

### **Annual Meeting**

This is a meeting that is held once a year, that includes all elected delegates. The function of the delegates is to guide the board of directors and to take action that enables the council to implement the Girl Scouts' Mission. The annual meeting is open to all River Valleys membership.

### **Board Development Committee**

Elected by members at the annual meeting; comprised of three board members. Members have two year terms. Responsible for recruiting candidates for board positions, and setting forth a slate of board member candidates to the membership. Other duties as described in bylaws (Article XI).

### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors consists of the elected officers of River Valleys, 20 elected directors-at-large, and the chair of the board development committee, if that person is not already elected to the board of directors. The board is selected from members of the communities River Valleys serves and may or may not have a background in Girl Scouts. Directors-at-large serve a term of two years, and may serve no more than three consecutive terms in that position.

### **C.E.O.**

Chief executive officer (paid staff) hired by the board of directors to carry out the strategic direction set by the board; provides leadership and direction to staff and operational volunteers in carrying out the day-to-day operations of River Valleys.

### **Community Network**

People sought out to assist the staff by initiating and participating in two-way conversations within communities on behalf of River Valleys, as well as building and maintaining relationships with individuals.

### **Delegate**

A registered Girl Scout, 12 years of age or older, elected from within the service unit to represent their service unit members at delegate meetings and at the annual meeting. Each delegate region shall be entitled to have at least one (1) delegate.

### **Ex-officio**

A member by virtue of office who has full voting privileges, unless stated otherwise in the Bylaws.

### **Forum**

A meeting to discuss Girl Scout matters, for the purpose of giving feedback and guidance to the board of directors. The information gathered at the forums/town hall meetings assists the board of directors in making the most appropriate policy decisions. (See: town hall meeting)

### **Governance**

The process by which the board of directors, led by the board president, exercises its ultimate authority and fulfills its responsibility for furthering and ensuring the Girl Scout Mission; for the care, custody, and oversight of Girl Scouting within its jurisdiction; and for providing strategic direction and leadership for River Valleys.

**Jurisdiction**

Geographic area established by the National Board of Directors for which a Girl Scout council is granted a charter.

**Management**

Process by which the chief executive officer carries out the strategic direction set by the board of directors by providing leadership and direction to employees and volunteers. (See: operations)

**Members of the Girl Scout Movement**

Persons who have registered in the council and paid annual dues.

**National Council Delegates**

Elected at River Valleys' annual meeting to represent River Valleys at the National Council Session. The number of delegates is assigned by GSUSA and is based on the number of registered girls within River Valley's jurisdiction.

**Operations**

Activities required to carry out the integrated operating objectives of the council and performed by operational volunteers and/or employees, who are ultimately accountable to the chief executive officer.

**Operations Task Force**

A committee created to work on specific projects that impact operations, for example: Financial Assistance Task Force, Cookie Task Force, Family Fundraising Campaign Advisory Committee.

**Policy**

An established, binding course of action that must be followed.

**Policy Influencing Volunteers**

Governance volunteers with the responsibility of influencing the governance of the organization, without the responsibility for the final decision.

**Service Unit Manager**

The lead volunteer in a geographic area set up by River Valleys to deliver Girl Scout programming at the local level.

**Slate**

The group/list of nominees for elected positions at the board level.

**Task Group**

A special committee appointed by the board president and approved by the board of directors to carry out a particular task within a specified time period. Upon presentation of its final report to the board of directors, the group automatically ceases to exist.

**Town Hall Meeting**

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