



girl scouts of north east ohio

March 15, 2011

Dear GSNEO Voting Member:

The 2011 Spring General Assembly of Girl Scouts of North East Ohio will occur on Saturday, April 16, 2011. This is an official council meeting and all voting members are required to attend. The voting members of GSNEO include the Board of Directors, Board Development Committee, and all Membership Delegates, including Council Delegates and National Delegates.

Saturday, April 16, 2011

8:30am – Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00am – Meeting Called to Order

11:00am - Conclusion

GSNEO Corporate office

One Girl Scout Way, Macedonia OH 44056

(if using Google Maps use 8450 S. Bedford Rd)

Agenda

- ❖ Election of National Delegates
- ❖ Sneak peek at "Girl Guide To Girl Scouting"
- ❖ Presentation of the 2009-2010 Annual Report
- ❖ Report on GSNEO Properties

The meeting is open to all girl and adult members. The meeting is FREE to attend, however space is limited so please RSVP early. You can register on-line at gsneo.org/volunteersadults.aspx. You can search by date (4/16/2011) or by program code "GENASB11".

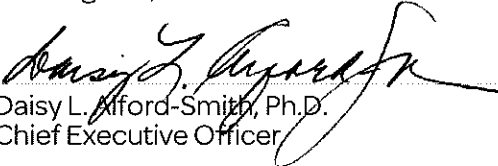
There are many important matters on the agenda, but the main business of the meeting will be the election of National Delegates to represent GSNEO at the National Council Session/52nd Convention held in Houston, Texas, November 10-13, 2011. The GSNEO Board Development Committee has responsibility for soliciting, recruiting, and recommending a single slate of candidates for election. The included slate reflects candidates with the necessary expertise and knowledge to represent our council at the National level. I believe the Committee members have done an excellent job this year.

As defined by the current Code of Regulations, your attendance, as a voting member, at this meeting is required. Don't forget to register online at gsneo.org/volunteersadults.aspx.

If you have questions you please contact Lizbeth Kohler. She can be reached at (800) 852-4474 ext. 0431 or at lkohler@gsneo.org.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2011 Girl Scouts of North East Ohio Spring general Assembly.

Best regards,


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CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES 2011-2014

5 GIRL ONLY POSITIONS:

Erin Allison (South)
Julia Fink (East)
Taylor Collins (Central)
Justine Mroccka (North)
Catherine Riordan (North)

10 GIRL OR ADULT POSITIONS:

GIRLS:

Easter Davis (West)
Marcy DeLaCruz (West)
Kelsey Klima (North)

ADULTS :

Lisa Allison (South)
Mary Lou Britton (Central)
Tina Collins (Central)
Gwen Johnson (South)
Bene Loomis (East)
Roberta Riordan (North)
Stephanie Toth (Central)

ALTERNATES:

Apryl Tidd (Central) – Girl
Brooke Tidd (Central) – Girl
Michele Weilnu (West)

RESERVED NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES 2011-2014

Board of Directors

Board Chair
Board Treasurer
Board Development Chair

GSNEO Executive Staff

Chief Executive Officer
Chief Operations Officer
Chief Financial Officer

In light of the fact that we have an election for Board Officers and Directors, in October 2011, just prior to the Convention, it is the recommendation of the Board Development Committee to nominate position, not the individual, for the reserved National Council Delegates.



GSNEO NATIONAL DELEGATE FACT SHEET

What process was used to select the 2011 National Delegate Nominee slate?

The Board Development Committee is responsible for soliciting and recruiting candidates for elected positions within GSNEO (Code of Regulations, Article IX, Section 2.b)

National Delegate nomination forms and information were posted on the GSNEO website and our membership staff shared the information with Service Units. Nominations were due by Wednesday, February 23, 2011. GSNEO received over 30 nominations total.

Per GSUSA, our Council is entitled to send 21 National Delegates and 3 Alternates to the National Council Session/52nd Convention this fall. The Board Development Committee reserved 6 of those spots for Board members and Executive Staff. Of the remaining 15, five were slated as girl only positions and the remaining ten positions could be girls or adults.

The Girl Scouts of North East Ohio (GSNEO) Code of Regulations holds the Board Development Committee responsible "to provide to the General Assembly a slate of one candidate for each position to be elected, including officers, Directors-at-Large, Girl Directors-at-Large, Board Development Committee members, and delegates and alternates to the National Council of Girl Scouts of the United States of America." (Article IX, Section 2.b)

In accordance with the above, all nominations were reviewed by the Board Development Committee and selections were made. The Committee was very concerned with ensuring girls will be an integral part of our National Delegate body. This is reflected by the fact that there are 8 girl members on the slate. Also, geographic diversity and the criteria suggested by GSUSA's National Governance Task group was factored into the decision making process. GSUSA's National Governance Task Group suggested criteria included: Strategic thinking, Communications, Experience (in either policy-influencing or policy-making capacities), Knowledge of Girl Scouting (local and national), Decision-making, Adaptability and Team-building.

When will the National Delegates be elected?

The election of National Delegates will be held at the GSNEO General Assembly on April 16th. The voting members of the Council (Membership Delegates (both Council and National), Board of Directors and Board Development Committee) will be presented with the slate for a majority vote.

Can individuals be nominated from the floor to become National Delegates?

Yes, the GSNEO Code of Regulations (Article II, Section 5) permits nominations from the floor for any elected office as long as the following criteria are met:

- meet the qualifications for the office for which she/he is being nominated as established by the Board Development Committee;
- receive the written endorsement of at least three (3) voting members of the General Assembly;
- consent in writing to serve if elected;
- submit his or her name on a form approved by the Board of Directors to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and the Chair of the Board Development Committee at least five (5) business days in advance of the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly. *The deadline for submission is end of day on April 11, 2011.* The information may be submitted to Lizbeth Kohler or emailed to governance@gsneo.org.

If an individual is not elected as a National Delegate can they still attend the National Council Session/52nd Convention?

Yes, any Girl Scout member, 14 years of age and older, may attend as an Official Visitor. She/he must register through Girl Scouts of North East Ohio.

For more information please contact:

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