



Delegate Digest

News for GSUSA Delegates and Alternates

Thank you from Girl Scouts National President Telva McGruder and GSUSA CEO Bonnie Barczykowski

Dear delegates and alternates,

We've heard from Girl Scouts, caregivers, delegates, board members, volunteers, sponsors, and staff from across our Movement that the event was affirming and empowering—and we could not agree more. We are feeling more inspired and excited than ever for the future of Girl Scouts.

At the 58th National Council Session, the National Council took decisive action on meaningful topics, including Highest Award fundraising efforts and membership dues, and made important governance decisions that will help move our organization forward, together. As delegates and alternates, you also participated in two discussion topics: one on Amplify Impact and how we can build connection with our communities, and one on Revolutionize Engagement and Girl Scouts Her Way.

Your dedication in the months leading up to NCS was evident throughout the week. You came prepared to make motions, contribute meaningfully to discussion, cast informed votes, and carry out our democratic process on behalf of your fellow Girl Scouts. It was exhilarating to see hundreds of you so well prepared and fully engaged in this important work. We are so proud of your readiness, your thoughtful insights, and the way you beautifully reflected the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

To keep the Momentum going from NCS, we are asking you [to link arms with us as Community Champions](#) to stay connected to the latest issues impacting girls and families. As a Community Champion, you'll receive even more simple, actionable ways to advocate for girls and champion Girl Scouts in your community. [Sign up as a Community Champion and together, we can ensure every girl has the opportunity to discover, grow, lead, and thrive.](#)

Girl Scouts Unite was packed with exceptional performances, enriching and fun activities, and meaningful experiences. As troops, girls, families, volunteers, visitors, and staff explored tons of exciting and educational booths, there were non-stop moments of bonding over our shared love of Girl Scouts.

Lastly, in case you missed it, we are excited to share the location for the 59th National Council Session and **Girl Scouts Unite**. Our last two host cities brought the magic and the history; in 2029, we will gather in a city celebrated for its hospitality, championship events, and vibrant downtown. The 2029 convention will be hosted in Indianapolis, Indiana!

Thank you for everything.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Telva and Bonnie

58th National Council Session Follow Up

Below you'll find updates from our meeting and supporting documents.

Discussion Topics

We were so grateful for the opportunity to hear your input on how we bring our Vision 2030 strategy to life. Your conversations were rich and showed your collective passion for our Movement.

We are currently reviewing the extensive input you provided during our Building Connection with our Communities and Girl Scouts Her Way discussion topics – with over 150 discussion tables, this will take a little time to analyze. We will report back to you on what we heard, and what will come next, in September 2026.

Proposals

The National Council took the following action on the proposals:

Proposal 1: Girl Scout Highest Awards Solicitation of Contributions

The National Council adopted Proposal 1 as presented. The language below will be added to the *Bluebook of Basic Documents*.

Adult members in their Girl Scout capacities may not solicit financial contributions for purposes other than Girl Scouting. Adults may engage in combined fundraising efforts authorized by the Girl Scout council and in which the local council is a beneficiary. Girl members may not engage in any direct solicitation for money except girl members may solicit philanthropic donations to their councils of cash or in-kind goods for Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award projects, provided they have secured prior written permission from their council's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Development Officer, or their designee.

In addition, girls must abide by their own council's policies and procedures with regard to this matter.

Proposal 2: Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration

The National Council adopted Proposal 2 as presented. The language below will be added to the *Bluebook of Basic Documents*.

The National Board of Directors must obtain approval from the National Council whenever a planned dues increase will result in dues increasing more than a total of 25% 15% in any one triennium.

Proposal 3: Preservation of Girl Scout Leadership Experience Relating to the Entrepreneurship Program

The National Council amended the Program to add a one-hour discussion of strategy for food product licensing and trademarks related to the Girl Scout brand and its impacts on the Entrepreneurship Program prior to consideration of Proposal 3. During that discussion, each delegate was permitted to speak one time for up to one minute.

Following the one-hour discussion, Proposal 3 was placed before the National Council for consideration. In response to a point of order regarding whether the proposal was properly before the National Council for consideration, the National Council determined that the proposal was out of order and did not consider it further.

The Licensing Committee, which is a management advisory committee comprised of council CEOs, will consider the input shared by delegates during the December 2025 Secure Tomorrow discussion topic and delegate education on proposal 3, to further strengthen the licensing program and ensure transparency across the Movement.

Reporting Back to Members

In their role, delegates report back to members in their councils on the work of the National Council. To support you in this work, we will provide you with template presentations on the proposal debate and outcomes, and the discussion topics. These will be available on the delegate website by August 30, 2026.

Updated Blue Book of Basic Documents

The updated English-language version of the Blue Book of Basic Documents, reflecting the actions taken by the National Council, is available [here](#). The Spanish-language version will be shared in the coming weeks on the delegate website and at girlscouts.org.