

National Council Session: Proposal #1

Establishment of a Task Force to Examine the Feasibility of a National Gold Award Scholarship Foundation

Originated by:

- Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

Proposal

THAT the National Council establish a task group overseen by GSUSA and 2 council representatives, that includes volunteers, council staff, GSUSA Board members, and GSUSA representatives, charged with examining the feasibility of developing a college scholarship foundation to benefit Gold Award Girl Scouts. The task group will report back on the feasibility, recommendation and timeline for potential establishment of the foundation by the 2023 National Council Session. All members of this task force shall be appointed by the GSUSA Board of Directors.

[Recorded Presentation Link: Proposal # 1 Task Force to Examine Feasibility of a National Gold Award Scholarship Foundation Recorded Presentation](#)

National Council Session: Proposal #2

Constitutional Amendment on Membership Dues

Originated by:

- National Board, on recommendation of the National Council Session Advisory Team and Dues Subgroup

Proposal

To amend Article IX (Membership Dues) of the Constitution by adding as follows:

Recorded Presentation Link: [Proposal # 2 Constitutional Amendment on Membership Dues Recorded Presentation](#)

Proposed Amendment

Every person accepting the principles of the Girl Scout Movement and desiring to be a member of the Girl Scout Movement in the United States of America shall pay annual, lifetime, or other applicable membership dues to Girl Scouts of the United States of America. **Dues are set by the National Council or the National Board.**

The National Board shall implement procedures for communicating with and seeking input from Girl Scout councils and National Council delegates prior to any membership dues change by the National Board.

National Council Session: Proposal #3

Adoption of a Procedure for Communication on Dues Actions by the National Board

Originated by:

- National Board, on recommendation of the National Council Session Advisory Team and Dues Subgroup

Proposal

To amend the Credentials portion of the Blue Book of Basic Documents on page 26 following the Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration Section to create the following new procedure:

[Recorded Presentation Link: Proposal # 3 Adoption of a Procedure for Communication on Dues Actions by the National Board Recorded Presentation](#)

Proposed Adoption

Communications Procedures for National Board Dues Changes

Prior to any vote by the National Board to change membership dues structure or amount, Girl Scouts of the USA shall communicate with and seek input from local Girl Scout councils and National Council delegates on the proposed changes, intended use of the funds, and potential impact on the Girl Scout Movement. After action is taken by the National Board, there shall be a report to Girl Scout councils and National Council delegates of the decision taken and the impact of the dues change.

National Council Session: Proposal #4

Membership Dues Increase Restriction

Originated by:

- Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

Proposal

TO amend provisions in the Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration section of the Blue Book of Basic Documents p. 25, by inserting after “affiliation” and before “Girl Scout” the wording, as follows:

Recorded Presentation Link: [Proposal # 4 Membership Dues Restriction Recorded Presentation](#)

Proposed Amendment

Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration

In order to be a member of the Girl Scout Movement in the United States of America, a person must register with and pay annual, lifetime or other applicable membership dues to Girl Scouts of the United States of America. This is done locally through the Girl Scout council of USA Girl Scouts Overseas committee with which she or he is affiliated or through national headquarters if she or he has no council affiliation. **The National Board of Directors must seek approval from the National Council whenever a planned dues increase will result in dues increasing more than a total of 25% in any one triennium.** Girl Scout councils account for membership dues in the custodian fund and transmit to GSUSA within two months of receipt all monies received for membership dues. These funds are not to be invested by the council for the purpose of generating income for the council.

National Board Recommendation on Proposal #4 & #6

Reasons for the Updated Recommendation

The National Board is committed to principles of transparent governance, to listening and engaging in dialogue, to honoring our long-term volunteers, and to ensuring the continued affordability of Girl Scouting for all girls who wish to participate.

Having considered the additional feedback from delegates regarding Proposal 4, and acknowledging the impact of dues increases on councils, delegates, girls, and communities, the board voted on September 2 to support the adoption of Proposal 4.

Similarly, having considered the additional feedback regarding Proposal 6, and acknowledging both the cost of lifetime membership and the importance of valuing the Movement's long-term volunteers who form the basis of the Girl Scout Movement, the National Board also voted to support the adoption of Proposal 6.

National Council Session: Proposal #5

Constitutional Amendment on Consistency in Delegate Terms

Originated by:

- Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey
- Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England

Proposal

THAT Article IV (The National Council), Section 7 (Term of Delegates) of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA be amended by inserting the words, “shall be elected in the calendar year preceding the National Council Session and” after the word “councils” and before the word “shall”. If approved the text would read as follows:

Proposed Amendment

Subject to the requirements of the preceding sections of this article, delegates elected by local councils **shall be elected in the calendar year preceding the National Council Session and** shall serve as members of the National Council for three years from the date of their election or until their successors are elected, provided they remain the delegates of the local council which elected them; delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas shall serve as members for three years from the date of their selection or until their successors are selected, provided they remain delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas; members of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee shall be members of the National Council during their term of office; those persons elected by the National Council shall serve until the next regular session of the National Council.

Recorded Presentation Link: [Proposal # 5 Constitutional Amendment on Consistency in Delegate Terms Recorded Presentation](#)

National Council Session: Proposal #6

Lifetime Membership Discount

Originated by:

- Girl Scouts of Connecticut

Proposal

TO amend provisions in the Credentials/ Certificate of Membership/ Membership Requirements/ Lifetime Membership section of The Blue Book of Basic Documents (pp.25-26) by adding as follows:

[Recorded Presentation Link: Proposal # 6 Lifetime Membership Discount Recorded Presentation](#)

Proposed Amendment

Lifetime members pay \$400 lifetime membership dues at the time they become lifetime members; discounted lifetime membership dues of \$200 shall be offered to anyone who was a registered Girl Scout member before the age of 18 and is under the age of 30 at the time of becoming a lifetime member; **discounted lifetime membership dues of \$200 shall be offered to anyone who is a registered member and has served as a volunteer for a period of 10 or more years at the time of becoming a lifetime member.**