

Governance Glossary

Alternate Delegate

A registered Girl Scout, 14 years of age or older, elected from within the service unit to represent their service unit members at delegate meetings and at the annual council meeting when a delegate in the delegate regions has officially resigned.

Annual Council Meeting

This is a meeting that is held once a year, that includes all elected delegates and other members. The function of the meeting is vote with respect to election of the Board of Directors, and other Council leaders. The annual meeting is open to all Girl Scout members but only delegates may vote.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of the elected officers of Kentucky's Wilderness Road. Board members are volunteers and are selected from communities throughout the council's jurisdiction and may or may not have a background in Girl Scouts.

C.E.O.

The Chief Executive Officer (paid staff) is hired by the Board of Directors to carry out the strategic direction set by the board; provides leadership and direction to staff and operational volunteers in carrying out the day-to-day operations of Kentucky's Wilderness Road Council

Cluster Are Nominating and Resource Committee

A team of volunteers who recruit other volunteers to fill the position of Cluster Area Chair, Cluster Vice Chair, members of this committee and promote adult recognitions.

Decision Influencing Volunteers

Governance volunteers with the responsibility of influencing the governance of the organization, without the responsibility for the final decision.

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Governance

The process by which the board of directors, led by the board president, exercises its ultimate authority and fulfills its responsibility for furthering and ensuring the Girl Scout Mission; for the care, custody, and oversight of Girl Scouting within its jurisdiction; and for providing strategic direction and leadership for Kentucky's Wilderness Road Council.

Jurisdiction

This is a geographic area established by the National Board of Directors for which a Girl Scout council is granted a charter.

National Council Delegates

Elected at the Annual Council Meeting; will represent Kentucky's Wilderness Road at the National Council Session. The number of National Council delegates is assigned by GSUSA and is based on the number of registered girls within the council's jurisdiction.

Operations

Activities required to carry out the integrated operating objectives of the council and performed by operational volunteers and/or employees, who are ultimately accountable to the C.E.O.

Policy

A policy is an established, binding course of action that must be followed.

Service Unit Association Chair

A volunteer responsible for running one meeting a year (September or October), for the service unit association. Meeting includes presentation of awards, selection of delegates and any policy influencing issues.

Service Unit Manager

The lead volunteer in a geographic area set up to deliver Girl Scout programming at the local level.

Slate

The group/list of nominees for elected positions at the Board of Directors level.

Take Group/Committee

A committee created to work on specific projects that are related to governance, for example: Bylaws Task Group, Property Committee.