



TIMING FOR THE ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES IN COUNCILS

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Statement of Proposal:

Part A

To amend the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA, Article IV (The National Council), Section 5 (Formula for Delegates), by striking and inserting as follows:

Strike out the words “of the year” and insert the words “two years.”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Each local council to which a charter has been issued and remains in force shall be entitled to the following delegates based on the number of girls under its jurisdiction who are members of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America as of September 30 of the year preceding the regular session of the National Council:	Each local council to which a charter has been issued and remains in force shall be entitled to the following delegates based on the number of girls under its jurisdiction who are members of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America as of September 30 [of the year] <u>two years</u> preceding the regular session of the National Council:	Each local council to which a charter has been issued and remains in force shall be entitled to the following delegates based on the number of girls under its jurisdiction who are members of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America as of September 30 two years preceding the regular session of the National Council:

[Words in bracket] = words to be struck
Underlined words = words to be inserted



Part B

Note: Part B will only be considered upon adoption of Part A

To amend the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA, Article IV (The National Council), Section 7 (Term for Delegates), by substitution as follows:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Subject to the requirements of the preceding sections of this article, delegates elected by local councils shall serve as members of the National Council for three years from the date of their election or until their successors are elected, provided they remain the delegates of the local council which elected them; delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas shall serve as members for three years from the date of their selection or until their successors are selected, provided they remain delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas; members of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development</p>	<p>Subject to the requirements of the preceding sections of this article, the term of office of members of the National Council shall be as follows: delegates elected by local councils shall be elected in the calendar year preceding the National Council and shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are elected and assume office, provided they remain the delegates of the local council that elected them; delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas shall be selected in the calendar year preceding the National Council and shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are selected and assume office, provided they</p>	<p>Subject to the requirements of the preceding sections of this article, the term of office of members of the National Council shall be as follows: delegates elected by local councils shall be elected in the calendar year preceding the National Council and shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are elected and assume office, provided they remain the delegates of the local council that elected them; delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas shall be selected in the calendar year preceding the National Council and shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are selected and assume office, provided they remain delegates from</p>



<p>Committee shall be members of the National Council during their term of office; those persons elected by the National Council shall serve until the next regular session of the National Council.</p>	<p>remain delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas; members of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee shall be members of the National Council during their term of office; other persons elected by the National Council shall serve until the next regular session of the National Council.</p>	<p>USA Girl Scouts Overseas; members of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee shall be members of the National Council during their term of office; other persons elected by the National Council shall serve until the next regular session of the National Council.</p>
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FYI (full words struck and inserted)

Subject to the requirements of the preceding sections of this article, the term of office of members of the National Council shall be as follows: ~~[delegates elected by local councils shall serve as members of the National Council for three years from the date of their election]~~ delegates elected by local councils shall be elected in the calendar year preceding the National Council and shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are elected and assume office, provided they remain the delegates of the local council that ~~(which)~~ elected them; delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas shall be selected in the calendar year preceding the National Council and ~~[shall serve as members for three years from the date of their selection]~~ shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are selected and assume office, provided they remain delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas; members of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee shall be members of the National Council during their term of office; those persons elected by the National Council shall serve until the next regular session of the National Council.



Submitted by:

Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Inc.

Rationale of Originating Council:

We believe that if National Council delegates are elected earlier they can be better prepared for their roles, and be involved in helping shape the agenda for the National Council Session. The “current state” is that delegates are elected just in time to review the proposals, get feedback from their local council members and then attend the National Council Session. Our envisioned “future state” is that councils can thoughtfully elect delegates who have demonstrated visionary leadership at the council level; that these delegates can be involved in the strategic learning process within their own council and thus be better prepared to deliberate the future of the movement at the national level; can receive national delegate training through a telecommunications session with members of the National Board; and can potentially be involved in teleconferences with members of the National Board well in advance of the National Council Session to shape the agenda, and to dialogue on issues that might be best handled outside of the National Council Session.

Recommendation of the National Board:

The National Board recommends **adoption** of the proposal.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The proposal should be supported for the reasons stated by the originating Girl Scout council.

Earlier election of National Council delegates by Girl Scout councils was also recommended by the National Governance Task Group.