



DELEGATE COUNCIL MEMBER

Job Description

PURPOSE

Representing the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council as a delegate is an honor and a privilege. Delegates and alternate delegates participate in council planning and policy development, gather and share ideas, get ideas put into action, resolve problems, and serve as the primary communication link between area Girl Scout members, community networks and Black Diamond's Board of Directors. Delegates are also entitled to elect directors-at-large, elected officers, Board Development Committee members, and national council delegates.

AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A council member is selected in one of four ways:

1. Election as a delegate (or alternate delegate who moves into a delegate position) by the Local Area in which the member resides.
2. Election to the Board of Directors therefore, by virtue of position automatically becomes a council member
3. Election to the Board Development Committee and, therefore, by virtue of position automatically becomes a council member
4. Appointed as a delegate-at-large by the board of directors. Up to 10 may be appointed.

A council member is responsible to the council chair of the board. Each council member has the authority to carry out the responsibilities of the council as stated in Article VII, Section 1C of the council bylaws by being present in person at council meetings and voting.

TERM

Delegates elected by local areas shall serve a term of one year from the date of their election or until their successors are elected.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All council members (ex officio and delegates)

1. Attend and participate in council meetings, be informed of the point of view of the group which one represents, and be prepared to vote for the good of the total council, after studying and hearing discussion of the issues. (Informed but not instructed.)
2. Be familiar with national and local council policies, standards, and decisions in order to adequately interpret them to Girl Scout adults, parents, and community groups.
3. Be responsible for learning all aspects of the job by attending appropriate training sessions.
4. Be willing to carry such special responsibilities for the council meetings as may be assigned or appointed by the chair of the board or vice chair (i.e., elections committee, minutes committee).
5. Represent Girl Scouting to community groups as assigned by the Service Unit Administrator and/or council chair of the board.
6. Be a resource person and submit referrals to the Council Board Development Committee.
7. Assume such other responsibilities as may be delegated by the Local Area Administrator and/or council chair of the board.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Meet requirements for membership in the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and remain a registered adult volunteer or girl member 14 years of age or over.
2. Accept the beliefs and ways of work of the Girl Scout organization and be willing to subscribe to the principles expressed in the Promise and Law.
3. Acquire council-wide perspective so that the best interests of the total jurisdiction may be served.
4. Develop the ability to listen to others and then accurately express their viewpoints.
5. Have or acquire the ability to express ones self easily and effectively in small and large group settings.
6. Develop an understanding of youth and possess a sincere concern for their welfare; be alert to changing conditions in the community, the country, and the world that affect Girl Scouting and all youth.
7. Be able and willing to devote the time necessary to fulfill the duties of the job effectively