



NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE

Position Information

G.I.R.L. 2020 is designed to bring together every go-getter, innovator, risk-taker, and leader who cares about girls and their leadership potential. This event welcomes Girl Scouts, girls of all ages, parents, families, care-givers, and influencers.

The 2017 Girl Scout National Council Session was an unforgettable opportunity, being surrounded by thousands of other Girls Scouts for a whole weekend with the common goal of making Girl Scouts even better! My eyes were opened to the grand impact Girl Scouts has in so many people's lives and reflect on the [impact] it has had in mine, as well. The chance to be a voting delegate was an experience unlike any other, knowing that [my] vote was making a direct effect on a large scale. Outside the official business, getting to travel and explore Columbus, Ohio, even taking my SAT at Ohio State is a memory I will always cherish and could have never imagined. The events during the conference were incredible too, getting to hear Mae Carol Jemison, the first African American woman astronaut speak, is not something many can say they have experienced. I was able to make connections and meaningful relationships in the short amount of time there which shows how this organization really is an amazing sisterhood that is accessible to everyone!

*Ardith C.
2017-2020*

ACCOUNTABILITY

Elected by and accountable to the members of the Representative Assembly of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California.

TERM OF OFFICE

National Council Delegates shall be elected for a term of three years.

- **Must be available to attend the National Council Session for the business sessions currently scheduled for October 21-23, 2020**
 - For girls, letters of request from GSHCC CEO, Dr. Linda Farley, can be written to excuse you from school, if needed.
- Serves for a full triennium (3 years) and becomes a member of the GSHCC Representative Assembly (you may not serve concurrently as a Service Unit rep)
- Committed to attending training sessions, briefings and forums
- May be asked to help with council activities, meetings or trainings
- Has a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure by NCS time (training available)
- Willingness to communicate with staff, service units, members and volunteers

PRIMARY DUTIES

Prior to the National Council Session:

- Study all business items on the agenda.
- Study the National Council Session Workbook to become well informed on

procedures.

- Attend briefing meetings, forums and participate in gathering feedback on national issues from members.
- Serve as an active participant in the council's Representative Assembly including attending all meetings and forums.

While at the National Council Session:

- Attend all meetings and actively participate in the proceedings.
- Be fully prepared on all business items.
- Vote on proposals before the National Council according to one's own conscience and in the best interest of Girl Scouting. Be informed but not instructed.

Between National Council Sessions:

- Report on the National Council decisions and the reasons for the decisions to as much of the council's constituency as possible.
- Share insights on information gained at the National Council Session.
- Serve as an active participant in the council's Representative Assembly including attending all meetings and forums until the end of the three year term.

In October 2017 I was honored to participate in the National Convention in Ohio. Walking into the convention center, seeing Girl Scouts from around the country, all in uniform, all there with one purpose.... to make our movement stronger! I have to say that after taking part in the convention, I know that our movement and is going to be in good hands. The training that occurs and participating in the fall forum allows the delegates to be informed on how each SU believes the policies should be. Then attending the convention, listening to all the other council delegates, hundreds of girls, thousands of volunteers and staff members and then voting as an informed member, gave me immense satisfaction. The energy created by the music, the guest speakers, and the delegates themselves was incredible. Being able to meet and speak to National Board members about ideas I had, meeting Sylvia Acevedo and her showing immediate pleasure in meeting our girls was an incredible experience. Of course, no Girl Scout experience would be complete without songs, swaps, and making friends. Traveling with the delegates from our council allowed me to get to know some of our staff, board members and volunteers better. I was lucky enough to also get to spend time with all three girl delegates and learn how strong, capable, independent and intelligent they are.

Betsy E.

2017-2020

QUALIFICATIONS

- Be an active registered member through this council with Girl Scouts of the USA, a United States citizen and at least 14 years of age.
- Ability to focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement
- Demonstrated knowledge of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California and the Girl Scout Movement
- Ability to analyze issues from a National and Council perspective
- Willing to become knowledgeable on the contents of the Blue Book of Basic Documents
- Have working knowledge of parliamentary procedure (training available)
- Have a commitment to and passion for Girl Scouts

- Commitment to attending training sessions
- Must be available to attend the entire National Council Session
- Willingness to support the decisions of the National Council

National Council Delegates recommend attending!

"It has been a very rewarding experience to be a National Delegate, from understanding the voting process to amend Girl Scouts Constitution, to travel and connect with the sea of Girl Scouts young and old that attended the National Convention. I was reflecting in which was my favorite moment and I cannot decide, connecting with the other Delegates, CEO Linda Farley and every one of the staff of our Council and feel the love and work for Girl Scouts; arriving to the Convention to see and feel the joy of so many girls and women attending; the voting session and the passion of the process, or the speakers and fun activities, everyone was great, I cried, I laughed, I sang, I jumped, I ran, and I feel so blessed to had the opportunity to experience it. During my attendance I had the opportunity to hear Sylvia Acevedo our CEO, Mae Jamison, Chelsea Clinton, Gabby Douglas, and many others, I cried with the stories of perseverance of girls either due to religion or problems at home and how Girl Scouts is for many the place of safety and solace. I met a girl that was traveling to the convention because she was a past delegate now in College and she wanted to live again the experience and she was having so much fun. My daughter was also a National delegate, had to present an SAT test while we were there. We made the reservation at the local university, many girls in between events and/or while eating had their homework out and working. There is work, and commitment but the feel of empowerment afterward is worth it, I invite every older girl in our Council to consider submitting their applications."

*Edith R.
2017-2020*