

# GSHH Delegate Newsletter

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***"The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers." – Juliette Gordon Low***

## **Delegate Calendar 2019-2020**

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**Nov 4** Delegate Meeting  
New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1589 NY-376, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

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**April 25** Annual Meeting  
Location TBA

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**June 4** Delegate Meeting  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1400 NY-52, Fishkill, NY 12524

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**Nov 9** Delegate Meeting  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1400 NY-52, Fishkill, NY 12524

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## **Welcome!**

Welcome to the first issue of the GSHH Delegate e-newsletter. The e-newsletter will be published three times a year — Fall, Winter, and Spring. Our goal is to keep you informed and involved as Delegates in the governance of our Council. We hope you enjoy this new way of keeping you informed.

Since we want the e-newsletter to be as relevant as possible to your Delegate needs, we look forward to hearing what topics you might want included. Please email us with your suggestions at [gshhgovernance@gmail.com](mailto:gshhgovernance@gmail.com)

## **Your Voice Matters**

Thank you for being a voice for your local Service Unit as a Delegate. As a Delegate, you represent the membership within your Service Unit, practicing dual accountability to both your Service Unit constituency and to Council membership.

You will participate in Delegate meetings, engage in discussions on major issues, interact with Service Unit members and gather input that influences policy. Delegates also attend the Annual Meeting to review financial reports, vote on Board of Directors candidates and give broad, general direction to the Board of Directors as it strives to make the most appropriate policy decisions.

As we begin a new Girl Scouting year, let's spend a bit of time reacquainting ourselves with governance and management as it pertains to Girl Scouts.

***"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be." – Rosalyn Carter***

***"Do the best you can in every task, no matter how unimportant it may seem at the time. No one learns more about a problem than the person at the bottom." – Sandra Day O'Connor***



## **Governance and Management Structure**

The structure of a Girl Scout Council is divided into three broad areas, all related to policy:

- Policy making
- Policy influencing
- Policy implementing

**A policy is an established, binding course of action to be followed and is the guiding principle of Council operations.**

In Girl Scouting, policies are established by GSUSA (Refer to the Blue Book of Basic Documents).

A policy defines any of the following:

- What shall be done
- What purpose shall be followed
- What financial procedures shall operate
- What personnel practices shall be implemented
- What course of action shall be taken

### **Policy Making**

The policy making responsibility rests solely with the Board of Directors, under the direction of the Board President. **ONLY THE BOARD CAN CHANGE POLICY OR VOTE EXCEPTIONS.**

### **Policy Influencing**

The policy influencing responsibility is shared by the following:

- Delegates
- Board Development Committee
- Board Committees and Task Groups

### **Policy Implementing**

The policy implementing responsibility is shared by both volunteers and GSHH staff who perform the day-to-day work of the Council, under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer, toward achieving the Council's goals and objectives. The Chief Executive Officer is accountable to the Board of Directors for administering the total operation.

***"If you don't like something, change it.  
If you can't change it, change your attitude." – Maya Angelou***



**2020 55<sup>th</sup> National Council Session and  
G.I.R.L. 2020**

**55th National Council Session  
October 21-23, 2020**

**G.I.R.L. 2020  
October 23-25, 2020**

**Orlando, Florida**

**2020 55th National Council Session and G.I.R.L. 2020**

Every three years, Girl Scouts from all over the country gather together at the National Council Session and Convention to reinvigorate our membership, deepen our commitment to our Movement, and celebrate our successes. Together, we will:

- Engage in conversations on important topics facing Girl Scouts and all girls
- Participate in an array of educational and inspirational opportunities
- Network, mingle, and renew friendships, while we celebrate the work we do together.

Simultaneously, thousands of girls and their supporters will come together from around the world at G.I.R.L. 2020. G.I.R.L. 2020 is the largest girl-led event for girls and young women, and everyone who supports them! It's going to be one epic celebration. Hosted by Girl Scouts USA, the mega event will provide attendees with unforgettable experiences as they gain inspiration, tools to empower themselves, and the know-how to lead change in their communities – connecting with some of the most influential women in the world along the way. So mark your calendars and stay tuned for more updates on this awesome event!

**Governance Committee for GSHH**

If you have any questions or additional information to share in future newsletters, please reach out to any member of the Governance Committee:

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