

Proposal III
Amendment to the Bylaws
Membership of an Association expanded to include girls age 14 and above

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

That Article IX Sections 2 of the Bylaws of Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc. be amended by inserting the words “age 14 and above” to read as follows:

Article IX: Field Organization

2. Associations:

There shall be within each geographic subdivision an Association. The membership of an Association shall consist of registered members of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. **age 14 and above** affiliated with the work of the Association.

Rationale

If we are going to give girls 14 and above the ability to vote on Council matters, as Delegates, it follows that they should also be allowed to vote on Association matters. If we have girl members representing Associations we should have girls voting for them as well. Giving the vote in Association to girl members assures democratic process at the Associations level and includes girls as well as adult voices. This is in line with Bylaws of other Councils and recommendations from GSUSA.

Submitted By

In accordance with Article 1, Section 9, subsection (c) of the Bylaws, Girl Scouts of the Valley Stream Association respectfully requests that the attached proposal to amend Article IX 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, Valley Stream 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: Bay, Bellmore, ELLM, Elmont, Island Beach, Manhasset, Merrick, Oceanside, Park, Rockville Centre, Seaford/Wantagh, Valley Stream and West Hempstead/Franklin Square.