



**Position Description**  
**GSKH Delegate to the 2020 National Council**  
**October 21-23, 2020**

**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;
  - **Consider a broad spectrum** 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 for:
  - **Attending** all business meetings and participating in the proceedings.
  - **Being fully prepared** to participate in discussions and vote on all business items.
  - **Adults** are expected to share responsibility for chaperoning girl delegates.
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.

## **GIRL SCOUTS OF KANSAS HEARTLAND ACCOUNTABILITIES**

- Provide training opportunities and information to fully prepare delegates and alternates for the responsibilities related to their elected position.
- Appropriately register members for attendance and participation at the National Council Session and any related activities necessary to perform the duties of the position.
- Provide accommodations, including but not limited to, travel, housing, local transportation, registration, and meals for participation at the National Council Session.