



GIRL SCOUTS OF MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEYS NATIONAL DELEGATE POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Delegate, National Council Session

Position Purpose: A National Delegate is the elected representative of Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys to the National Council Session of GSUSA. This position is responsible for determining the direction Girl Scouting will take throughout the country. The number of delegates to be elected is based on membership. The formula used to calculate the number of delegates allotted to River Valleys is set forth in the *Blue Book of Basic Documents*.

Term of Office: Three years

Selection/

Appointment By: Elected by Girl Scouts River Valleys Voting Members

Authority and

Accountability: Carries out all the duties, expressed or implied, as outlined in the framework of the Council's policies, corporate plan and budget, and as stated in the Council's bylaws and the laws of local, state, and federal government. Accountable to Girl Scouts River Valleys membership.

National Delegate Responsibilities

- Models behavior consistent with the Girl Scout Mission, Promise, Values and Law.
- Supports the principles of inclusiveness and expected to think, speak, and act in ways that ensure all people feel they belong and can meaningfully participate in all aspects of Girl Scouting, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, alienage or national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, age, disability, gender, marital status, familial status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identification, genetic information, public assistance, local human rights commission activity, or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state, or local laws.
- Attends all local meetings scheduled for orientation and preparation prior to the National Council Session.
- Prepares for the National Council Session relative to the issues and business coming before the National Council.
- Studies all business items on the agenda, background information, and recommendations of the National Board of Directors.
 1. Studies entire contents of National Session Workbook in order to be well-informed on procedures and the appropriate conduct while at the National Session.
 2. Attends briefing meetings conducted by River Valleys; participating in council, board and association meetings; and participating in Girl Scouts River Valleys forums and focus groups as requested.
 3. Obtains a broad view of the opinions of adult and older girl members from all parts of the council.
 4. Becomes thoroughly informed on facts about the national organization.
 5. Becomes thoroughly informed on the facts about the Girl Scouts River Valleys.
 6. Becomes familiar with the contents of the current *Blue Book of Basic Documents*.
 7. Knows parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
- Keeps informed on the Council's point of view for all national proposals but votes independently according to their conscience and on what he or she believes to be in the best interest of Girl Scouting nationally.
- Attends all official meetings of the National Council Session and participates in the proceedings.
 1. Attends fully prepared on all business items.
 2. Plans, with the board chair, the information to be gathered at the National Session and the kinds of reports to be made to Girl Scouts River Valleys membership when the National Session is over.

- Shares insights and interprets the National Council Session actions to the membership and board at the Council's annual meeting or other Council-sponsored meetings.
 1. Reports on the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions at the Council's annual meeting, to the Council board of directors and to as much of the Council's constituency as possible.
 2. Assists the council as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session.
- Remains active in the council until a delegate replacement is elected.
- Alternates are expected to attend the brief/training sessions and be informed so they are prepared to fill any vacancy during the three-year term. Participation or attendance at the National Council Session is not required unless they fill a delegate vacancy.

Policy Making

- Participates in the Council's Annual Meeting as a voting member.
- Attends other meetings and events as appropriate to the position of a National Delegate.

Community Relations

Sees that the community at-large is aware of the Girl Scout program and involves the community appropriately.

Qualifications

- Subscribes to the principles of the Girl Scout organization and supports principles of inclusiveness.
- Thinks and acts wisely with objectivity, vision and perspective.
- Registers as a member of Girl Scouts of the USA and keeps membership current.
- Signs and adheres to Girl Scouts River Valleys' Conflict of Interest Statement and Code of Ethical Business Conduct.