

**Proposal I**  
**Amendment to the Bylaws**  
**Proposal to change vote required to amend bylaws**

**STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL** *(in the form of a motion)*

That Article XV of the Bylaws of Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc. be amended by inserting the words “present at the meeting” so it will read as follows:

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Council by a two-thirds (b) vote of the members of the Council **present at the meeting**, provided that the subject matter of the proposed amendment shall have been included in the notice of the meeting.

**Rationale**

Under the current Girl Scouts Nassau County Bylaws a quorum (1/2 voting membership + 1) is necessary to conduct the business of the Council, but a two-thirds vote of the membership is necessary to amend the Bylaws.

In recent years attendance at our Annual meeting has just exceeded a quorum, significantly less than two-thirds of the membership, thus making it impossible to amend the Bylaws.

This proposed change is in keeping with the structures proposed by Girl Scouts of the USA and is used in most other Girl Scout Councils. Making the proposed change to the Bylaws would enable our Council to be more nimble in implementing change, and is respectful of the efforts of those who do attend the Council meetings.

***Submitted By***

*In accordance with Article 1, Section 9, subsection (c) of the Bylaws, Girl Scouts of the Bellmore Association respectfully requests that the attached proposal to amend Article XV of the Bylaws of Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc. be placed on the agenda of the May 7, 2008 Annual Meeting of the Council for consideration by its members.*

*As set forth in the Bylaws, Bellmore Association has secured the endorsement of more than nine (9) of the 36 Associations within the Council, thereby requiring that this proposal be placed upon the agenda at the May 7, 2008 meeting for consideration by the members of the Council. The Associations providing endorsement for the placement of this proposal on the agenda are: Bellmore, West Hempstead/Franklin Square, Valley Stream, Seaford/Wantagh, Rockville Centre, Park, Oceanside, Manhasset, Island Beach, Hardscrabble and Bay.*