

# Girl Scout Community Delegates Training Webinar

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Wednesday, October 8, 2014

# Agenda

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- The Role of the Girl Scout Community Delegate
- Governance Meetings
- Submitting a Proposal
- Communications
- Council's Executive Office
- Q&A



# The Role of the GSC Delegate

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- Talk to volunteers to learn their opinions about governance issues important to Girl Scouts
- Link between GSHPA's members and the Board of Directors in strategy/policy related matters
- Empowered to act on behalf of their GSC
- This is a serious role in our organization, worthy of putting on your résumé

# The Role of the GSC Delegate

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- At the Annual Meeting, Delegates Elect:
  - Officers of the Corporation
  - Board of Directors
  - Board Development Committee
  - National Delegates (every 3 years)
- Vote to amend Bylaws as necessary



# Governance Meetings

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- Topics relate to strategy, policy or governance issues
- Long-term implications
- Examples:
  - Examining membership strategies
  - Adopting a policy on diversity
  - Exploring new ways to increase adult volunteer base

# Governance Meetings

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- *Operational issues* are not the primary focus of the GSC Delegate
- For example, we do not spend time at Regional Governance meetings or the Annual Meeting solving problems with the Cookie sale.



*Wait just a minute . . . !!!*

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If we Community Delegates are to focus on strategy, policy and  
governance issues,  
then when and how can we voice our opinions and influence  
operational issues?

## Here's how . . .

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- Membership Associate/Recruiter
- Regional Director
- Regional gatherings called by Regional Director
- Evaluations
- Surveys



# Questions?

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- Are there any questions on Strategy Issues vs. Operational Issues?
- If not, we will continue with the “Role of a Delegate.”

# Regional Governance Meetings

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**Discuss the Council and its future strategic plans and directions.**

## Fall 2014

- Tues., 10/28/14 - Montoursville
- Wed., 10/29/14 - Harrisburg
- Thurs., 10/30/14 - Scranton
- Tues., 11/4/14 - York (HACC)
- Wed., 11/5/14 - State College
- Mon., 11/10/14 - Webinar

**Online Registration is Open**

## Spring 2015

- Tues., 3/3/2015 - Montoursville
- Wed., 3/4/2015 - Harrisburg
- Thurs., 3/5/2015 - Scranton
- Tues., 3/10/2015 - York
- Wed., 3/11/2015 - State College
- Thurs., 3/12/2015 - Webinar



# Annual Meeting – April 25, 2015

## 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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- By webcast at WITF Harrisburg
- In-person meeting which is held at WITF Studios in Harrisburg
- Webcast to satellite locations in Montoursville, Scranton, State College & York
- Attend in the location most convenient for you
- Registration information will be publicized at a later date.

# Annual Meeting – April 25, 2015

## 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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- Business meeting of the Corporation; required by law
- Delegates should review GSHPA's Bylaws
- Focus is on strategy/policy issues
- The Board Development Committee will present a slate of nominees that delegates will vote on
- The slate and other meeting materials are available on the council's website 30 days before the meeting
- <http://www.gshpa.org/volunteers/delegatesgovernancemtgs.html>



# Annual Meeting – April 25, 2015

## 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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- Business includes:
  - Report on the council's financial status
  - Leadership reports from the Board Chair and CEO
  - Election of board members, officers, board development committee members

# Submitting a Proposal

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- Submit proposal to council in writing to Chair of the Board
- You will receive an email when the form has been put online
- For the form, go to the Delegates' Website at <http://www.gshpa.org/volunteers/delegatesgovernancemtgs.html>
- Due to council 100 days before Annual Meeting (January 15, 2015)
- Topics should be relative to strategy, policy or governance issues



# Communications

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- Email
- Volunteer Newsletter (electronic)
- Web Site: <http://www.gshpa.org/volunteers/delegatesgovernancemtgs.html>
  - Meeting materials & directions
  - Rosters of who is registered for each meeting
  - Forms
- Shelly Sprenkle: [ssprenkle@gshpa.org](mailto:ssprenkle@gshpa.org)

## Council Governance Meetings

### GSHPA Girl Scout Community Delegates

Delegates can be any registered Girl Scout 14 years of age or older, elected as a voting member of Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania. Delegates represent a specific area of the council at the annual meeting. Delegates serve for a set term, which is defined in the council's [bylaws](#). The board creates the formula for the number of delegates geographic areas can elect, which is usually based on the total number of girls an area registers through the council by a specific date.

[Council Delegate Handbook](#) Revised August 2013

[Click here to read Bylaws.](#)

Girl Scout Community Delegate Election Online Form | [Form](#)

Girl Scout Community Delegate Election Form | [PDF](#) | [Editable Word Doc](#)

Community Delegate Training Webinar *(Click on a link below to register.)*

- [Oct. 8 at noon webinar](#)
- [Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. webinar](#)

### Regional Governance Meetings

Girl Scout Community Delegates and/or Alternates are expected to attend the Regional Governance Meetings. GSHPA Delegates are: Girl Scout Community Delegates, National Delegates, and members of the Board of Directors and the Board Development Committee.

[Click here to view meeting dates.](#)

### 2014 Fall Regional Governance Meeting

Click a location to register.

- Oct. 29 [Harrisburg GSHPA Office](#)
- Oct. 30 [Scranton GSHPA Office](#)
- Nov. 4 [HACC York Campus](#)
- Nov. 5 [State College GSHPA Office](#)
- Nov. 10 [Webinar](#)

### Directions to Meetings

- [GSHPA Harrisburg Office | PDF](#)
- [HACC York Campus | PDF](#)
- [GSHPA Montoursville Office | PDF](#)
- [GSHPA Scranton Office | PDF](#)
- [GSHPA State College Office | PDF](#)

## GSHPA Annual Meeting

### 2015 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is "The yearly meeting a local Girl Scout council holds to elect its board of directors and conduct other business essential to Girl Scouting in its geographic area." In addition to receiving updates on the business of the council, delegates will vote on the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors and the Board Development Committee.

### Meeting Resources

- Directions to Annual Meeting
  - [WITF Harrisburg | PDF](#)
  - [GSHPA York Office | PDF](#)
  - [GSHPA Montoursville Office | PDF](#)
  - [GSHPA Scranton Office | PDF](#)
  - [GSHPA State College Office | PDF](#)

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so does society.  
Together, we can  
get her there.  
**Get Involved >**

## The Delegates' Web Site

[http://www.gshpa.org/volunteers/  
delegatesgovernancemtgs.html](http://www.gshpa.org/volunteers/delegatesgovernancemtgs.html)



# Communications

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- Referrals are needed for:
  - Board of Directors
  - Audit Committee
  - Board Development Committee
  - Finance Committee
  - Fund Development Committee
  - Property Committee
  - Strategic Planning Committee

## **WHO DO YOU KNOW?**

### **THE BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WELCOMES REFERRALS!**

**Our board and committee members  
come from all walks of life from all 30  
counties of our council.**

**Contact Jane Ransom at  
[jransom@gshpa.org](mailto:jransom@gshpa.org)**

# Council's Executive Office

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Carolyn Warman, Board Chair (VOLUNTEER)

Jane Ransom, President & CEO

Shelly Sprenkle, Executive Assistant



Whew! That was a lot of information!



*Do you have any Questions?*

**Thank you for participating in GSHPA's governance through your role as a Girl Scout Community Delegate!**