

Position Summary: USAGSO National Council Delegate & Alternate

POSITION DESCRIPTION

National Council Delegates are elected to three-year terms and serve as the voting representatives of USA Girl Scouts Overseas on the National Council. Throughout their three-year term, they gather feedback from members in their communities, learn about proposals, and act as your community's voice on the National Council. Delegates share insights and report on actions taken by the National Council, at designated USAGSO events.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA [Const., Art. IV, Sec. 3]

- Citizen of the United States
- Registered member of Girl Scouts of the USA
- Age 14 or older as of January 23, 2025

NATIONAL DELEGATE ACCOUNTABILITIES [CONST., ART. V, SEC. 2]

The National Council is authorized to:

- Elect the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee.
- Amend the constitution.
- Establish requirements for credentials.
- Act on proposals.
- Influence the strategic direction of the Movement by providing guidance to the National Board.

DUTIES OF A DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

This is a three-year commitment [Const., Art. IV, Sec. 7]

1. **Throughout the triennium**, those elected by USAGSO as voting members/delegates to the National Council take personal responsibility to:
 - **Represent USAGSO** as voting members of the National Council throughout the triennium (delegates only).
 - **Register for and regularly connect to the Delegate website** for news and updated communications.
 - **Complete training**, which includes self-paced online modules and virtual and in-person sessions.
 - **Attend briefing meetings** conducted by USAGSO leadership; participate in USAGSO forums and focus groups.
 - **Actively gather and consider a broad spectrum** of the opinions of members from across USAGSO territories and across the Movement.

- **Participate in all webinars** sponsored by GSUSA and provide decision-influencing input as requested throughout the triennium.
 - **Engage in opportunities** to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the Movement.
 - **Share learning and insights** with USAGSO members.
 - **Each alternate should be prepared** to step into the role of a voting member at any time.
2. **While attending any regular or special National Council Session**, each voting member is responsible for:
- **Being fully prepared to vote on all business items**, including proposals and the National Board of Directors slate.
 - **Attending all business meetings** of the National Council and participating in the decision-making proceedings.
3. **Upon returning from any regular or special National Council Session**, each National Council voting member/delegate is prepared to:
- **Report out** to the membership of USAGSO on the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions at appropriate meetings, including but not limited to those of the Council of Advisors, Staff, Volunteers, Overseas Committees, as well as to the broader USAGSO constituency.
 - **Share insights** on information gained at the National Council Session.
 - **Assist USAGSO** as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session, including supporting the onboarding of new delegates and alternates.
 - **Participate** in teleconferences/webinars and other opportunities as requested by USAGSO and the National Board Office.

TIME COMMITMENT

While the time commitment varies throughout the triennium and can change from one triennium to the next if special sessions are called, it is important that potential delegates and alternates understand that the role requires an important commitment of time and effort throughout their three-year term.

- **Delegate onboarding** includes GSUSA training on the delegate role, delivered through a series of on-demand webinars, in addition to the welcome and/or orientation programs offered by USAGSO.
- **Delegate education** commitments increase in the months leading up to any regular or special National Council Session. These will include briefings on issues, webinars on proposals, the annual GSUSA stewardship report, and other topics which may arise.
- Monthly online USAGSO **Delegation meetings** will be organized by the Delegate Liaison.
- **Delegate input gathering activities** take place throughout the triennium, and can include in-person meetings, webinars, recordings, posts on the Delegate Website, and surveys.