National Delegate (elections at the November 2019 Annual Meeting with term effective date of January, 2020 election date through December, 2022)
- Be committed to participate in National Council Session activities sponsored by Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands in advance of and upon return from the National Convention.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Guide to Blue Book of Basic Documents
Council Bylaws & Governance Framework Structure

NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE

THE POSITION

In our council, the requirements to serve mirror the national requirements in addition to the following:

- By September 20, 2019 complete application and submit for review by the Board Nominating Committee – a subcommittee of the Board Governance Committee. Utilizing a points-tally system based on the content of the submitted application, the Nominating Committee will reduce the applicant pool to 12 for final consideration
- Elected to a three-year term by vote of the Council's delegate body at the Annual Business Meeting
- Must be currently registered in good standing, and remain registered, within our council during the three year term
- Ability to engage and serve as the conduit for the council membership at the National Council session
- Represent the view and position of the council in all discussions and actions, regardless of personal beliefs that may differ
- Communication with the council delegation by sharing proposal positions, obtaining feedback, attending Council Delegate meetings, and provide a personal report presentation at the November, 2020 Council Annual Meeting
- Must attend training and interface with the council delegate body
- Need not be a current council delegate, but would serve as one if elected to this three-year term; past national delegates may reapply

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The Board of Director's Nominating Committee, a committee of board and community members, is charged with the application and slate selection process of this role. Based on the information submitted on your application, the committee will select 12 applications for final consideration and recommendation to the role of delegate/alternate. You may be asked for further information or participate in a phone interview. The following documented competencies will serve as guiding criteria in the selection matrix and requirements. Overarching to every selection is the candidate's ability to conduct themselves as a role model and council representative in step with the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Adaptability – *demonstrates flexibility when new information is brought forward*

Informed – *perceived ability to come to the session informed, but not instructed*

Team Player – *promotes partnerships, has commitment to a team approach; will support decisions of the National Council once made*

Decision-Making – *has the ability to analyze issues from a council and national perspective; demonstrates ability to weigh options and consider ramifications*

Communications – *is able to express ideas and facts in a clear manner; able to listen and verbalize information to various audiences involved in the process*

Girl Scout Knowledge – *an understanding of and experience with the council and the Girl Scout Movement*

Strategic Thinking – *ability to think in terms of long-term goals and objectives that advance our council's strategic priorities as well as the Movement as a whole; must be future-focused – beyond the troop, service unit or individual preference.*

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Application for National Council Delegate
Candidate Referral Form
GSUSA & GSSCMM Strategic Priorities

MEETING DATES

ORIENTATION

In conjunction with Girl Scouts of the USA, orientation is anticipated in the late spring of 2020. So that our group has the opportunity to meet one another, this orientation meeting will be in-person at a central location.

MEETINGS

The majority of the meetings will be held electronically following the initial training and orientation session. As an elected delegate, you will need access to a phone for conference calls and an electronic device for web conferencing sessions that will be scheduled periodically from early summer through our fall departure.

The anticipated meeting schedule and attendance commitment is as follows:

Annual Meeting & Election	Saturday, November 16, 2019
Spring Delegate Meeting (regionally)	April 15, 16 or 18, 2020
Delegate Orientation	Spring/Early summer 2020
National Conversations	Summer/Fall 2020
Registrations/Travel Confirmed	July/August 2020
Town Hall Meetings	April/September annually
National Council Session/54 th Convention	October 21-25, 2020 (schedule pending)
Annual Business Meeting	Saturday, November 14, 2020
Three-year term completed	December, 2022

REFERRAL & APPLICATION

The slate for the 2020 National Council Delegates is developed by the Board Nominating Committee and presented for election to the Council Delegates at the November, 2019 Annual Meeting. If you are selected, attendance at the Annual Meeting is expected.

National Delegate training and three-year terms begin in January, 2020.

The council covers all costs for National Delegates; while Alternate's registration costs are covered, travel and lodging amounts are pending budget approval.

If you are interested in applying to be a National Council Delegate, please download/complete an application and return it no later than September 20, 2019.

CONTACT & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

STAFF COORDINATOR

The council's Governance Manager and Assistant to the CEO/Board of Directors serves as the point of contact for this process as well as coordinates the communication, training and travel for this opportunity. Feel free to call for additional information.

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