

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) is an organization based on the principle of providing girls the opportunity to lead. A primary goal of our governance structure is to hear and listen to the voices of girls. You are invited to express your opinions and ideas for the future of our council by taking an active role as a Girl-At-Large member of the Representative Assembly.

The Assembly includes two representatives (adults and/or girls who are at least 14) from each of the fifty-three service units plus an additional group of up to ten girls-at-large. In addition, all Board Members and National Council Delegates are representatives. All representatives must be willing to commit time and effort to become familiar with the bylaws and structure of the council and to participate knowledgeably in the democratic process.

Please review the Service Unit Representative Position description for more details; the duties for girls and adults are the same. There is also a governance section on the web site for representatives at: girlscoutshcc.org

Time Commitment

- Attend training to be held in Sacramento or Stanislaus counties in late May or early June, and a discussion forum to be held in October or November, the annual business meeting in February and any other meetings deemed necessary.
- Respond to requests for information from the Board Representative Committee.
- Participate in discussions and opinion surveys.
- Maintain an open line of communication between the membership and the board for purposes of democratically managing the council.

How To Apply

If you are determined to make a difference, now is your chance! Submit the online application to share your interest in serving as a voice for girls. girlscoutshcc.org/governance

We look forward to working with the older girls of GSHCC to ensure that the governance system is strengthened with the voices of girls. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us through our Customer Care Team customercare@girlscoutshcc.org

A position description detailing what is expected of a Girls-At-Large Representative follows on the next page.



Girls At Large Representative Position Description

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Girls-at-Large Representatives are appointed by the Board Representative Committee and are accountable to the members of the Council.

TERMS OF OFFICE

Representatives appointed by service units or Board Representative Committee shall be appointed for a term of two years or until their successors are appointed.

PRIMARY DUTIES

- Elect the other members of the Representative Assembly who include the officers and members of the Board of Directors and the Delegates to the National Council of Girl Scouts of the USA.
- Attend all Representative Assembly meetings and forums. Report concerns and decisions of the assembly and the board of directors to the service unit members via monthly service team and service unit leader meetings.
- Amend the articles of incorporation and bylaws as necessary.
- Participate in any other business that may come before the Representative Assembly.
- Influence the general lines of direction for Girl Scouting locally by: receiving and acting upon reports of the board of directors, giving guidance to the board of directors, responding to opinion surveys, actively participating in discussions.
- Be responsive to the requests from the Board Representative Committee.

QUALIFICATIONS

Be an active registered member of the Girl Scouts of the USA and at least fourteen (14) years of age, and:

- have the ability to cooperate and work with others
- have a willingness to take training for the position
- become familiar with the bylaws and structure of the council
- have mature judgment to make informed decisions affecting the lives of girls
- have the ability to look toward the future and analyze trends and community needs
- make the time commitment to actively participate in the democratic process