

Region Delegates & Alternates Delegates Election Process

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Region Delegates represent the girl and adult members within their region's geographic area. Delegates are responsible for ensuring open communications with all members of their region and supporting the Region Chair in the collaborative decision-making process, aimed at serving the best interest of the region. As voting members of Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council (GSSGC), Region Delegates vote on governance matters and participate in Council elections.

The full Region Delegate position description is available to view and download through the GSSGC website.

APPLICATION

Applicants may apply via the link provided on the Council website.

Applicants will receive a confirmation email once their application is received. All submitted applications are accessible by Council staff and will be provided to the appropriate Region Chair.

Eligible candidates must be in good standing and have no Council debt. Girl Members may apply if they are 14 years or older by the start of their term.

Applications will be accepted throughout the year. However, applications will only be reviewed once a year by the Region Chair and Regional Advisory Team from September 1 through September 30. Applications submitted after August 31 will be reviewed for the next election year.

NOMINATION

The Region Chair will analyze the current delegation and notify Service Unit Managers if any Delegates will be terming off due to term limits (Region Delegates can serve a maximum of three (3), two-year terms). This will help determine how many Delegate positions may need to be filled.

At the Region Chair's direction, Service Unit Managers will ask Delegates with an expiring term if they would like to renew and be nominated to serve another term. If the Delegate agrees, then the Region Chair and Regional Advisory Team will consider them. If the current Region Delegate is found to be in good standing by the Region Chair and Regional Advisory Team, then there will be no need for them to submit a new application.



Every September, the Region Chair and Regional Advisory Team will meet (in person or virtually). At this time, the current Delegates with expiring terms and new applicants will be reviewed. A staff person from the GSSGC Membership Department will attend this meeting to answer any membership questions.

The composition of the selected Delegates and Alternates should include Adult and Girl Members. It is highly encouraged that the composition of the selected Delegates and Alternates represents 70% experienced Delegates/Alternates and 30% new Delegates/Alternates. The Region may elect up to the same amount of Alternates as its allotted number of Delegates.

The Region Chair and Region Advisory Team must determine a slate of candidates that is diverse and is representative of the Region, the communities, and its members. The Region's Delegation must have representation from each Service Unit.

Beginning September 1, all applications will be reviewed and a slate will be completed by September 30. The Region Chair will send the completed slate, on or before the September 30 deadline, to the Second Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and the Vice President of Member Services.

VOTING

In early October, each Region shall hold an election for its nominees. The voting process must be completed by October 15.

The composition of the Delegates and Alternates for the Region is calculated by the membership numbers from the previous membership year (1 Delegate per 200 girl members.)

The Region Chair will announce the vote to the Region. The vote will be conducted electronically with support from Council staff. Each registered eligible member from the Region is entitled to one vote. Eligible members are any registered Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council member 14 years of age or older.

Regardless of when the voting process is completed between the dates of October 1 and October 15, Delegates and Alternates terms will be retroactive back to an October 1 start date.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Following the close of the voting, both the Region Chair and Service Unit Chairs will announce the elected Delegates and Alternates.

TRAINING

Elected Delegates and Alternates must complete an online delegate training. This training is available throughout the year to all members. Candidates are encouraged to successfully complete the delegate training before they apply, on or before August 31. Elected members must successfully complete the delegate training by October 31.

Council staff will work in coordination with the Region Chair to ensure that all members of the Region's delegation have completed the training.