



## Delegate Election Policy and Procedures

### Purpose

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys, Inc. (“River Valleys”) is committed to serving girls with the highest possible standards. As part of a larger group of persons defined as “Members” by Section 2.1 of the River Valleys’ By-Laws, an elected delegate is entitled to attend meetings of the Members of River Valleys and vote with respect to the election of Directors-at-large, Elected Officers, Board Development Committee members, and National Council Delegates. This Policy is established by the River Valleys Board of Directors to describe the process for the election of such delegates.

### Definitions

- An elected delegate of River Valleys is a person who is (1) currently registered as a member of the Girl Scout Movement through River Valleys, (2) 12 years of age or older, and (3) elected as a delegate (or an alternate who thereafter takes the place of an elected delegate) from within a River Valleys’ Delegate Region.
- A Delegate Region is a River Valleys Service Unit.

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- Annually, River Valleys will determine the number of girls registered in Girl Scouts in each River Valleys’ Delegate Region as of September 30.
- Within seven business days after September 30 each year, River Valleys will determine the number of delegates and alternates that each Delegate Region may elect. The formula for determining the number of delegates and alternates that each Delegate Region may elect is based one-third on geographic representation and two-thirds on the number of girls registered in Girl Scouts in the Delegate Region as of September 30 of each calendar year. Each Delegate Region shall be entitled to have at least one (1) delegate.
- Within 14 business days after September 30, River Valleys will inform the Service Manager or designee in each Delegate Region of the number of available delegate and alternate spots for that Delegate Region.
- Delegate Regions are required to hold elections for these delegate and alternate positions so that River Valleys receives a formal list of delegates and alternates from each Delegate Region no later than December 2.
- Elected delegates serve for a term of one year.
- Alternates are not Members within the meaning of Section 2.1 of the River Valleys’ By-Laws unless and until they take the place of an elected delegate from their Delegate Region who has resigned via Email or writing sent to [delegates@girlscoutsrv.org](mailto:delegates@girlscoutsrv.org) or to the attention of the Senior Vice President Northeast – Membership and Volunteer Services at River Valleys’ St. Paul Service Center.