

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE 48TH NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION/CONVENTION
OCTOBER 15-17, 1999

Kansas City, Missouri

MEETING I, FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1999

National President Elinor J. Ferdon called the first meeting of the National Council Session/48th convention to order at 9:10 a.m. Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise.

GENERAL INTRODUCTIONS

International guests were welcomed:

Ginny Radford, Chairman of the World Board of WAGGGS
B. LaRae Orullian, First Vice-Chairman of the World Board of WAGGGS
and past President of GSUSA
Lilyclaire Bellamy, Second Vice-Chairman of the World Board of
WAGGGS and Chairman of the World Centers Committee
Lesley Bulman, Director, World Bureau of WAGGGS
Maria de Monzarz, Vice-Chairman, Western Hemisphere Regional
Committee of WAGGGS
Mary Dawson, World Centers Committee, Senior Representative for
Sangam
Roxanne Yates, World Centers Committee, Senior Representative for Our
Cabaña
Josefina Reyes, World Centers Committee, Senior Representative for Pax
Lodge
Judy Waters, World Centers Committee, Senior Representative for Our
Chalet
Margo Browning, Guider-in-Charge, Sangam World Center
Ellie Duis, Assistant Guider-in-Charge, Our Chalet World Center
Doreen Henry, Guider-in-Charge, Pax Lodge World Center
Judi Gardiner, Guider-in-Charge, Our Cabaña World Center
Beatriz de Gonzalez, Assistant Guider-in Charge, Our Cabaña World
Center

In addition, international guests from Girl Scout Associations in Micronesia were welcomed:

Eugenia A. Samuel, President of the Girl Scouts of the Federated States of Micronesia, and Ropina D. Aloka, Vice President
 Debbie Toribiong, representing Girl Scouting in the Republic of Palau
 Ione Debrum, representing Girl Scouting in the Republic of the Marshall Islands

BRIEFING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

A short overview of parliamentary and business procedures to be in place for the session was presented by Loretta Simonson, National Council Parliamentarian. Following the briefing, members practiced using Quick Tally® Interactive Systems, an electronic system for tabulating votes as well as responses to questions.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Credentials Chair H. Ann Jones, a member of the National Board of Directors, reported that 2,013 members of the National Council were registered and eligible to vote as of 9:00 a.m., October 15, 1999.

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

MOVED by H. Ann Jones, and seconded,
 THAT the four members of committees of the National Board, two members of the 1999 National Council Rules Committee, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the 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 individuals.

The motion was

Adopted

Votes Cast: 1945 Votes Yes: 1875 Votes No: 70

With the election of 8 additional members, Mrs. Jones reported the new total of 2,021 accredited members of the National Council who were eligible to vote.

Delegates elected by Girl Scout councils	1,954
Delegates from Girl Scout lone troops outside the USA	11
Members of National Board of Directors	42
Members of National Nominating Committee (non-Board)	3
Past Presidents of GSUSA	3
Persons elected by the National Council	<u>8</u>
 Total Members of National Council	 2,021

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

National Board member Sandra Ford Fulton introduced Lesley Stahl, correspondent on the television show *60 Minutes* and best-selling author.

Lesley Stahl reflected on her experiences as a journalist covering the White House for the administrations of three U.S. presidents. Anecdotes from the early stages of her career noted the challenge of entering a field that was male-dominated. The influential role of television in our culture, and the power of visual images in shaping public perceptions, were underscored.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Noni Sridhara, young adult National Board standing committee member, introduced Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore.

Characterizing the 20th century as a time of unprecedented hope and opportunity for women, Mrs. Gore noted that few organizations have done as much as the Girl Scouts to create this opportunity. The values of the movement were cited as constant and timeless. Underscoring the connection between successful careers and a Girl Scout background, Mrs. Gore reflected, "What girls do as Girl Scouts, counts. What they do afterwards counts even more. Girl Scouting truly makes a difference."

An advocate for mental health issues, Mrs. Gore shared the importance of community service using examples from her own life. She suggested that the most important challenges facing society must be solved by families and by communities, although government can be a partner. Attention was called to the vital role of organizations, like the Girl Scouts, in being a part of solutions to societal issues that would move the country forward.

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES

Ann Mills, member of the National Board of Directors and chair of the 1999 National Council Rules Committee, introduced committee members and gave the committee report.

MOVED by Ann Mills on recommendation of the 1999 National Council Rules Committee,
 THAT the standing rules of the National Council Session be adopted as printed in the *Workbook*.

There being two-thirds in the affirmative,
the motion to adopt the standing rules as printed was Adopted

Votes Cast: 1952 Votes Yes: 1931 Votes No: 21

The standing rules adopted by the National Council are as follows:

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.
 - (1) 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 page 12).
 - (2) Any transfer of the delegate credential shall remain in effect until the end of the current National Council Session (Sunday, October 17, 1999).
 - (3) 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. [GSUSA Constitution, 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 Floor Speaker Identification form, signed by the maker, and sent to the Chair prior to being placed before the assembly (that is, the National Council).

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 in 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. 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 and twenty-five copies of the nominee's printed biographical information must be delivered to the Girl Scout Convention Office in the Kansas City 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.
 - (4) Must be in the same format and length as those printed in the *Workbook*.
 - C. Electronic voting shall be permitted except when a ballot is required.
[Constitution of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Article V.
See Also: Quick Tally® Interactive Systems, described on page 14 of the *Workbook*.]
 - D. 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.
 - E. Election ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the National Secretary (1996-1999) after adjournment of the 1999 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 23.)
 - 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, after shave, 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, shall be prohibited from use in the meeting room. Examples of prohibited electronic devices: cellular phones, beepers, or 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 on pages 11-19 of the *Workbook*.

REPORT OF THE STEERING GROUP FOR THE 1999 NATIONAL CONVENTION AND ADOPTION OF PROGRAM

Special appreciation was expressed to convention steering group members and to the Mid-Continent Council of Girl Scouts for support of the convention.

MOVED by Dianne Cleaver on recommendation of the Steering Group for the 1999 National Convention,
THAT the program of the Girl Scout National Council Session/48th convention be adopted as presented.

The motion to adopt the program as presented was Adopted

Votes Cast: 1956 Votes Yes: 1909 Votes No: 47

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by National Secretary Toni Martinez Burgoyne, and seconded,
THAT the minutes of the 48th 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: 1943 Votes Yes: 1936 Votes No: 7

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD ALLIANCE UPDATE - SURVEY RESULTS

Deborah A. Reyes, member of the National Board of Directors and Chair of the Membership and Program Committee of the National Board, presented results of council surveys conducted in 1997 and 1999 regarding the Girl Scout Gold Award Alliance.

As a result of the feedback, the committee recommended continued monitoring of the alliance and provision of ongoing assistance to councils. The National Board concurred, and no recommendation for change in

procedures was developed for consideration at the 1999 National Council Session.

Following a recess for lunch, Meeting I was reconvened.

OPEN FORUM

An Open Forum was held on the first three proposals. Resource Team panelists for Proposal 1, National Girl Scout Gold Award Registry, were introduced as follows:

Patricia Motschmann, president, Girl Scouts of Nassau County
 Linda Gruskiewicz, executive director, Girl Scouts of Nassau County
 Sandra Ford Fulton, National Board member
 Megan MacPherson, National Board member
 Sylvia Barsion, National Director, Research Services and Adult
 Development
 Sharon Hussey, National Director, Membership and Program

Delegates asked questions and responses were provided by the resource team for the allotted time period. Resource Team panelists for Proposal 2, New Program Directions for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts, were then introduced:

Donella Brockington, president, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital
 Jan Verhage, executive director, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital
 Maria Blake, National Board member
 Carmen Vega-Rivera, National Board member
 Sharon Hussey, National Director, Membership and Program

After questions were raised and responses given on Proposal 2, Resource Team panelists for Proposal 3, Constitutional Amendment: Change in Procedure for How Girl Scout Council Proposals Must be Placed on the National Council Agenda, were introduced:

Joan Henderson, National Board member
 Jeff Redmon, National Board member
 Marianne Alexander, National Board member
 Deborah Long, National Director, Planning and Administration
 Peg Pruett, Assistant Director, Planning and Administration

Meeting I was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

MEETING II, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 15, 1999

Meeting II was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Third Vice President Ellen Brooks. It was reported that there was no change in the credentials report from Meeting I.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Attention was called to the *Stewardship Report for the 1996-1999 Triennium*, mailed to members of the National Council in advance of the session. Highlights of triennial accomplishments were presented by National President Elinor J. Ferdon, National Executive Director Marsha J. Evans, Treasurer Joan Newman, and International Commissioner Lois Bell.

Among the highlights were the following:

- Membership as of September 30, 1999, totaled 3,630,145 girl and adult members, the highest membership in 27 years.
- Release of results of a new study by Louis Harris & Associates, "Defining Success: American Women, Achievement, and the Girl Scouts," showed the positive influence of Girl Scouting that is carried into adulthood.
- Launch of the brand image campaign.
- Strengthening of the council support network, including reorganization of the service area teams.
- Purchase of fully equipped state-of-the-art Year 2000 compliant computer systems for each Girl Scout council, as a result of National Board allocations.
- Expansion of the GSUSA Web site, including a "Just for Girls" section.
- Increased collaborations between GSUSA and councils.
- *GirlSports* and *GirlSports 2000* initiatives.

**PROPOSAL 1-NATIONAL GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD
REGISTRY**

MOVED by Patricia Motschmann, president, Girl Scouts of Nassau County
(Garden City, N.Y.),

THAT Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. establish and maintain a national registry of those who have earned the Golden Eaglet, the Curved Bar, First Class, and the Girl Scout Gold Award to foster and improve Girl Scouting through a nationwide federation and national recognition of the organization's highest award recipients.

Proposal 1 was

Adopted

Votes Cast: 1961 Votes Yes: 1861 Votes No: 100

Meeting II was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

MEETING III, SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 16, 1999

Meeting III was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Third Vice President Ellen Brooks. It was reported that there was no change in the credentials report from Meeting I.

The membership was informed of two tragic incidents involving young girls, in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas, respectively.

MOVED by National Secretary Toni Martinez-Burgoyne, and seconded,
Resolved, That Girl Scouts of the United States of America and its 318 member councils do hereby express our sincere sympathy for the families of these girls; and further
Resolved, That the Girl Scout organization hereby reaffirms our commitment to the health and safety of all girls everywhere.

The resolution was

Adopted

Votes Cast: 1928 Votes Yes: 1924 Votes No: 4

MOVED by Mrs. Martinez-Burgoyne, and seconded,
THAT the program be amended as displayed.

The motion to amend the program was

Adopted

Votes Cast: 1896 Votes Yes: 1844 Votes No: 52

[As a result, the sequence of items was rearranged, as reflected in the sequence that follows.]

MOVED by Patrick N. Dale, delegate from San Jacinto Girl Scouts (Houston, Texas), and seconded,
To amend the standing rules to give the chair the discretion to use the voice vote instead of Quick Tally.

There being two-thirds in the affirmative,
the motion to amend the standing rules was

Adopted

Votes Cast: 1937 Votes Yes: 1403 Votes No: 534

[As a result, a standing rule was inserted to authorize the chair to have the option to use a voice vote instead of Quick Tally® Interactive Systems.]

MOVED by Lyn Gill, delegate from Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council (Newark, Del.), and seconded,
To amend the standing rules to allow 15 minutes of debate on a proposal before the motion "Previous Question" may be moved.

There being less than two-thirds in the affirmative,
the motion to amend the standing rules

Lost

Votes Cast: 1923 Votes Yes: 177 Votes No: 1746

PROPOSAL 2-NEW PROGRAM DIRECTIONS FOR CADETTE AND SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS

MOVED by Donella Brockington, president, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (Washington, D.C.), and subsequently amended by striking the words "girls ages 11-17" and inserting the words "Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts" in their place,

THAT, as part of an overall strategy to expand and enhance program for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts, GSUSA shall

collaborate with Girl Scout councils in the research, development, and execution of a plan to enhance program-activity options for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts;

provide financial incentives to Girl Scout councils with the goal of increasing both the number and capacity of wider opportunities;

provide seed money to Girl Scout councils to encourage sponsorship of large events to serve 1,000 girls or more.

Proposal 2, as amended, was

Adopted

Votes Cast: 1961 Votes Yes: 1923 Votes No: 38

PROPOSAL 3-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: CHANGE IN PROCEDURE FOR HOW GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL PROPOSALS MUST BE PLACED ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

MOVED by National Board member Maria Blake, and subsequently amended by striking the word "twenty-five" and inserting the word "fifteen" in its place,

THAT Article VI, Section 1.b(2) of the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. be amended by striking the words "two or more local councils in each of four or more of the geographical areas" and inserting in their place the words "a minimum of fifteen percent of all Girl Scout councils holding a charter issued by the National Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. as of September 30 of the year preceding the regular session of the National Council."

There being two-thirds in the affirmative,

Proposal 3, as amended, was

Adopted

Votes Cast: 1960 Votes Yes: 1585 Votes No: 375

Article VI, Section 1.b(2) of the Constitution now reads as follows:

2) the National Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether such proposals relate to matters which should properly be acted upon by the National Council, except that a proposal submitted by a minimum of fifteen percent of all Girl Scout councils holding a charter issued by the National Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. as of September 30 of the year preceding the regular session of the National

Council shall be determined by the National Board of Directors to relate to matters which should properly be acted upon by the National Council.

OPEN FORUM

An Open Forum was held on Proposals 4 through 6. Members of the Resource Team on Proposal 4, Special Lifetime Membership Dues, were introduced, as follows:

Lynn Clemens, delegate, Girl Scouts of DuPage County Council
 Kathy Schreiner, delegate, Girl Scouts of DuPage County Council
 Mary Lynn Myers, National Board member
 Florence Corsello, National Director, Finance Services/Controller
 Sylvia Barsion, National Director, Research Services and Adult Development

After delegates' questions were responded to by members of the resource team, members of the Resource Team on Proposal 5, Lifetime Membership for Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients, were introduced:

Pam Bogen, president, Lake to River Girl Scout Council
 Michelle Burdett, delegate, Lake to River Girl Scout Council
 Carol Cochran, National Board member
 Yvonne Perkins, National Board member
 Sylvia Barsion, National Director, Research Services and Adult Development

Following the allotted question-and-answer period, members of the Resource Team on Proposal 6, Membership Registration Fee, were introduced:

Debra Sanderson, vice president, Girl Scouts-Indian Hills Council
 Mary Alice Gwilliam, delegate, Girl Scouts-Indian Hills Council
 Linda Foreman, National Board member
 Deborah Reyes, National Board member
 Florence Corsello, National Director, Finance Services/Controller
 Kate Genaitis, Director, Council Asset Management Systems

It was announced that the Open Forum on Proposal 7 would be taken up in Meeting V.

PROPOSAL 4-SPECIAL LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES

MOVED by Susan Voelz, president of Girl Scouts of DuPage County Council (Naperville, Ill.),

THAT special Lifetime Membership dues be offered to any girl who is a registered Senior Girl Scout at the time of her high school graduation or equivalent, and be available to her before the girl's current membership expires.

THAT special Lifetime Membership dues be established at an amount equal to 13 times the annual membership dues.

Proposal 4 was

Adopted

Votes Cast: 1927 Votes Yes: 1764 Votes No: 163

Meeting III was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

MEETING IV, SATUDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 16, 1999

Meeting IV was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Second Vice President Mary Irby.

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

PROPOSAL 5-LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FOR GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

MOVED by Pam Bogen, president of Lake to River Girl Scout Council (Niles, Ohio),

THAT Girl Scouts who have reached their eighteenth birthday and have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award be given Lifetime Membership by GSUSA, effective with the membership year beginning October 1, 2001.

Proposal 5 was

Lost

Votes Cast: 1978 Votes Yes: 309 Votes No: 1669

ADDRESS OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Noting that dreams exceed goals because they are an expression of one's highest aspirations, National Executive Director Marsha Johnson Evans shared her dreams for Girl Scouting, and noted progress toward their realization. Supporting the aspiration that GSUSA become more widely known for expertise on girls, Ms. Evans cited formation of the Girl Scout Research Institute. Newly released survey results from Louis Harris & Associates regarding a study commissioned by GSUSA indicates that two-thirds of women of professional achievement who responded were once Girl Scouts and that membership in the Girl Scouts was considered a crucial factor in their success.

To promote the dream of increased recognition for Girl Scouting, Ms. Evans noted efforts in a number of areas, including successful launch of the brand identity campaign. Members were informed of plans to bolster the GSUSA Web site and enhance use of electronic communications with councils, volunteers, and girls. Revised handbooks for Daisy and for Brownie Girl Scouts are in the works and the first annual national event honoring Girl Scout Gold Award recipients will be held in Washington, D.C., in March 2000. In other good news, GSUSA has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to expand work with girls and young women while also emphasizing the organization's stance against substance abuse, violence, and unwanted teen pregnancy. Underscoring GSUSA's commitment to seeking expanded resources to better support councils, it was noted that President Clinton was expected to sign a bill shortly authorizing a five million dollar grant to allow GSUSA to develop resources to teach Girl Scouts about conflict resolution and violence prevention.

In closing, Ms. Evans called on all present to help make these dreams a reality. She stated: "...more girls can be reached no matter where they live, what their background, or what their race. We are in a powerful place to make a difference in communities. As evidenced in all-too-common tragic headlines, this country's youth need moral leadership—who better to provide it than the Girl Scouts!"

PROPOSAL 6, MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FEE

MOVED by Debra Sanderson, vice president of Girl Scouts–Indian Hills Council (Binghamton, N.Y.),
 THAT 10 percent, or a minimum of \$1.00 of each annual membership registration fee, be returned to the council in which the member registered, effective with the 2001 membership year beginning October 1, 2000.

MOVED by Cheryl Bernhardt, Girl Scout Council of Cumberland Valley (Nashville, Tenn.), and seconded,
 THAT proposal 6 be postponed indefinitely.

The motion to postpone indefinitely Proposal 6 was Adopted

Votes Cast: 1928 Votes Yes: 1278 Votes No: 650

[As a result, Proposal 6 was postponed indefinitely (indirectly rejected).]

NOMINATIONS

National Nominating Committee Chair Pat Bell 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 presented and noted in the *Workbook*, mailed in advance to members. The following nominations were made by Marie T. Lenhart, delegate from Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council (Boston, Mass.), as notice had been given in compliance with the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Article XII:

President:	Elinor J. Ferdon
Member-at-Large, National Board of Directors: Chair, National Nominating Committee and Member, National Board of Directors:	Deborah M. Kolb
Member, National Nominating Committee, non-Board:	Kay E. Kramer
Member, National Nominating Committee, non-Board:	Maria Quiroga
	Gloria Scott

ELECTION

Chair Mary Irby directed that ballots be distributed and called on Deidra Edwards, 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Members responded to questions regarding Governance, Communications and Technology and Strategic Alliances using Quick Tally® Interactive Systems. It was noted that this information would be compiled and shared with the National Board for use in planning for the 1999-2002 triennium.

Meeting IV was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

MEETING V, SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1999

Meeting V was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by National Secretary Toni Martinez-Burgoyne.

FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT

Credentials Chair H. Ann Jones presented the final credentials report.

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 Total Members of National Council	 2,021

VISITORS

Councils	3,016
Girl Scout lone troops	10
National Volunteers, Former National Board Members, and Family Members	78
International	13
Exhibitors	535
National staff	167
Participants and Others	<u>3,900</u>
 Total Visitors	 7,719

Grand Total Members of National Council and Visitors 9,740

OTHER FACTS OF INTEREST

GIRLS (14-17) attending as delegates	237
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There were 28 female delegates to every male delegate.

The racial breakdown of the delegates was announced as follows:

American Indian/Alaskan Native	29
Asian/Pacific Islander	30
Black	254
White	1,637
Other	17
Unreported	54

Sixty-five delegates of Spanish/Hispanic heritage were included throughout the racial categories.

The number of Girl Scout councils represented at the National Council Session was 318, and the number of councils that sent a full quota of delegates was 314.

PROPOSAL 7-CHANGE IN TIMING OF NATIONAL MEETING OF PRESIDENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

MOVED by Sheila Jalutkewicz, president of Montachusett Girl Scout Council, (Worcester, Mass.),

THAT the 1990 action by the National Council on the Cycle of National Meetings, Section 1, be amended by striking "approximately eighteen months" and inserting "in the Fall of the next year;" and
 THAT the amendment take effect upon conclusion of the National Council Session held in October 2002, and have no effect upon scheduling of the National Meeting of Presidents and Executive Directors in 2001.

MOVED by Carol Bradwell, delegate from Dutchess County Girl Scout Council, (Poughkeepsie N.Y.), and seconded,

THAT Proposal 7 be referred to a committee to be considered at the 2001 National Meeting of Presidents and Executive Directors and the matter voted upon by those present.

The motion to refer Proposal 7 was

Adopted

Votes Cast: 1873 Votes Yes: 1655 Votes No: 218

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE FOR 2002 NATIONAL CONVENTION

On behalf of ten councils that make up the Southern California Girl Scout councils hosting the National Council Session/49th convention, to be held in October 2002, Bernita "Sue" Kramer, president of Greater Long Beach Girl Scout Council (Long Beach, Calif.) extended a warm welcome.

Second Vice President Mary Irby assumed the chair.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL TELLERS

Deidre Edwards, Chair of National Council Tellers, gave the report on elections. Chair Mary Irby declared the following elected:

Officers for a three-year term, 1999-2002

President	Connie L. Matsui
First Vice President	Mary Lynn Myers
Second Vice President	Cynthia Bramlett Thompson
Secretary	Patricia Diaz Dennis
Treasurer	Denise K. Fletcher

Members-at-Large of the National Board of Directors for a three-year term, 1999-2002

Dr. Marianne Alexander
 Josephine C. Bacon
 Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine, Esq.
 Dr. Norma Barquet
 Maria W. Blake
 Gail K. Cleary
 Carol Mayo Cochran
 Ruth Anderson Coggeshall
 Marjorie L. Conner
 Linda P. Foreman
 Sandra Ford Fulton
 E. Ann Graves
 Robert L. Hawkins
 Joan R. Henderson
 Lisa Johnson-Billy
 H. Ann Jones
 Gloria E. Lara
 Dr. Joyce Lujan Martinez
 Toni Martinez-Burgoyne

Dr. Melodie Mayberry-Stewart
 Brian K. McCarthy
 Melinda Ramona Melendez
 Michael J. Moreno
 Henry H. Osborne
 Yvonne Perkins
 Deborah A. Reyes
 Digna Sánchez
 Katherine Sosa
 Karen Gayton Swisher
 Susan Drew Thomas
 Joyce E. Tucker
 Patricia Turner
 Bruce W. Van Saun
 Dr. Katherine D. Waller
 Howard C. White

**Chair, National Nominating Committee (and Member-at-Large,
National Board of Directors), 1999-2002**

H. Ann Jones

**Members, National Nominating Committee (and Members-at-Large,
National Board of Directors), 1999-2002**

Dr. Norma Barquet
 E. Ann Graves
 Patricia Turner
 Dr. Katherine D. Waller

Non-Board Members of the National Nominating Committee, 1999-2002

Patricia K. Bell
 Eleanor I. Brooks
 Beverly A. Freeman
 Adrienne Pon

VIDEO TRIBUTE

Members viewed a video tribute to Elinor J. Ferdon, President of GSUSA for the 1996-1999 triennium.

Elinor Ferdon thanked members for the honor and privilege of serving as National President and expressed appreciation for their dedication and hard work on behalf of girls everywhere. Mrs. Ferdon noted, "our values are what make us strong" and "this strength is what ensures that the Girl Scout movement will thrive."

INSTALLATION

Mrs. Ferdon led the installation of new members. Newly elected officers and members of the National Board of Directors and National Nominating Committee for the 1999-2002 triennium were installed.

ADDRESS OF NEWLY-ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT

National President Connie Matsui opened her address with a tribute to volunteers in Girl Scouting. Describing herself as a catalyst for positive change and a consensus-builder, she noted, "Together we can build on three of the greatest strengths of our current organization: our commitment to shared values; our spirit of cooperation; and our tradition of community service—and community building."

Priorities for the triennium ahead include focusing on the girls—especially the older girls; creating strong partnerships; and learning to work together more effectively as leaders of girls. Affirming a commitment to build partnerships that will carry the organization forward, Ms. Matsui underscored the need to cultivate a spirit of entrepreneurship to reach out to communities that have not known Girl Scouting. She stated, "We need to act on the belief that there are two kinds of people in this world: those who are Girl Scouts and are a part of the movement already and those who are destined to be Girl Scouts."

In closing, Ms. Matsui cited the rich diversity within our movement and invited all present to join in reaching out to *all* girls and to offer them the benefits of Girl Scouting. She said, "We have a proud legacy to carry on and heroes to be inspired by. Now it's our turn, together as exceptional partners, as extraordinary leaders, and as fearless entrepreneurs, to carry this movement forward."

CLOSING CEREMONY

Members viewed the promotional video, *Growing Strong Together*. "Growing Strong," written by Melinda Carroll for the 1999 Girl Scout national convention, was sung by a Girl Scout chorus, led by Ms. Carroll.

National President Connie Matsui assumed the chair.

The color guard retired the colors.

At 11:29 a.m., Ms. Matsui declared the National Council Session/48th convention adjourned sine die.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ELECTION RESULTS REPORTED AT NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION

OCTOBER 17, 1999

OFFICERS 1999-2002

Number of ballots cast 2,006 (void ballots - none (0). Necessary for election—a plurality of votes cast.

President

Connie L. Matsui	1521
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First Vice President

Mary Lynn Myers	1903
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Second Vice President

Cynthia Bramlett Thompson	1932
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Secretary

Patricia Diaz Dennis	1955
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Treasurer

Denise K. Fletcher	1953
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NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1999-2002)

Number of ballots cast 2,011 (void ballots 24). Necessary for election—a plurality of votes cast.¹

Dr. Marianne Alexander	1909
Josephine C. Bacon	1894
Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine	1917
Maria W. Blake	1907
Gail K. Cleary	1902
Carol Mayo Cochran	1906
Ruth Anderson Coggeshall	1893
Marjorie Conner	1898
Linda P. Foreman	1895
Sandra Ford Fulton	1896
Robert L. Hawkins	1869
Joan R. Henderson	1889
Lisa Johnson-Billy	1898
Gloria E. Lara	1895
Dr. Joyce Lujan Martinez	1874
Toni Martinez-Burgoyne	1768
Dr. Melodie Mayberry-Stewart	1917
Brian K. McCarthy	1877
Melinda Ramona Melendez	1871
Michael J. Moreno	1890
Henry H. Osborne	1883
Yvonne Perkins	1903
Deborah A. Reyes	1905
Digna Sanchez	1889
Katherine Sosa	1890
Karen Gayton Swisher	1892
Susan Drew Thomas	1891
Joyce E. Tucker	1891
Bruce W. Van Saun	1869
Howard C. White	1836
Deborah M. Kolb	1694

¹Thirty-one names were placed on the ballot. Thirty were declared elected.

NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (1999-2002)

Number of ballots cast 2,006 (void ballots 42). Necessary for election—a plurality of votes cast.

Chair

H. Ann Jones	1367
Kay E. Kramer	510

Board Members

Dr. Norma Barquet	1877
E. Ann Graves	1882
Patricia Turner	1865
Dr. Katherine Waller	1355

Non-Board members

Patricia K. Bell	1354
Eleanor I. Brooks	1675
Beverly A. Freeman	1725
Adrienne Pon	1604
Maria Quiroga	598
Gloria Scott	648

