



Commission for USA Girl Scouts Overseas Council of Advisors

I. Charter

The group will be called the USA Girl Scouts Overseas Council of Advisors (CoA). It is authorized by and accountable to the Chief USAGSO Executive.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the Council of Advisors is to advance the mission of girl scouting overseas. The CoA will support the strategic planning process for USAGSO, identify appropriate resources, advise on resource allocation, and monitor USAGSO effectiveness and mission delivery.

III. Relationship of CoA to USAGSO/GSUSA:

The CoA will ensure that USAGSO policies, procedures and processes align with GSUSA policy.

IV. Membership,

Composition: The USAGSO Council of Advisors shall consist of 9-15 members. Members will be selected and appointed by the Council Development Committee; the CoA will approve those appointments. The Chief USAGSO Executive will serve as an ex-officio member of the CoA. Council members will include a cross-section of USAGSO regions. The USAGSO CoA shall not discriminate on the basis of race/ethnicity, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation.

Term: A term of membership shall last for three years, with one-third of the membership appointed each year. Terms will begin at the CoA's Summer meeting.

Term Limit: An individual may serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. A member who has served two consecutive terms may be reappointed after a break of one year.

V. Organizational Structure

Officers: The USAGSO CoA will have a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary who are elected for two-year terms by the members of the CoA. Officers may serve up to two consecutive terms. Elections of the Officers will be held at the CoA's Spring Meeting.

Committees: The CoA will have four standing committees with USAGSO support staff: Fund Development, CoA Development, Strategic Partnerships, and Military Liaison. Additional ad hoc committees shall be established as determined by the CoA to support the work of USAGSO.



VI. Procedural Rules

Commission: This Commission governs the CoA operations. This Commission may be amended or changed with a two-third approval of the CoA members.

Meetings: The USAGSO Council of Advisors will meet at least four times per year with one meeting in person. Notices of upcoming meetings will be shared with CoA members at least two weeks before a meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of each meeting will be recorded. Copies will be shared with the Chief USAGSO Executive and CoA members within two weeks after a meeting.

Recommendations and Reports: Committee chairs will submit recommendations and reports in writing to the Chief USAGSO Executive and CoA Chair 10 days prior to the CoA meeting. CoA meeting materials will be issued to CoA members one week prior to the meeting date by the Chief USAGSO Executive.

Dismissal: Members who are absent without reasonable cause from two meetings within one CoA membership term will be considered to have resigned their seat. The CoA Development Committee may appoint an individual to fill the position for the remainder of the term.

Confidentiality: While CoA members are expected and encouraged to discuss the program within the community, CoA members shall not report opinions expressed in meetings, nor shall they report independently on CoA actions or discussions that have not been designated for dissemination.