

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
MINUTES OF THE 2002 NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION/  
49<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION  
October 18-20, 2002

Long Beach, California

**MEETING I, FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 18, 2002**

National President Connie L. Matsui called the session to order at 9:05 a.m.

Toni Martinez-Burgoyne, a member of the National Board and Chair of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Western Hemisphere Committee, welcomed international guests as follows:

Kirsty Gray, Chairman of the World Board of WAGGGS  
Lesley Bulman, Director, World Bureau of WAGGGS  
Gisela Lammerts van Beuren, Vice Chairman of the Western Hemisphere Committee  
Nicole Brisse, World Center Committee Member on the Sangam Team  
Peter Neurauter, World Center Manager, Our Chalet  
Alison Neurauter, WAGGGS Communications, World Centers  
Doreen Henry, World Center Manager, Pax Lodge  
Bea Gonzalez, World Center Manager, Our Cabaña  
Christine Cretchley, Deputy World Center Manager, Our Cabaña  
Paul Turner, Head of Fund Development for WAGGGS

Kirsty Grey offered greetings on behalf of the WAGGGS World Board. Members of the National Council were invited to join in singing the WAGGGS world song.

**PARLIAMENTARY BRIEFING AND TESTING OF ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT**

An overview of parliamentary and business procedures for the session was presented by First Vice President Mary Lynn Myers and National Council parliamentarian Ann Homer. Testing of the electronic voting equipment by members of the National Council followed.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Credentials Chair Dr. Norma I. Barquet, a member of the National Board, reported that 1,746 members of the National Council were registered and eligible to vote as of 9:00 a.m., October 18, 2002.

By unanimous consent, the credentials report was adopted as the official report of the National Council members eligible to vote.

### **ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL**

MOVED by Dr. Barquet, and seconded,  
THAT the two members of committees of the National Board, two members of the 2002 National Council Rules Committee, and the Chair and Vice Chair of National Council Tellers be elected members of the National Council of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America to serve until the next regular session of the National Council; and  
THAT the credentials report be amended to include these persons.

The motion was Adopted

Votes cast: 1,634                      Votes Yes: 1,595                      Votes No: 39

With the election of six additional members, Dr. Barquet reported the new total of 1,752 voting members.

Delegates elected by Girl Scout councils	1,700
Delegates from Girl Scout Lone Troops	9
Members of the National Board of Directors	33
Members of the National Nominating Committee (non-Board)	2
Past Presidents of Girl Scouts of the USA	2
Persons Elected by the National Council	<u>6</u>
<b>Total Eligible Voting Members</b>	<b>1,752</b>

### **STANDING RULES**

MOVED by Ruth Anderson Coggeshall, on recommendation of the 2002 National Council Rules Committee,  
THAT the Standing Rules for the National Council Session be adopted as printed on pages 26–27 of the *Workbook*.

The motion to adopt the standing rules as printed was Adopted

Votes Cast: 1,621                      Votes Yes: 1,562                      Votes No: 59

The standing rules are attached as an addendum to these minutes.

## **ADOPTION OF PROGRAM**

MOVED by Mary Lynn Myers on recommendation of the Steering Group for the 2002 National Convention,  
THAT the program of the Girl Scout National Council Session/49th convention be adopted as presented.

The motion to adopt the program as presented was Adopted

Votes Cast: 1,603

Votes Yes: 1,592

Votes No: 11

## **AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

MOVED by National Secretary Patricia Diaz Dennis, and seconded,  
THAT the minutes of the 2002 session of the National Council of Girl Scouts of the USA be referred to the National Board of Directors for approval and subsequent distribution.

The motion to authorize approval of the minutes was Adopted

Votes Cast: 1,586

Votes Yes: 1,579

Votes No: 7

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REPORT OF THE WAGGGS 31<sup>ST</sup> WORLD CONFERENCE DELEGATION**

The Stewardship Report for the 1999–2002 triennium was mailed to members of the National Council Session in advance of the session. Highlights of triennial accomplishment were presented by National President Connie L. Matsui and Interim National Executive Director Jackie Barnes.

Among the highlights were the following:

- 90th Anniversary celebrations and national gala, held March 12, 2002.
- The *Girl Scouting: For Every Girl, Everywhere initiative*, launched in 2001 to increase membership in underserved populations; recruit new adult populations to Girl Scouting; and deliver a contemporary and innovative Girl Scout program to all girls. Membership is at a 27-year high, with growth among older girls and increases in all racial and ethnic populations. In addition to increased membership numbers, percentages of girls served were also improved.

- *New Directions for Girls 11–17*, which strategically links research, program development, and membership to enhance the range of options for older girls.
- New Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Girl Scout resources.
- Girl Scout Gold Award Young Women of Distinction events, held each year of the triennium, celebrating leadership roles among girls.
- The Girl Scout Research Institute, positioning GSUSA to be the leading expert on, and advocate for, girls.
- Expanded online technology, including the Just 4 Girls section of the Girl Scout Web site and launching of the Online Council Network.
- Funding from a wide range of corporations and foundations and from the federal government.

National Treasurer Carol Mayo Cochran reviewed financial highlights for the triennium. Among the highlights were the following. Assets exceed liabilities by a ratio of 10 to 1. Four large initiatives were funded by federally legislated grants totaling \$11 million: *P.A.V.E.* (anti-violence project); *Girl Scouts Beyond Bars*; *Girl Scouts in Public Housing*; and *Girl Scouting in Rural Communities*. In addition, another \$4 million in foundation and corporation funding will be used by GSUSA to provide direct grants to councils for Girl Scout program enhancement.

International Commissioner Deborah A. Reyes reviewed highlights of the 31<sup>st</sup> World Conference of WAGGGS in Manila, the Philippines, which was held from June 18 to June 24, 2002. GSUSA's delegation included eight observers and two official delegates (the National President and International Commissioner). A major highlight was the adoption of a motion that combined elements of two separate motions submitted respectively by Finland and Girl Scouts of the USA. The combined motion, adopted overwhelmingly by the membership (104 votes in favor, 1 vote against, and 1 abstention), was as follows:

That WAGGGS increase its ability to achieve its Mission by providing direct support to strengthen Member Organizations;

That WAGGGS' representatives continue to dialogue with WOSM within the Consultative Committee to explore aspects of an allied future that:

-Preserve the mission, identity and unique character of WAGGGS

-Respects the independence of each Member Organization

-Supports diverse delivery systems and, therefore, does not impose the creation of any new national entity in any country for membership at world level, and

-Guarantees that girls and young women are enabled to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens and future leaders of the world;

That a complete report on WAGGGS/WOSM relationships, including any concrete proposals, be presented at the 32nd WAGGGS World Conference in 2005.

By unanimous consent, the keynote address was taken up as the next item of business.

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Sarah Hickernell, a young adult member of the Steering Group for the 2002 National Convention, introduced Robin Roberts, anchor of ESPN's *SportsCenter*, host of *ABC Sports*, and guest anchor of ABC's *Good Morning America*. Ms. Roberts is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts.

Ms. Roberts shared insights into her rise to the top of the broadcasting field. Crediting Girl Scouting with helping her to gain confidence, set goals, and understand the importance of teamwork, she then positioned herself for success by making strategic career moves aligned with her long-term goals. Robin Roberts urged members to "think big, but focus small," and be willing to make the necessary sacrifices.

A gift was presented by Vera Torres, young adult member of the Membership Development Committee, a standing committee of the National Board.

### **OPEN FORUM ON PROPOSAL 1**

Members of the resource panel on Proposal 1 (Collection of Racial and Ethnic Statistics) were introduced to respond to delegate questions. The panel consisted of the following members:

Mary Schuman, President, Girl Scouts – Great Blue Heron Council (New Berlin, Wisconsin)  
Mary Charles, Executive Director, Girl Scouts – Great Blue Heron Council  
National Board member Maria W. Blake  
National Board member Gloria E. Lara  
Carol McMillan, Senior Vice President, GSUSA Council Services

**PROPOSAL 1**  
**COLLECTION OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC STATISTICS**

MOVED by Mary Schuman, President, Girl Scouts – Great Blue Heron Council Inc, (New Berlin, Wisconsin),  
THAT the National Board of Directors appoint a task group of council and GSUSA representatives to study and recommend universal voluntary self-identification procedures for accurately collecting racial and ethnic statistics on Girl Scout members in order to increase and improve services to underserved populations; and

THAT this task group be appointed by April 1, 2003, and recommendations be implemented in conjunction with the next generation of the new membership registration and management system that is currently in process.

Proposal 1 was Adopted

Votes Cast: 1,656

Votes Yes: 1,503

Votes No: 153

Meeting I adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**MEETING II**

Meeting II was called to order by Connie L. Matsui at 2:15 p.m. Credentials Chair Dr. Norma I. Barquet announced that there was no change in the credentials report.

**OPEN FORUM ON PROPOSAL 2**

Members of the resource panel on Proposal 2 (Membership Dues Increase) were introduced to respond to delegate questions:

Yvonne Perkins, National Board member  
Carol Mayo Cochran, National Treasurer  
Patricia Turner, National Board member  
Jackie Barnes, Interim National Executive Director  
Florence Corsello, Senior Vice President for Business Services and  
Controller

First Vice President Mary Lynn Myers assumed the chair.

## ***NEW DIRECTIONS FOR GIRLS 11-17***

Linda P. Foreman, National Board member, opened the report of the National Advisory Group on Cadette and Senior Girl Scout Program on "*New Directions for Girls 11-17*," by noting comprehensive research efforts conducted by GSUSA this triennium with a focus on strengthening program for older girls.

Ms. Foreman then introduced five young adult advisory group members to detail major research findings and new developments. Leah Alexander, Jessica Jenkins, Mary Beth Jager, Chelsey Kelly, and Amy Mitchell introduced Studio 2B, a new way for girls 11 to 17 to "Become, Belong, Believe and Build" through Girl Scouting.

### **PROPOSAL 2** **MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE**

MOVED by Jan Hopkins, member of the National Board of Directors,  
THAT the Girl Scout annual membership dues be raised to \$10, effective with the 2004 membership year, beginning October 1, 2003.

In accordance with Article V of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA, a ballot vote was taken. Chair Mary Lynn Myers directed the Tellers to distribute the ballots and then recognized June McAllister Fowler, Chair of the National Tellers, to give instructions for balloting.

#### **Proposal 2 was Adopted**

\*Votes cast: 1,742                      Votes Yes: 1,392                      Votes No: 341

\*(As reported out in meeting III)

### **MESSAGE FROM LAURA BUSH, HONORARY PRESIDENT**

Greetings from First Lady Laura Bush were read. She noted, "By developing character, integrity and responsibility in young girls, the Girl Scout organization gives back in countless ways to communities across our nation and throughout the world. Thanks to the energy and talent that springs from conventions like yours, the future of Girl Scouting is sound, and new generations of girls will continue to benefit from this life-changing membership."

### **OPEN FORUM ON PROPOSAL 3**

Resource panel members for Proposal 3 (Developing Volunteer and Leadership Opportunities for Young Women Ages 18-25) were introduced to respond to delegate questions:

Cora Ann Blytas, President, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council  
Linda P. Foreman, National Board member  
Meredith Pickett, Senior Girl Scout, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council  
Sharon Hussey, Senior Vice President, Program, Membership, and Research

### **OPEN FORUM ON PROPOSAL 4**

Resource panel members for Proposal 4 (Constitutional Amendments: Change in Designation of Girl Scout Lone Troops) were introduced to respond to delegate questions:

Susan Drew Thomas, National Board member  
Anne Mulligan, President of USA Girl Scouts Overseas-North Atlantic  
Peg Pruett, Director, Corporate Relations and Administration  
Sandy Thomas, Director, USA Girl Scouts Overseas

Meeting II adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

### **MEETING III**

Meeting III was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Second Vice President Cynthia B. Thompson.

Britney Berman sang "All for One," accompanied by hundreds of other girls from the Southern California councils.

It was reported that there was no change in the Credentials Report.

### **GREETINGS FROM SENATOR BOXER AND REPRESENTATIVE MILLENDER-MCDONALD**

Greetings were offered on behalf of Senator Barbara Boxer of California.

Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald, representing California's 37<sup>th</sup> district, was introduced by National Board member Dr. Melodie Mayberry-Stewart. The congresswoman reflected on key political issues facing the nation,



with emphasis on those that are vital to improving the lives of America's youth. She encouraged all present to continue to be involved in the political process of our country.

### **PROPOSAL 3**

#### **DEVELOPING VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG WOMEN AGES 18–25**

MOVED by Cora Ann Blytas, President, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council (Houston, Texas), and subsequently amended by inserting the words "older girls" following the words "GSUSA staff,"

THAT, as part of an overall strategy to strengthen retention of older girls and attract and retain young women ages 18–25, GSUSA shall collaborate with Girl Scout councils to develop and execute a plan to enhance leadership development and volunteer opportunities for young women ages 18–25; and

THAT the National Board appoint a National Advisory Group that comprises council representatives, National Board members, GSUSA staff, older girls, and young adults to develop guidelines for research.

Proposal 3, as amended, was Adopted

Votes Cast: 1,649

Votes Yes: 1,562

Votes No: 87

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Lindsay Hills, a young adult member of the Steering Group for the 2002 National Convention, introduced Christy Haubegger, founder of *Latina* Magazine.

Ms. Haubegger recounted how she fulfilled a long-cherished goal of changing the media images of young Hispanic women by launching a magazine to address their real needs and interests. As the images that appear in magazines are vital in shaping young women's self-esteem, it is important that young Hispanic women see themselves portrayed accurately by the media. The venture required overcoming a number of obstacles, including reluctance of mainstream publishing companies to back the magazine. Much of the resistance was based on ignorance of Hispanic populations in America. By never losing sight of her vision, using her networking skills, and speaking out passionately on her project's behalf, Ms. Haubegger was ultimately able to obtain the necessary backing from investors that would permit the magazine to become a reality.

Jane An, a young adult member of the Membership Development Committee, a standing committee of the National Board, presented Ms. Haubegger with a gift.

**PROPOSAL 4**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF**  
**GIRL SCOUT LONE TROOPS**

MOVED by Susan Drew Thomas, member of the National Board of Directors, THAT the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA be amended by striking the words “Girl Scout lone troops” and “lone troops” where referenced throughout this document and inserting in their place the words “USA Girl Scouts Overseas.”

Proposal 4 was Adopted

Votes cast: 1,635

Votes Yes: 1,611

Votes No: 24

**OPEN FORUMS ON PROPOSALS 5 AND 6**

Resource panel members for Proposal 5 (Constitutional Amendments: Change in Offices’ Titles to Reflect Contemporary Usage), and Proposal 6 (Constitutional Amendments: Attendance and Accountability) were introduced to respond to delegate questions:

Dr. Norma I. Barquet, National Board member  
Susan Drew Thomas, National Board member  
Deborah Long, Senior Vice President, Corporate Relations and  
Administration  
Peg Pruett, Director, Corporate Relations and Administration

Meeting III adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

**MEETING IV**

Meeting IV was called to order by National Secretary Patricia Diaz Dennis at 2:11 p.m.

It was reported that there was no change in the Credentials Report.

## **PROPOSAL 5**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: CHANGE IN OFFICERS' TITLES TO REFLECT CONTEMPORARY USAGE**

MOVED by Dr. Norma I. Barquet, member of the National Board of Directors,

- A. THAT Article XI, Section 1, of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA be amended by inserting after the word "President" the words ", who shall have the working title Chair of the National Board of Directors,";
- B. THAT Article XI, Section 1, of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA be amended by inserting after the words "Vice Presidents" the words ", who shall have the working titles of Vice Chairs,";
- C. THAT the Constitution and Bylaws of Girl Scouts of the USA be amended by striking the words "National Executive Director" where referenced throughout these documents and inserting in its place the words "Chief Executive Officer";
- D. THAT the Constitution and Bylaws of Girl Scouts of the USA be amended by striking the word "Controller" where referenced throughout these documents and inserting in its place the words "Chief Financial Officer";

Proposal 5 was Adopted

Votes cast: 1,643      Votes Yes: 1,453      Votes No: 190

### **GOLD AWARD REGISTRY REPORT/DISCUSSION**

Gail Cleary, National Board member and Chair of the Gold Award Registry Task Group, and Julie Lust, young adult member of the task group and Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, reported on the task group's work over the course of the triennium. In follow-up to action approved by the National Council in 1999, significant research was undertaken, pilot projects were carried out, and options were analyzed. As a result, a system is now being implemented for archiving information about individuals who have earned the highest award through inclusion of Girl Scout Gold Award Registry information on past, present, and future award recipients in the general Girl Scout registration system. The central database will include years' worth of physical documentation that is to be transferred to this electronic system.

Promotion of the Girl Scout Gold Award was also addressed. Through media attention and sustained efforts to increase public awareness of the highest award this triennium, major progress has been achieved toward this goal.

Individuals who have earned the organization's highest award—from the Golden Eaglet through the Girl Scout Gold Award — were asked to stand and be recognized. A survey followed, and members were asked to respond to questions about the registry using the electronic Audience Response System. This was followed by a period of questions and answers by a panel that included Mrs. Cleary, Ms. Lust, Patricia Motschmann, Past President of Girl Scouts of Nassau County (Garden City, New York), and Diane Nelson, CEO of the Girl Scout Council of Mississippi Valley (Rock Island, Illinois). These two councils piloted methods to reach former recipients of the highest award.

**PROPOSAL 6**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: ATTENDANCE AND**  
**ACCOUNTABILITY**

MOVED by Deborah Reyes, member of the National Board of Directors, and subsequently amended by substituting new wording for Article XII, Section 5, as shown below,

- A. THAT Article X, Section 4, of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA be amended by substituting the following:

Article X. 4.

Any National Board member who is absent from two consecutive National Board meetings in their entirety without good cause, acceptable to the President or designee, shall be removed from the National Board by a majority vote of the National Board members present and voting at any regular meeting of the National Board of Directors.

Further, a National Board member may be removed with or without cause by a three-fourths vote of the total number of the National Board of Directors.

- B. THAT Article XI, Section 7, of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA be amended by striking it in its entirety.
- C. THAT Article XII of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA be amended by adding Section 5, as follows:

Article XII. 5.

Any National Nominating Committee member who is absent from two consecutive National Nominating Committee meetings in their entirety without good cause, acceptable to the National Nominating Committee Chair, upon recommendation of the National Nominating Committee to the National Board of Directors, shall be removed from the National Nominating Committee by a

majority vote of the National Board members present and voting at any regular meeting of the National Board of Directors. Further, upon recommendation of the National Nominating Committee to the National Board of Directors, a National Nominating Committee member may be removed with or without cause by a three-fourths vote of the total number of the National Board of Directors.

Proposal 6, as amended, was Adopted

Votes Cast: 1,642

Votes Yes: 1,612

Votes No: 30

First Vice President Mary Lynn Myers assumed the chair.

## **NOMINATIONS**

National Nominating Committee Chair H. Ann Jones presented the report of the National Nominating Committee, placing in nomination candidates for officers, members-at-large of the National Board of Directors, and members of the National Nominating Committee as indicated in the *Workbook*, mailed in advance to members.

## **ELECTION**

Chair Mary Lynn Myers directed that ballots be distributed and recognized June McAllister Fowler, Chair of National Council Tellers, to give instructions for balloting. Members of the National Council then cast their votes and the Chair declared the period for voting closed.

## **ADDRESS OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Connie L. Matsui's farewell address reflected on the three years of her presidency, continuing the theme of her inauguration speech — the Girl Scout garden with its "splendid diversity." To ensure the growth of the Movement and a bountiful future, she noted essential elements: leadership—cultivating innovative ideas and new ways of getting things done; partnership—between the national organization and councils, among councils, and with girls; entrepreneurship—securing funding, as well as reaching out to communities that have not known Girl Scouting; and building relationships — with those inside as well as outside of Girl Scouting who share our common goal of helping girls grow strong.

## VIDEO TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL BOARD 1999-2002

Members viewed a short video tribute to members of the National Board of Directors who served for the 1999-2002 triennium.

Meeting IV adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

## MEETING V

Meeting V was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by National President and Chair of the National Board Connie L. Matsui.

## FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT

Credentials Chair Dr. Norma I. Barquet presented the final credentials report.

Delegates elected by Girl Scout councils	1,700
Delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas	9
Members of the National Board of Directors	33
Members of the National Nominating Committee (non-Board)	2
Past Presidents of GSUSA	2
Persons elected by the National Council	<u>6</u>
<b>Total Members of the National Council</b>	<b>1,752</b>

## VISITORS

Councils	2,814
USA Girl Scouts Overseas	10
National volunteers, nominees, former National Board members	74
Other organizations	1
International	8
Exhibitors	604
National staff	175
Participants and others	<u>7,241</u>
<b>Total Visitors</b>	<b>10,927</b>
<b>Grand Total of Members of National Council and Visitors</b>	<b>12,679</b>

## OTHER FACTS OF INTEREST

Girls (14 – 17) attending as delegates 250

There are 31 female delegates to every male delegate.

The racial breakdown of the delegates is:

American Indian/Alaskan Native	16
Asian/Pacific Islander	29
Black	214
White	1,384
Other	32
Unreported	77

There are 54 Spanish/Hispanic delegates included throughout the racial categories, for a total of 1,752 delegates.

Councils represented at the National Council Session	315
Councils that sent a full quota of delegates	307

## TIME AND PLACE OF THE 2005 NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION/50<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION

Members viewed a video highlighting attractions of Atlanta, Georgia, site of the 2005 National Council Session. A skit was then performed by members of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia (Atlanta, Georgia), followed by a rendition of “Georgia On My Mind” sung by Kathleen Bertrand. Mitch Martin, Chair of the board of directors of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia, extended an invitation to all to attend the 2005 Session, to be held during the period between October 31 and November 7, 2005.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL TELLERS

June McAllister Fowler, Chair of National Council Tellers, gave the report on elections. Chair Connie L. Matsui declared the following elected:

### Officers for a three-year term, 2002-2005

President (Chair, National Board of Directors)	Cynthia Bramlett Thompson
First Vice President (First Vice Chair)	Patricia Diaz Dennis
Second Vice President (Second Vice Chair)	Dr. Norma I. Barquet
Secretary	Linda P. Foreman
Treasurer	Carol Mayo Cochran

**Members-at-Large of the National Board of Directors for a three-year term,  
2002-2005**

Susan A. Alfano  
Susan L. Anderson, Esq.  
Eunice J. Azzani  
Dr. Donna L. Blackwell  
Mary P. Borba  
Tanya Dawkins  
Dr. Adela de la Torre  
Sandra Espada-Santos, Esq.  
Judith L. Foritano  
Olivia N. Graham  
Nancy C. Hillis  
Jan Hopkins  
Lisa L. Johnson-Billy  
H. Ann Jones  
Gloria E. Lara  
Sandra E. Madrid  
Nancy Marino  
Ms. Sharon H. Matthews  
Dr. Melodie Mayberry-Stewart  
Joseph L. Mayfield  
Patsy Brison Meldrum  
Debra Nakatomi  
Gerald H. Parks  
Yvonne Perkins  
Patricia Bowe Romines  
Katherine Sosa  
Nicholas H. Stonnington  
Susan Drew Thomas  
Patricia Turner  
Howard C. White

**Chair, National Nominating Committee 2002-2005**

Maria W. Blake



**Members, National Nominating Committee and Members-at-Large, National Board of Directors 2002-2005**

Carla S. Bryant  
Ruth Anderson Coggeshall  
Pauline A. Dow  
Martha Lee  
Gwendolyn J. Wong

**Non-Board Members of the National Nominating Committee, 2002-2005**

Eleanor I. Brooks  
E. Ann Graves  
Lauren Eaton Prescott

**SONG**

“Every Girl, Everywhere” was sung by a choir of Girl Scouts from the Southern California councils, led by songwriter and performer Melinda Carrol.

**INSTALLATION**

Ms. Matsui led the installation of newly elected officers, members of the National Nominating Board of Directors and National Nominating Committee for the 2002-2005 triennium.

**ADDRESS OF NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT AND CHAIR,  
NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President and Chair of the National Board of Directors Cynthia B. Thompson acknowledging her own 35 years in Girl Scouting, paid tribute to the collective leadership of the organization that is evident throughout all the program age levels and among adults serving as volunteers and staff across the nation. Noting Girl Scouting’s 90 years of helping the nation’s girls grow strong, Ms. Thompson expressed appreciation to Connie L. Matsui, and the retiring National Board and committee members whose contributions to strengthening the movement have been invaluable.

Ms. Thompson likened the members to an orchestra—“ a diverse group of people who skillfully combine their different talents to make a harmonious and beautiful sound—a symphony.” While an individual is a master of a finely tuned instrument, the differences among the instruments are what create the beautiful harmony when the musicians follow the same score.

As newly elected President and Chair of the National Board of Directors, Ms. Thompson vowed to continue the work that others have started in the fundamental areas of fund development; supporting the National Board in its work as an effective, cohesive unit; developing strategic international initiatives; supporting the five Movement goals; and developing ways adults can have a lifelong affiliation with Girl Scouts.

President and Chair of the National Board of Directors Cynthia B. Thompson assumed the chair.

### **CLOSING CEREMONY**

“Future Girl Scout” was the theme of the closing dance number, performed by a professional troupe.

At 11: 45 a.m., Ms. Thompson declared the National Council Session/49<sup>th</sup> convention adjourned *sine die*.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
ELECTION RESULTS REPORTED AT NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION

OCTOBER 20, 2002

OFFICERS 2002-2005

Number of ballots cast 1,692 (illegal ballots – seven). Necessary for election – a plurality of votes cast.

President

Cynthia Bramlett Thompson 1,578

First Vice President

Patricia Diaz Dennis 1,649

Second Vice President

Dr. Norma I. Barquet 1,663

Secretary

Linda P. Foreman 1,675

Treasurer

Carol Mayo Cochran 1,670

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE of the National Board of Directors 2002-2005

Number of ballots cast 1698 (illegal ballots – none). Necessary for election – a plurality of votes cast.

Susan A. Alfano	1,681
Susan L. Anderson, Esq.	1,681
Eunice J. Azzani	1,680
Dr. Donna L. Blackwell	1,686
Mary P. Borba	1,682
Tanya Dawkins	1,683
Dr. Adela de la Torre	1,681

Sandra Espada-Santos, Esq.	1,679
Judith L. Foritano	1,679
Olivia N. Graham	1,682
Nancy C. Hillis	1,682
Jan Hopkins	1,680
Lisa L. Johnson-Billy	1,680
H. Ann Jones	1,678
Gloria E. Lara	1,680
Sandra E. Madrid	1,685
Nancy Marino	1,679
Ms. Sharon H. Matthews	1,681
Dr. Melodie Mayberry-Stewart	1,675
Joseph I. Mayfield	1,676
Patsy Brison Meldrum	1,680
Debra Nakatomi	1,679
Gerald H. Parks	1,675
Yvonne Perkins	1,680
Patricia Bowe Romines	1,680
Katherine Sosa	1,679
Nicholas H. Stonnington	1,672
Susan Drew Thomas	1,678
Patricia Turner	1,678
Howard C. White	1,660

#### NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2002 – 2005

Number of ballots cast 1,697 (illegal ballots – two). Necessary for election – a plurality of votes cast.

#### Chair

Maria W. Blake	1,682
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#### Board Members

Carla S. Bryant	1,683
Ruth Anderson Coggeshall	1,685
Pauline A. Dow	1,683
Martha Lee	1,683
Gwendolyn J. Wong	1,687

#### Non-Board members

Eleanor I. Brooks	1,680
E. Ann Graves	1,678
Lauren Eaton Prescott	1,678

Standing Rules for the 2002  
National Council Session

*1. Delegates*

- A. The badge of admission and delegate credential must be in evidence at all times.
- B. The delegate credential shall be transferred only when a delegate is permanently leaving the National Council Session.
- C. The delegate credential shall be transferred only to the individual authorized to fill a vacancy and the transfer must follow the procedures outlined in the *Workbook* (see pages 11–12).
- D. Any transfer of the delegate credential shall remain in effect until the end of the current National Council Session (Sunday, October 20, 2002).
- E. A delegate position shall be subject to forfeiture for the remainder of the current National Council Session if unauthorized transfer of delegate status occurs. Forfeiture decisions shall be made by the Credentials Chair, and this decision is final.

*2. Proposals/Amendments*

- A. Proposals contained in the *Workbook* shall be the only proposals accepted. All other proposals shall be ruled out of order. [Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA, Article VI, Proposals to the National Council]
- B. Amendments to the proposals that are within the scope of the proposals as published in the *Workbook* shall be accepted. Amendments not within the scope shall be ruled out of order.
- C. All amendments shall be submitted in writing on the form designated for that use, signed by the maker, and sent to the Chair prior to being placed before the assembly (that is, the National Council).
- D. The motion to amend by substitution shall be handled by the presiding officer as a motion to amend by striking and inserting.

### *3. Debate*

- A. National Council members shall identify themselves before speaking to the question. Girl Scout council delegates shall give name, council, and city/state in which the council office is located. All other National Council members shall give name and position as members of the National Council.
- B. No speaker shall speak longer than two minutes in debate on each question. Timing of the two-minute period allowed the speaker for debate shall begin immediately following the required identification.
- C. No speaker shall speak a second time on a question until National Council members wishing to speak a first time have done so.
- D. No speaker shall speak more than twice on the same question on the same day, without permission of the assembly.
- E. No more than four delegates from the same Girl Scout council shall speak on the same side of the question.

### *4. Nominations and Elections*

- A. Any National Council member placing a name in nomination from the floor shall give only the name of the nominee.
- B. Names placed in nomination from the floor or on behalf of the National Nominating Committee are not debatable.
- C. Only printed biographical information for persons to be nominated from the floor may be distributed to National Council members on the floor of the Arena. That printed information:
  - (1) Is the responsibility of the person making the nomination. Two thousand twenty-five copies of the nominee's printed biographical information must be delivered to the Girl Scout Convention Office in the Long Beach Convention Center.
  - (2) May not be distributed during business meetings.
  - (3) Will be placed on the seats in the delegate section by the ushers at a time when the National Council is not in session, and at a time following the opening ceremony.

- (4) Must be in the same format and length as those printed in the *Workbook*.
- D. The rules governing voting are as follows:
  - (1) Electronic voting shall be permitted except when a ballot is required. [Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA, Article V.]
  - (2) The presiding officer shall be authorized to expedite business by using methods of voting other than electronic voting as the officer deems appropriate. This shall include a vote by unanimous consent, voice, show of hands, standing, and ballot.
- E. In an election, only the names of nominees receiving more than 100 votes shall be reported in a business meeting to the National Council body. Full election results will be posted at the Girl Scout Credentials–Registration area and shall be reported in the minutes of the National Council Session.
- F. Election ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the National Secretary (1999–2002) after adjournment of the 2002 National Council Session.

#### 5. *Comfort Issues*

- A. Comfort and personal needs issues of the attendees are to be addressed to the ushers, not to the presiding officer. If addressed to the presiding officer, the remarks will be ruled out of order. (See *Workbook*, page 14.)
- B. While the National Council is in session, obstructing items that may interfere with another individual's comfort or ability to see the stage shall not be worn or displayed in the meeting room.
- C. While the National Council is in session, fragrance products shall not be worn in the meeting room. Individuals who are sensitive to fragrance products (perfumes, colognes, aftershave, hair sprays) fall under a number of disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. These include chemical sensitivity disorders, multiple chemical sensitivity, breathing and lung disorders, asthma, neurological impairments, etc.

- D. While the National Council is in session, use of electronic devices, with the exception of battery-powered laptop computers with speakers turned off and personal digital assistants with sound turned off, shall be prohibited from use in the meeting room. Examples of prohibited electronic devices are cellular phones, beepers, and pagers. Electronic devices that are auxiliary aids for individuals with disabilities will be permitted.

#### *6. Procedures*

- A. All persons in attendance shall follow the National Council Session procedures as found in the *Workbook* (see pages 11–19).