

## MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

### **Jen Ashcraft (Valley Center)**

Currently serving as COO for GSKH, Jen grew up in this council. She earned her Gold Award, served as a youth board member, and spent years as a service unit volunteer and troop leader. She attended both the 2020 and 2024 National Council Sessions. Beyond Girl Scouts, you may find her deeply engaged in costume construction for Ballet Wichita.

### **Sharon Bastian (Wichita)**

Sharon has been a Girl Scout since joining as a Brownie. She earned her First Class Award, attended a Wider Op, went to Wiedemann for three years as a camp counselor, led a troop for 13 years, served on the Board of Directors, and became the Interim CEO in 2007. Sharon serves her community through organizations like Junior League, StepStone, and Dear Neighbor Ministries among others.

### **Peggy Bearth (Derby)**

Peggy has been a Girl Scout Leader for girls of all ages, in multiple states, and even overseas. She has guided them through higher awards, including the Gold Award, and continues to volunteer for council events and her service unit. Peggy attended the 2024 Special NCS and regularly participates in council governance. She serves her community with the same passion she gives to Girl Scouts.

### **Martha Brewer (Colby)**

A Lifetime member, Martha has previously served on the Board of Directors for both GSKH and the Sunflower legacy council. She has been a troop leader, service unit volunteer, and continues to serve on the council's Finance Committee. Now retired, Martha stays busy in her community by serving on the boards of Travel & Tourism, and Chamber of Commerce as well as supporting church youth programs.

### **Sara Buchanan (Wichita)**

Sarah was a youth member of Girl Scouts and is currently serving on the GSKH Board of Directors. She earned her bachelor's from WSU and her Juris Doctorate from KU School of Law. While active in her firm's social planning and recruiting committees, she also stays busy volunteering for Girl Scout events. In her free time, she enjoys DIY projects, live music, and event planning.

### **Patty Dengler (Wichita)**

A retired attorney, Patty was a Girl Scout growing up and is now a Lifetime member. She currently serves as Chair of the Remsberg Scholarship Committee and on the Board of Directors. Patty continues to volunteer in her community through work with League of Women Voters Wichita Metro, and Reality U, the financial literacy program at Pando Initiative. She is also on the board of HumanKind Ministries.

### **Nici Duncan (Wichita)**

Nici is employed by High Touch Technologies as Vice President People, Marketing and Communications, and is a current member of the GSKH Board of Directors. She has been honored by the Wichita Business Journal and has served on the boards of WSU Tech, OSU/OU Executive Education Partnership Program, and the Noble Co. YMCA. She has a passion for the outdoors and enjoys camping, hiking, and boating.

### **Natalie Ellis (Hays)**

With a degree from Fort Hays State University, Natalie is the Director of Business Development at Valley Hope. Natalie was an active girl member and previously worked on staff. Now she volunteers for her daughter's troop. She also gives back to her community as a member of Kiwanis and St Joseph's Church. Natalie enjoys outdoor adventures and camping.

**Vanessa Gaytan (Holcomb)**

When not coaching youth soccer or cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs, you may find Vanessa volunteering in the community as a CASA Advocate or with LULAC Council 11073. Of course, her job as a Bilingual Therapist at Genesis Family Health keeps her workday schedule full. She has a Bachelor's in Social Work from FHSU and a Master's in Social Welfare from University of Kansas.

**Michelle Green (Wichita)**

Michelle earned her MBA from Friends University and is a Commercial Banker with JPMorgan Chase. She is on the board of the World Trade Council and is a member of WIBA, Downtown Rotary, and Women in Commercial Real Estate. She also volunteers for Make-a-Wish. In her free time, Michelle enjoys running, CrossFit, and Bible study.

**Lesley Hazleton (Wichita)**

A former troop leader in Texas, Lesley now serves the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland as a member of the Audit, Finance, and Investment Committees. When not at work as the CFO for The Galaxy Group, she enjoys travel, cooking, and reading. Community commitments keep her busy as a Trustee for Kansas Children's Service League Foundation and as a member of the Downtown Rotary.

**Jeff Janssen (Wichita)**

Jeff, a Lifetime member of Girl Scouts, is currently a member of the GSKH Board Development Committee and Board of Directors. His bachelor's in business management/accounting led to his position as an asset manager with J3 Investments. He has studied parliamentary procedure and enjoys fellowship and sports as well as serving his community as Vice President of the YMCA Advisory Board.

**Kari Oglesby (Wichita)**

Kari was an active youth member and attended camps at Seikooc, Wiedemann, and Kanza before becoming a troop leader during college. A CPA with degrees from K-State, Kari now works in Risk Management at INTRUST Bank. She volunteers with the United Way of the Plains and Kansas Humane Society. You're likely to see her cheering in Chiefs red, Royals blue, or K-State purple.

**Rolinda Sample (Wichita)**

Rolinda's career has been in the non-profit sector, and she came to GSKH in July 2021 to take on the role of CEO. She participated in the National Council Sessions in 2023 and 2024 as an elected delegate. Her involvement in the community includes membership in the Wichita Rotary Club, supporting United Way organizations across the council, and participating with the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce.

**Mandy Stark (Wichita)**

Mandy has Business Administration degrees in both Accounting and Finance and puts her skills to good use as the CPA, Controller for Ronald McDonald House Charities Wichita. GSKH has been fortunate to have her serve as Treasurer and Secretary for the Board of Directors. Although free time may be a luxury for Mandy, she does enjoy photography, cooking, and watching family play sports.

**Patty Zies (Hutchinson)**

Since 2017, Patty has volunteered for GSKH in a multitude of positions including troop leader, Silver Award Committee, and service unit product organizer and finance committee. She is active in her community as a member of Inspire Church, volunteer for Tech, Inc, and as a mentor for Rise Up Reno Reading. Patty enjoys watching Girl Scouts learn, explore, and develop new skills and confidence.

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\*Allison is a youth member and will be fully introduced during the annual meeting.