

Proposal II
Amendment to the Bylaws
Include girls 14 years of age and above as voting Delegates

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

That Article I. Sections 2 and 3 of the Bylaws of Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc. be amended to include the words underlined and in bold to read as follows:

Article I. The Council

2. Membership:

The membership in this Council shall consist of the members of the Board of Directors, the Delegates or Alternates elected by, and representing the **registered members age 14 and above** of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America within the geographic jurisdiction of this Council, members of the Council Nominating Committee, and all past presidents of the Council for as long as each may wish to serve in this capacity. The members of the Council shall each have one vote, and no other persons shall have the right to vote. The members of the Council must be **registered** members of the Girl Scout movement.

3. Delegates - Method of Election, Term, Vacancies:

(a) Associations shall elect one (1) Delegate, and in addition, elect Delegates based on its girl membership as of September 30th of the preceding year according to a formula established for that purpose by the Board of Directors. Associations shall also elect Alternate Delegates, the number to equal at least fifty percent (50%) of the number of Delegates elected. The term of office of one-half of the Delegates and Alternates shall expire on June 15th of each year or until their successors are elected.

(b) Adult Delegates and Alternates shall be elected no later than May 15th for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected to begin June 15th of the same year, and shall not be eligible to serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in each position. Appointment of an Alternate to fill a Delegate vacancy or absence shall be made by the Delegate Chair. Having served three (3) consecutive terms as a Delegate, a Delegate may not serve another term in the position of Delegate or Alternate until one year has elapsed.

(c) Associations may elect up to two girls (age 14 and above) to serve as part of their total allotted delegation. Girl Delegates/Alternates are elected for terms of one (1) year or until their successors are elected to begin June 15th of the same year. Having served three (3) consecutive terms as a Delegate/Alternate, a Girl Delegate may not serve another term in the position of Delegate or Alternate until one year has elapsed.

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Rationale

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) states that the minimum age to be a delegate to the National convention is 14 years of age. Girl Scouts of Nassau County is moving to align with GSUSA's age requirement. Since girls' obligations change from year to year, a shorter term of office has been proposed for girls who are elected as Delegates.

Other sections of the Bylaws also required adjustment to meet the intent of giving girls leadership roles and greater voice in the organization. [See Proposal III]

Submitted By

In accordance with Article I, Section 9, subsection (c) of the Bylaws, Girl Scouts of the Rockville Centre Association respectfully requests that the attached proposal to amend Article I, Sections 2 and 3 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, Rockville Centre 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: Rockville Centre, ELLM, Merrick, Bellmore, West Hempstead/Franklin Square, Valley Stream, Seaford/Wantagh, Park, Oceanside, Manhasset, Island Beach, and Bay.