

FAQ – District Delegates

Each Service Unit is entitled to select from among its members two Delegates, including one Adult Member and Girl Scout (14 years of age or older), whenever possible.

District Delegates serve as voting members of GSGCNWI and participate locally in our council's Democratic Process. District Delegates serve as a link between District Members (including their SU) and the Board of Directors. They gather opinions on governance matters, elect our Board of Directors and National Delegates, and approve changes to our council Bylaws.

Who can be a District Delegate?

Any registered Adult Member or Girl Scout (14 years of age or older). They can hold other volunteer positions or not, be associated with a troop or not, be a Juliette, etc...

Do they need to have experience?

No experience is necessary. We just ask that District Delegates have an interest in the role and be willing to participate.

What is the time commitment?

District Delegates ideally serve a 2 year term or until a successor is selected. The commitment of a Delegate changes as important council business could come up at any time. Typically, a Delegate can plan for the follow:

- -Delegate Quarterly Meetings happen roughly around June, August, November and February. These are held virtually and delegates may be asked to vote by proxy
- -Annual Meeting happens in April in-person. Delegate will be asked to vote inperson or by proxy.
- -From February-March, Delegates should expect to be invited to several additional webinars.

How do we select our District Delegates?

Ask your Service Unit members and ask them to spread the word to their troops and members! Don't have anyone stepping up right away? Ask again!

Once you have identified a Delegate or Alternates, please email your District Chair directly or democraticprocess@girlscoutsgcnwi.org. Plan to supply them with the Delegates name and contact information.

Delegates can be brought on throughout the year but should be in place 1 month prior to the Annual meeting to be able to vote (around mid March). If they aren't in place in time, they can still be brought on but will not be able to fully participate in that meeting.

We got too much interest, now what?

Service Units may also select Alternates. Alternates are invited to attend Delegate meetings but do not get to vote. Should one of the Delegates not be able to serve any longer, the Alternate may step into the role while already being prepared.

We have Delegates, now what?

Service Units should plan to engage with their Delegates. You may wish to invite them to speak at a meeting and share what business happened at a recent Delegate Meeting. Have concerns in your Service Unit? Share them with your Delegate who can raise them up to their District Chair.

What is a District Chair?

District Chairs are volunteers who are elected to oversee their District (our council is divided into 5 Districts). They are happy to answer questions and guide you through the Democratic Process. They may even be available to speak to your SU about the role. Your District Chair will also be the main contact for your Delegate.

Please see below for contact information for your District Chair and Service Unit assignments by district.

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District 2

Melissa Young-Bridgeforth

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District 3

Rebecca Zoltoski

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District 4

Robin Moss

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District 5

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Questions?

Please contact <u>democraticprocess@girlscoutsgcnwi.org</u> Learn more at <u>http://tinyurl.com/gsgcnwiDelegate</u>

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