

Girl Scout Terminology

Board Development Committee	Elected by members at the annual meeting; comprised of 3 board members. Members have 2 year terms. Responsible for recruiting candidates for board positions, and setting forth a slate to the membership. Other duties as described in bylaws (Article XI)
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 Networks	People are sought out by the C.E.O. 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/alternate delegate	River Valleys volunteer representing Delegate Region with duties outlined in position description.
Delegate Forum	An opportunity for delegates/alternate delegates to provide feedback and information to the board of directors
Delegate Region	Geographic area set by River Valleys' board of director that is represented by Delegate/alternate delegate
GSUSA	Girl Scouts of United States of America, headquartered in New York, NY. Constitution appears in the Basic Blue Book of Documents.
National Council Delegate	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.
President	Elected River Valleys' board member responsible for leading the strategic direction and vision of River Valleys and hiring the C.E.O.
Policy Influencing Volunteers	Governance volunteers with the responsibility of influencing the governance of the organization, without the responsibility for the final decision.
River Valleys	Formal name: Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys. Geographic area established by GSUSA to support Girl Scouting. Incorporated in 2007 and comprised of 49 counties and 5 service centers.
Service Unit Manager	The lead volunteer in geographic areas set up by River Valleys to deliver Girl Scout programming at the local level.
Slate	The group of nominees for elected positions at the board level
Term	Length of time a person serves in an elected position within River Valleys
Uniform	A Girl Scout is in uniform when they are wearing a pin over their heart. Uniform clothing can be purchased at the Girl Scout Shop.