

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
2008 NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION/51st CONVENTION
October 30–November 2, 2008

Indianapolis, Indiana

MEETING 1, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008, Morning

The 2008 Girl Scout National Council Session was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by National Board Chair Patricia Diaz Dennis.

Special guests were welcomed:

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts:

Margaret Treloar, Chair of the World Board
Sapreet Saluja, World Board member
Mary McPhail, Chief Executive Officer
Maria Elena Murillo, Chair, WAGGGS Western Hemisphere Committee
Marta Arcocha, Regional Director, WAGGGS Western Hemisphere
Francoise Cosgrove, Deputy Director, Regional Operations
Karen Tricker, World Centre Team member
Katie Franzke, World Centre Manager, Our Chalet

Girl Guides of Canada:

Myrtle Corkum, Chief Commissioner and International Commissioner
Chris Burton, Chief Commissioner Elect
Deborah Del Duca, Chief Executive Officer

Olave Baden-Powell Society:

Charlotte Christ-Weber, President

Past Presidents of GSUSA:

Elinor J. Ferdon
Connie Matsui
Gloria Scott
Cynthia B. Thompson

WAGGGS ADDRESS

Margaret Treloar, Chair, WAGGGS World Board, and Mary McPhail, Chief Executive Officer, WAGGGS, addressed the National Council.

VIDEO: FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH

Members viewed a special message from the honorary president of the Girl Scouts of the USA, Mrs. Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States.

National Secretary Linda Foreman assumed the chair.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Credentials Chair Michelle Holiday, a member of the National Board, reported that 1,855 members of the National Council were registered and eligible to vote as of 9:00 a.m., October 31, 2008.

MOVED by Michelle Holiday, Credentials Chair and member of the National Board, and seconded, THAT the registered members of the National Council reported here stand as the official roll of the voting members of this National Council Session.

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

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES

MOVED by Debra Nakatomi, International Commissioner and member of the National Board, seconded, and subsequently amended, THAT the Standing Rules for the National Council Session be adopted as amended.

Votes in favor: 1286

Votes opposed: 83

There being at least two-thirds in the affirmative, the Standing Rules were adopted as amended.

Note: Standing Rule 3g was amended to strike the word "inclusive" and insert the word "exclusive." The Standing Rules, reflecting wording as adopted for the 2008 National Council Session, are attached as an addendum to the minutes.

ADOPTION OF PROGRAM

It was noted that the program, if adopted as presented, would include permission for withdrawal of Proposal 1, Sections 5 and 6, and all of Proposal 6.

MOVED by Debra Nakatomi, International Commissioner, and member of the National Board of Directors, and seconded, THAT the program of the Girl Scout National Council Session/51st convention be adopted as presented.

Votes in favor: 1703

Votes opposed: 47

There being a majority of votes in the affirmative, the program was adopted as presented.

Note: The program for Meetings 1, 2, and 3 is attached as an addendum to the minutes.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

National Board Chair Patricia Diaz Dennis and CEO Kathy Cloninger highlighted progress in implementing the Core Business Strategy and programs and initiatives advancing the Movement. Strategic priorities for the 2005-2008 triennium were organized around leadership, governance, volunteerism, the brand, and fund development. The bulk of the work revolved around three priorities: a national, consistent program for girls based on leadership that will lead to measurable, verifiable outcomes; council realignment; and a focused national brand and marketing initiative.

Note: A copy of the *Stewardship Report* was distributed to voting members and is attached as an addendum to the minutes.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Gwen Wong reported to the membership on the finances of the organization.

Note: A summary of the Treasurer's oral remarks are attached as an addendum to the minutes. See also Financial Matters in the *Stewardship Report*.

FOLLOW-UP TO STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MOVED by Linda H. Babb, Girl Scouts of West Central Florida (Tampa, Florida), and seconded,

THAT by April 30, 2009, the National Board report in written form:

- 1) all outside consultants hired by GSUSA in the 2005–2008 triennium;**
- 2) what they were paid;**
- 3) what the consultants were asked to do and their recommendations;**
- 4) actions, if any, taken by GSUSA—if no action was taken, the rationale of why no action was taken.**

Votes in favor: 861

Votes opposed: 858

There being a majority of votes in the affirmative, the motion was adopted.

MOVED by Deborah Hughes, Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore (Grand Rapids, Michigan), and seconded,

THAT

- 1) by February 28, 2009, the National Board communicate, in written form, to the National Council members GSUSA's specific deliverables to councils for the five program areas and timing for these deliverables, covering the next triennium, and**
- 2) that the National Council receive written updates of progress and completion of these deliverables every six months thereafter.**

Votes in favor: 582

Votes opposed: 1158

There being less than a majority of votes in the affirmative, the motion was defeated. .

MOVED by Diane Krause-Stetson, Girl Scouts of Manitou Council (Sheboygan, Wisconsin), and seconded,

THAT the National Council direct the National Board and executive staff to conduct its management responsibilities under Article V, Section 2 strictly in accordance with our Constitution and other governing documents and to seek from and follow the general lines of policy set by this body, the coordinating head of the Girl Scout Movement of the United States under Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Votes in favor: 291

Votes opposed: 1426

There being less than a majority of votes in the affirmative, the motion was defeated.

The meeting was declared in recess.

MEETING 1, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008, Afternoon

First Vice Chair Sharon Matthews called Meeting 1 to order at 2:40 p.m.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Credentials Chair Michelle Holiday, a member of the National Board, reported that 1,856 members of the National Council were registered and eligible to vote as of 2:00 p.m., October 31, 2008.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION ON PROPOSALS 1, 2, AND 5

Forty-five minutes were allowed for voting members and members to ask questions and make comments relative to proposals 1, 2, and 5.

National Board member Patricia Romines assumed the Chair.

PROPOSAL 1, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Marisa Tabizon Thompson, member, National Board of Directors, to adopt Proposal 1, Sections 1 through 4 as printed in the *Workbook*.

Proposal 1, Sections 1 and 4 were removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

By unanimous consent, Proposal 1, Parts 2 and 3 were adopted.

Proposal 1, Part 2 as adopted:

Where the term “National Nominating Committee” shall appear in the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, the term shall be changed to “National Board Development Committee.”

Proposal 1, Part 3 as adopted:

Article IV—The National Council

1. The membership of this corporation shall consist of the members of the National Council of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, and the corporation in meeting assembled shall be known as the National Council.

Proposal 1, Part 1

MOVED by Marisa Tabizon Thompson,
To adopt Proposal 1, Part 1 as printed in the *Workbook*:

1. Wherever the word “local” shall appear in the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the United States of America relating to councils, the word “local” shall be struck.

Votes in favor: 924

Votes Opposed: 859

There being less than two-thirds in the affirmative, Proposal 1, Part 1 was defeated.

Proposal 1, Part 4

MOVED by Marisa Tabizon Thompson, and subsequently amended,
To amend Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA to read:

Article V. Sessions of the National Council

1. There shall be a regular session of the National Council held triennially at such time and place as determined by the National Board of Directors. Notice of the time, place, and purpose of such session shall be mailed not less than 60 days before the session to each local council, to each USA Girl Scouts Overseas committee, and to each member of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee.

Votes in favor: 1604

Votes opposed: 98

There being at least two-thirds in the affirmative, Proposal 1, Part 4 was adopted as amended.

First Vice Chair Sharon Matthews assumed the Chair.

PROPOSAL 2, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: NATIONAL COUNCIL SIZE, FORMULA, SPECIAL SESSION

MOVED by Gail Mattson, member of the National Board of Directors, To amend Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA as published in the *Workbook*.

MOVED by Ann Stanley, Girl Scouts-North Carolina Coastal Pines, (Raleigh, North Carolina) and seconded, To postpone Proposal 2A until Proposal 2B is considered.

Votes in favor: 962

Votes opposed: 812

There being at least two-thirds in the affirmative, Proposal 2A was postponed until after consideration of Proposal 2B.

YOUNG WOMEN OF DISTINCTION WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Two National Women of Distinction were honored: Sarah Merz, Chief Executive Officer and President, Franklin Covey Products, LLC and Nancy L. Snyderman, M.D.

The following National Young Women of Distinction were honored:

Shannon Anthony, Girl Scouts of Colorado (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

Sohini Bandy, Girl Scouts of Central Texas (Austin, Tex.)

Emma Green, Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee (Brentwood, Tenn.)

Abbe Hamilton, Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts (South Hadley, Mass.)

Jenni Larmore, Girl Scouts of Citrus Council (Clermont, Fla.)

Erin Lawler, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council (New Castle, Del.)

Carla O'Connor, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (Quincy, Mass.)

Whitney Sims-Rucker, Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwestern Indiana (Olympic Fields, Ill.)

Natalia Thompson, Girl Scouts of Black Hawk Council (Madison, Wis.)
Sarah Wydeven, Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes (Little Chute, Wis.)

PERFORMANCE

Performer and songwriter Teresa performed two songs.

Meeting 1 adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

MEETING 2, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008, Morning

Meeting 2 was called to order at 8:57 a.m. by National Secretary Linda P. Foreman.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Credentials Chair Michelle Holiday, a member of the National Board, reported there was no change in the number of delegates. The number of voting members registered and eligible to vote totaled 1,856.

PARALYMPIC ATHLETE

Paralympic athlete Tatyana McFadden addressed the National Council.

First Vice Chair Sharon Matthews assumed the Chair.

PROPOSAL 2, PART B: FORMULA

**MOVED by Gail Mattson, member of the National Board of Directors, and subsequently amended,
To amend Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA to read:**

Article IV—The National Council

5. Each local council to which a charter has been issued and remains in force shall be entitled to the following delegates based on the number of girls under its jurisdiction who are members of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America as of September 30 of the year preceding the regular session of the National Council:

- a. two (2) delegates;
- b. one (1) additional delegate for up to 3,500 girls;
- c. one (1) additional delegate for every 3,500 girls thereafter.

USA Girl Scouts Overseas collectively shall be entitled to the number of delegates according to the same formula prescribed for councils.

The prescribed figure of 3,500 girls may be adjusted when necessary to keep the total membership of the National Council no larger than 1,500.

Proviso: That this action become effective for the 2011 National Council Session.

Votes in favor: 1200

Votes opposed: 469

There being at least two-thirds in the affirmative, Proposal 2 Part B was adopted as amended.

PROPOSAL 2, PART A: NATIONAL COUNCIL SIZE

**MOVED by Gail Mattson, member of the National Board of Directors, and subsequently amended,
To amend Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA to read:**

Article IV—The National Council

4. The membership of the National Council shall consist of:

- a. delegates elected by Girl Scout councils who are registered through such local councils;
- b. delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas;
- c. members of the National Board;
- d. members of the National Board Development Committee;
- e. Past Presidents of Girl Scouts of the United States of America; and
- f. such other persons as may be elected by the National Council.

The total membership of the National Council shall not exceed 1,500, and at least four-fifths of the entire membership shall consist of delegates from local councils and from USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

Proviso: That this action become effective for the 2011 National Council Session.

Votes in favor: 1530
Votes opposed: 202

There being at least two-thirds votes in the affirmative, Proposal 2, Part A was adopted as amended.

PROPOSAL 2, PART C: SPECIAL SESSION

**MOVED by Gail Mattson, member of the National Board of Directors, and subsequently amended,
To amend Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA to read:**

Article V—The National Council

3. Special sessions of the National Council shall be called by the President upon written request of a majority of the members of the National Board of Directors or twenty percent (20%) of the membership of the National Council, which shall represent at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the councils chartered by GSUSA. The purpose of the session shall be stated in the written request.

The purpose of the special session shall be limited to legitimate business of the National Council, and no other business shall be transacted except that for which the session has been specifically called.

Notice of the special session, stating the time, place, and specific purpose, shall be mailed not less than 30 days before the session to each local council, each delegate from USA Girl Scouts Overseas, each member of the National Board of Directors and the National Board Development Committee, each Past President, and each member elected by the National Council entitled to vote at such session.

Votes in favor: 1455
Votes opposed: 257

There being at least two-thirds in the affirmative, Proposal 2, Part C was adopted as amended.

The meeting was declared in recess.

MEETING 2, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008, Afternoon

National Secretary Linda Foreman assumed the Chair.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Credentials Chair Michelle Holiday, a member of the National Board, reported there was no change in the number of delegates. The number of voting members registered and eligible to vote totaled 1,856.

PROPOSAL 5, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: NATIONAL BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PART A

**MOVED by Davia Temin, member, National Board of Directors,
To amend Article XII of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA to read:**

Article XII – National Board Development Committee, Nominations, and Elections

- 1. The National Board Development Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, including the chair of the committee; the CEO of Girl Scouts of the United States of America shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member. Between meetings of the National Council, the National Board Development Committee shall work in partnership with and report to the National Board of Directors.**
- 2. At least two (2) members shall be members of the National Board of Directors and at least three (3) members shall be non-National Board members.**
- 3. Members shall be elected by the National Council.**
- 4. The term of office shall commence at the adjournment of the National Council Session when elected, and shall end at the adjournment of the next regular session, or until successors are elected and assume office.**
- 5. At least two (2) members, but no more than three (3), shall serve a second consecutive term. No individual shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as a member of the committee.**
- 6. The chair of the committee shall be appointed by the President from amongst the members of the National Board Development Committee and approved by either the Executive Committee or the National Board. Individual(s) shall serve no more than one (1) term as chair of the National Board Development Committee.**
- 7. The committee shall elect a Vice Chair from amongst its membership.**
- 8. A vacancy in any position, including the chair, shall be filled by the National Board for the unexpired term.**
- 9. The committee shall present at each regular session of the National Council, a single slate of nominees for: a) the President; b) the Vice Presidents; c) the Secretary; d) the Treasurer; e) members-at large of the National Board of Directors; and f) members of the National Board**

Development Committee. No member of the National Board Development Committee shall be eligible to be nominated for any officer position. A nominee for President shall be a current member of the National Board of Directors.

10. Nominations may be made from the floor of the National Council Session provided that notice of such nomination and written consent to serve by the nominee(s) shall have been provided to the President and the Chair of the National Board Development Committee at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the published time for the convening of the meeting at which the election shall be held.

11. Election to any position on the National Board or the National Board Development Committee shall require a majority of votes cast by those present and voting at the National Council Session.

12. Elections shall be by ballot, including electronic balloting, except if there is only one nominee for a position, the election may be held by acclamation.

13. Any National Board Development Committee member who is absent from two (2) consecutive National Board Development Committee meetings in their entirety without good cause, acceptable to the National Board Development Committee Chair, upon recommendation of the National Board Development Committee to the National Board of Directors, shall be removed from the National Board Development 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 Board Development Committee to the National Board of Directors, a National Board Development Committee member may be removed with or without cause by a three-fourths vote of the total number of the National Board of Directors.

Proviso: Section 6 is in regard to appointment of the Chair of the National Board Development Committee and will become effective for the 2011–2014 triennium.

Votes in favor: 1220

Votes opposed: 499

There being at least two-thirds in the affirmative, Proposal 5A was adopted.

PROPOSAL 5, PART B

**MOVED by Davia Temin, member, National Board of Directors,
To amend Article X, Section 5, of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA
to read:**

Article X—National Board of Directors

- 5. The National Board of Directors shall have the power to fill vacancies in its own membership until the next regular session of the National Council, including any vacancy created by the election of a member-at-large to another capacity on the National Board and installation in such capacity. In filling vacancies, the National Board shall conform to the requirement of Section 2 of this article.**

Votes in favor: 1588

Votes opposed: 139

There being at least two-thirds in the affirmative, Proposal 5B was adopted.

OPEN DISCUSSION ON PROPOSALS 3 AND 4

On vote of the National Council, fifteen minutes were allowed for voting members to ask questions about Proposals 3 and 4.

**MOVED by Angela Spahr, Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, (New York, New York) and seconded,
To vote on Proposal 4 prior to Proposal 3 to save time and have the electronic voting ability in place for the ballot vote.**

Votes in favor: 1527

Votes opposed: 55

There being at least two-thirds in the affirmative, the assembly voted to take up consideration of Proposal 4 before Proposal 3.

Second Vice Chair Mary Borba assumed the Chair.

PROPOSAL 4, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: BALLOT REQUIREMENT

**MOVED by Melodie Mayberry-Stewart, member of the National Board of Directors, and subsequently amended,
To amend Article V, Section 5, of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA to read:**

Article V – Sessions of the National Council

- 5. Each member present in person at the National Council shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Decision on annual membership dues shall require a majority of votes cast. All matters shall be determined by a**

majority vote of the members present and voting, unless otherwise provided by this Constitution.

Votes in favor: 1476

Votes opposed: 243

There being at least two-thirds in the affirmative, Proposal 4 was adopted as amended.

National Treasurer Gwen Wong assumed the Chair.

PROPOSAL 3, MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

MOVED by Sandra Madrid, a member of the National Board, THAT the Girl Scout annual membership dues be raised to \$12, effective with the 2010 membership year, beginning October 1, 2009.

Votes in favor: 1310

Votes opposed: 460

There being a majority in the affirmative, Proposal 3 was adopted.

National Secretary Linda Foreman assumed the Chair.

ADDRESS OF NATIONAL BOARD CHAIR (2005-2008)

National Board Chair Patricia Diaz Dennis reflected on ethical leadership and shared a personal code for living, which she termed "the cowgirl way." She expressed pride regarding membership increases among Latina Girl Scouts over the triennium, and urged members to improve outreach to all ethnic and racial groups in the years ahead.

Note: The full remarks delivered by Patricia Diaz Dennis are attached as an addendum to the minutes.

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (NATIONAL BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)/ELECTION

Maria Blake, Chair of the National Nominating Committee, presented the report of the National Nominating Committee with the nominations for officers, members-at-large of the National Board of Directors, and National Nominating Committee (National Board Development Committee).

Nominations for Officers for a Three-Year Term, 2008–2011

President:	Connie L. Lindsey
First Vice President:	Davia B. Temin
Second Vice President:	Linda P. Foreman
Secretary:	Angel L. Rodriguez
Treasurer:	Joan Wagnon

Nominations for Members-at-Large of the National Board of Directors for a Three-Year Term, 2008—2011

Sylvia Acevedo
Barbara F. Adachi
Harriet Edelman
Raquel “Rocky” Egusquiza
Ellen S. Fox
Lisa Guillermin Gable
Linda Mazon Gutierrez
Michelle L. Holiday
John Hom
Marie C. Johns
Ingrid Saunders Jones
Karen A. Maloney
Robert L. Morris
Debra Nakatomi
Susan P. Peters
Vikki L. Pryor
Patricia Romines
Rhea S. Schwartz
Sara L. Schwebel
Eileen Scott
Gail M. Talbott
Susan L. Taylor
Marisa Tabizon Thompson

Nomination for Chair of the National Nominating Committee (National Board Development Committee) for a Three-Year Term, 2008–2011

Sharon H. Matthews

Nominations for Members-at-Large of the National Board of Directors and also as Members of the National Nominating Committee (National Board Development Committee) for a Three-Year Term, 2008–2011

Nan Hillis
Patricia Romines

Nominations for Non-Board Members of the National Nominating Committee (National Board Development Committee) for a Three-Year Term, 2008–2011

Jenny Alonzo
Ilene H. Lang
Debra Langford
Mitchell A. Martin

A nomination from the floor was received in accordance with procedures outlined in the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA. The Chair called on Nancy Dawes, Girl Scouts of Western Ohio (Cincinnati, Ohio). Ms. Dawes nominated Linda Thoren Neal for First Vice President.

In accordance with the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA, the election of members-at-large and of National Nominating Committee (National Board Development Committee) was held by acclamation.

The following were declared elected:

Members-at-Large of the National Board of Directors for a three-year term, 2008–2011:

Sylvia Acevedo
Barbara F. Adachi
Harriet Edelman
Raquel “Rocky” Egusquiza
Ellen S. Fox
Lisa Guillermin Gable
Linda Mazon Gutierrez
Michelle L. Holiday
John Hom
Marie C. Johns
Ingrid Saunders Jones
Karen A. Maloney
Robert L. Morris
Debra Nakatomi
Susan P. Peters
Vikki L. Pryor
Patricia Romines
Rhea S. Schwartz
Sara L. Schwebel
Eileen Scott
Gail M. Talbott
Susan L. Taylor
Marisa Tabizon Thompson

Chair of the National Nominating Committee (National Board Development Committee) for a three-year term, 2008–2011:

Sharon H. Matthews

Members-at-Large of the National Board of Directors and also as members of the National Nominating Committee (National Board Development Committee) for a three-year term, 2008–2011:

Nan Hillis
Patricia Romines

Non-Board members of the National Nominating Committee (National Board Development Committee) for a three-year term, 2008–2011:

Jenny Alonzo
Ilene H. Lang
Debra Langford
Mitchell A. Martin

In accordance with the Constitution of GSUSA, since there was more than one candidate for an office, the election for officers was conducted by ballot. Teller Chair Susan Knighton provided instructions on the balloting for officers, at which time the balloting process took place.

Meeting 2 adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

MEETING 3, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008

Meeting 3 was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Debra Nakatomi, National Board Member and International Commissioner.

FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT

Michelle Holiday, Credentials Chair and National Board member, provided the final Credentials Report.

Voting Members of the National Council

Voting members elected by Girl Scout councils: **1,810**
Voting members USA Girl Scouts Overseas: **7**
Members of the National Board of Directors: **31**
National Nominating Committee Members (**non-board**): **4**
Past Presidents of Girl Scouts of the USA: **4**
Total members of the National Council: **1,856**

Members (Participants/Visitors)

Councils:	1,556
USA Girl Scouts Overseas:	7
National volunteers, nominees & past National Board Members:	49
International:	37
Exhibitors:	385
National Staff:	191
Participants and others:	5,261
Total visitors:	7,486

Grand total of voting members of the National Council and members/participants: **9,342**

Other Facts of Interest

Girls 14–17 who attended as voting members: **292**

There are **32** female voting members to every male voting member.

The racial breakdown of the voting members is:

American Indian/Alaskan Native:	26
Asian:	29
Black or African American:	192
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander:	29
White:	1,439
Other:	26
Two or more (categories):	8

The following were also announced:

There are **67** Spanish/Hispanic voting members included throughout the racial categories.

Councils represented at the NC Session: **169**

Councils that sent a full quota of voting members: **156**

ELECTION RESULTS (OFFICERS)

Teller Chair Susan Knighton reported the results of the ballot election for officers. The following received at least a majority vote and were declared elected:

President:	Connie L. Lindsey
First Vice President:	Davia B. Temin
Second Vice President:	Linda P. Foreman
Secretary:	Angel L. Rodriguez
Treasurer:	Joan Wagnon

Note: Voting results are attached as an addendum to the minutes.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

National Board member Davia Temin introduced Geena Davis, actress and founder of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, and Marie Wilson, author and founder/president of the White House Project and co-creator of Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day.

Geena Davis founded the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media to dramatically increase the percentage of female characters and reduce stereotyping in media for children eleven and under.

Marie Wilson addressed the goals of the White House Project, which was founded to build a representative democracy in which women lead alongside men in politics, media, and business.

Following the presentations, Davia Temin moderated a question and answer session with the speakers.

STORYWEAVING/CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER: COMMITTING TO ACTION

Lisa Hinshaw (Girl Scout Council of Orange County, Costa Mesa, Calif.), a member of the StoryWeaving Design Team, thanked all the volunteers who participated in StoryWeaving, a strategy with a range of activities and methods to empower girl and adult members to mobilize for sustainable action that will make the world a better place. Through StoryWeaving, members participated in formal and informal conversations on issues that matter to girls throughout the convention. This included Digital StoryWeaving; Open Space technology; Girl Scout Story looms; strategy cafes; and related activities designed to bring members together, reconnect them with the Movement, and enable them to gain new insights.

In leading the assembly, Lisa asked members to list their top priorities for GSUSA and the actions they would take to make these priorities a reality on their return home.

TIME AND PLACE 2011

Mary B. McIntire, Board Chair, and Mary Vitek, CEO, of Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council (Houston, Texas) invited the membership to attend the National

Council Session/52nd convention scheduled for November 10-13, 2011, in Houston, Texas. Its theme will be "Launching the Next Century of Girl Scouts."

INSTALLATION

Members of the newly elected 2008-2011 National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee were installed.

NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Newly elected National President Connie L. Lindsey called on adults in Girl Scouting to continue the tradition of "servant leadership" that Juliette Low exemplified by acting to bring out the best in others. She urged members to lead by serving girls "first, foremost, and always" and stressed the importance of adults providing girls with leadership opportunities, which will result in the empowerment of girls. National President Lindsey pledged to be accessible and accountable in leading the National Board.

Note: The full remarks of National President Connie Lindsey are attached as an addendum to the minutes.

At 11:48 a.m., Connie Lindsey declared the National Council Session adjourned sine die.

Linda P. Foreman
National Secretary
Girl Scouts of the USA