



Council Delegate F.A.Q.

What is the purpose of the Delegate?

- To serve as a voice of the membership; to represent service units; and influence policies of the council by fulfilling responsibilities as defined in the council bylaws.

What are the requirements of the Delegate?

- Accepts the principles and beliefs of Girl Scouting; is a currently registered Girl Scout member; and supports the policies, standards and procedures of Girl Scouts of the USA and the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois.
- Attend Delegate training and Town Hall meetings

What are the duties of the Delegate?

- Elect officers of the council, the Board of Directors, the members of the Board Development Committee and the Delegates to the National Council of the GSUSA.
- Vote to amend the articles of incorporation and by-laws.
- Take all other action requiring membership vote and conduct such other business that may come before the members.
- Attend Town Hall/Delegate Meetings called by the council.
- Prepare for and attend the annual council meeting and special council meetings.
- Keep informed about Girl Scouting and communicate regularly with service units and the membership.

How is the number of Delegates per service unit determined?

- According to the GSSI Bylaws, "each Service Unit shall be entitled to at least two (2) but not more than four (4) Delegates." The number of Delegates that each service unit gets to represent them is based on the total girl membership as of September 30th of each year. This number is determined by a percentage of girls in the Service Unit divided by total girl membership. Delegates shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and assume office.

Delegate Determination based on total girl membership		
% of girls in a Service Unit	Delegates	Alternates
1.74% or less	2	1
1.75% - 2.99%	3	1
3.00% or more	4	2

What is the Delegate voting process?

- Each Service Unit needs to make quorum in order to vote and elect delegates. Quorum is met when at least one (1) person from the majority of Troops is represented. For Example, if your Service Unit has 12 Troops, at least one person from 7 different Troops must be present in order to vote.
- If quorum is not met, voting cannot take place. In this case, voting will take place by mail-in voting or email. This will be initiated by staff. There will be no need of holding an additional meeting.
- Each Service Unit will elect delegates in the month of September.

Who attends the Town Hall/Delegate meetings?

- Elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates should attend.
- Service Unit Directors who are not Delegates are invited to attend.
- Board Members, the Senior Leadership Team, and Staff are invited to attend.

What is a Service Unit?

- Service Units are geographical areas established by the council Board of Directors to provide the means for members, 14 years of age and over, to influence policy making, elect Delegates to the council (corporate body), initiate discussions of issues related to policy-making, and give input to the council Board of Directors regarding decisions on major policy issues.

What is the council (corporate body)?

- The membership of the council includes all active members of the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois, 14 years of age or over. Members of the corporation shall consist of:
 - 1) The Board of Directors, if not otherwise member of the corporation.
 - 2) Members of the Board Development Committee, if not otherwise members of the corporation.
 - 3) Delegates elected by the Service Units, the Service Units to be defined by the Board.
 - 4) Delegates-at-large appointed by the Board of Directors.
- The number of members of the corporation shall be no fewer than 90 Delegates nor more than 250 Delegates.
- At least two-third (2/3) of the members of the corporation shall be those elected by Service Units.