



**55TH NATIONAL
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Call to Meeting Standing Rules Program



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In accordance with the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA Article V, notice is hereby given that the 55th National Council Session of Girl Scouts of the USA shall be held as follows:

- Date: October 23, 2020, through October 25, 2020
- Time: Commences at 5:00 p.m. ET on October 23, 2020 with delegate credentials verification
- Place: Hopin – a virtual event platform. Delegates will join the National Council Session on an internet-enabled device of their choice (e.g. computer, tablet, mobile phone) via the Chrome or Firefox internet browser on the selected device (Chrome is highly recommended). Access instructions will be provided to delegates prior to the meeting. Delegates are responsible for their own device and internet connection.
- Purpose: Election of the 2020–2023 National Board and Board Development Committee
Reports of the Officers and National Board
Consideration of Proposals as printed in the Delegate Workbook
Other business that may appropriately come before the National Council

An NCS Delegate User Guide will be distributed, and training opportunities on the event platform will be held for delegates prior to the National Council Session.

Noorain Khan
Secretary



Proposed Standing Rules - 55th National Council Session

1. Delegates

- A. Delegates must not share their login information (including username and password) or the event URL that is provided to them to connect to the meeting.
- B. If delegates are viewing the event through a shared connection or shared device, each delegate must have their own individual device (computer, notebook, mobile phone, etc.) for voting during NCS.
- C. By logging in with their unique username and password, a delegate is attesting that he or she is the individual to whom that unique username and password was assigned.

2. Quorum

- A. The presence of a quorum shall be established by verification of those individuals logged in as a delegate to the event platform.
- B. The continuation of a quorum will be monitored to ensure that a quorum is connected to the meeting at all times.

3. Proposals/Amendments

- A. Proposals not included in the *Workbook* or sent with the call to the National Council Session will not be considered and will be ruled out of order.
- B. Amendments to the proposals must be within the scope of notice (see Glossary, page 81 of the *Workbook*). Amendments not within the scope of notice shall be ruled out of order.
- C. All amendments must be submitted in writing and posted to the online area in the event platform designated for this purpose, preceded by the delegate's name and the proposal number (e.g. HOMER, Proposal 1).
- D. Amendments dealing with grammar, spelling, or punctuation shall not be allowed. The CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA and Chair of the National Board shall be empowered to make any and all necessary editorial changes.

4. Display of Motions


The immediately pending question and other relevant pending questions (such as the main motion or the pertinent part of the main motion when an amendment to it is immediately pending) shall be displayed such that all delegates can view what is under consideration.



5. Assignment of the Floor and Debate

- A. Debate shall be limited to 45 minutes total per proposal, inclusive of interrupting and secondary motions. Technical failure from the host site shall not be included in the total debate time.
- B. To seek recognition by the chair, a delegate shall join a virtual queue to speak for, against, or as an interrupter during the debate. A virtual queue shall be maintained such that those delegates seeking recognition shall be recognized in the order they sought recognition, alternating for and against (with interrupting taking precedence).
- C. Delegates shall identify themselves before speaking to the question. Girl Scout council delegates shall give name and council, and if applicable, the motion they have submitted. All other National Council members shall give name and position as members of the National Council.
- D. 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.
- E. No speaker shall speak a second time on a question until National Council members wishing to speak a first time have done so.
- F. No speaker shall speak more than twice on the same question on the same day.
- G. No more than four delegates from the same Girl Scout council nor more than four National Board members shall speak on the same side of the question.
- H. Once a main motion has been moved and then stated by the Chair, motions that interrupt will not be permitted until the maker of the motion has had the opportunity to speak to the motion.

6. Interrupting a Speaker

Only a Point of Order or an Appeal will be allowed to interrupt a speaker. A delegate who wishes to make one of these motions shall join a virtual queue to speak as an interrupter and shall thereafter wait  the chair's instructions before attempting to interrupt the speaker.

7. Nominations and Elections

- A. Nominations may be made from the floor at the National Council Session provided that notice of such nomination(s) and written consent of the nominee(s) are presented 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 (Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA, Article XII, National Board Development Committee).
- B. Any National Council member placing a name in nomination from the floor shall give only the name of the nominee.
- C. Nominations are not debatable.



- D. Only biographical information for persons to be nominated from the floor may be electronically distributed to National Council members. That information:
- 1) Is the responsibility of the person making the nomination. The information must be in .pdf form. The .pdf document containing the nominee's biographical information must be sent to floornominations@girlscouts.org no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the published time for the convening of the meeting at which the election shall be held.
 - 2) Will be electronically distributed to delegates by GSUSA staff.
 - 3) Must be the same format and length as printed in the *Workbook*.
- E. Write-in votes shall not be allowed.
- F. For any election, the only information that will be reported to the assembly is that the candidate received at least a majority vote. Full results of any ballot elections will be reported in the minutes of the National Council Session.

8. Rules of Voting

- A. Electronic voting shall be the only method of voting.
- B. Votes shall be taken by the anonymous voting feature of the voting platform.
- C. Except for elections, the chair's announcement of the voting result shall include the number of members voting on each side of the question.

9. Minutes

The National Board of Directors shall serve as the National Council Minutes Approval Committee and shall be empowered to approve and distribute the minutes of the National Council Session.

10. Procedures

- A. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 11th Edition, shall govern the proceedings of the 55th National Council Session.
- B. All persons in attendance shall follow the National Council Session procedures on pages 70-75 of the *Workbook*.



55th National Council Session Program October 23, 2020–October 25, 2020

Friday, October 23, 2020, 5:00–6:00 p.m. ET

Log in for Credentials Verification

Friday, October 23, 2020, 6:00–8:30 p.m. ET

Business Meeting 1

Opening/Flag Ceremony

Call to Order

Adoption of Credentials Report

Adoption of Standing Rules

Adoption of Program

Stewardship Report of the National Board of Directors

Treasurer's Report

WAGGGS Leadership Report

Q&A on Proposal 1: Establishment of a Task Force to Examine the Feasibility of a National Gold Award Scholarship Foundation

Debate and Vote on Proposal 1

Announcements/Adjournment

Saturday October 24, 2020, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 (noon) p.m. ET

Log in for Credentials Verification

Saturday, October 24, 2020, 12:00 (noon)–3:00 p.m. ET

Business Meeting 2

Call to Order

Revised Credentials Report

Girl Speak Out

Q&A on Proposal 2: Constitutional Amendment on Membership Dues

Debate and Vote on Proposal 2

Q&A on Proposal 3: Adoption of a Procedure for Communication on Dues Actions by the National Board

Debate and Vote on Proposal 3

Announcements/Adjournment



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Log in for Credentials Verification

Saturday October 24, 2020, 6:00–8:00 p.m. ET

Business Meeting 3

Call to Order

Revised Credentials Report

Q&A on Proposal 4: Membership Dues Increase Restriction

Debate and Vote on Proposal 4

Nominations for the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee

Elections

Announcements/Adjournment

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 (noon) p.m. ET

Log in for Credentials Verification

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 12:00 (noon)–3:30 p.m. ET

Business Meeting 4

Call to Order

Final Credentials Report

Q&A on Proposal 5: Constitutional Amendment on Consistency in Delegate Terms

Debate and Vote on Proposal 5

Q&A on Proposal 6: Lifetime Membership Discount

Debate and Vote on Proposal 6

Outgoing President Remarks: Kathy Hopinkah Hannan, National President 2017-2020

Installation of the National Board and Board Development Committee

Keynote Address: Newly Elected National President

Time and Place for the 2023 National Council Session

National Council Session Adjournment Sine Die