

National Council Alternate Delegate Comments

Jeanne Ambrosio	If I was to be selected to attend the National Convention as a delegate to represent Connecticut, I would bring the voice of CT Girl Scouts to other Girl Scouts across the country and to Girl Scout leadership. I would be able to share what is unique about CT Girl Scouts. I could share the experience of merging five councils into one larger council. I would bring the concerns and needs of the CT Girl Scouts and represent their needs and wishes.
	I would learn from scouts from other parts of the country what they do, what they have done that works, and doesn't work. I would bring back to CT Girl Scouts what the vision of the future is for GSUSA. As a means of sharing with all CT Girl Scouts I could foresee a delegate newsletter where delegates could get feedback on issues before they go, and share with the local service units what is happening on a national level.
	By being a delegate I would help CT Girl Scouts have a say in the future of Girl Scouting. It would help me to continue to grow as a leader, service unit volunteer, and council volunteer, thus providing a better experience for the Girl Scouts of CT.
Sally Berry	My experience and training in fund development will help me make knowledgeable contributions to discussions of fund raising. I also feel there is much which can be learned from other councils on this subject which I could not bring back to GSOFCT. In addition, I want to bring back a more in-depth understanding of the new philosophy, policies, and programs which will help us as we move forward in building our new council. My many years of leadership positions in this organization will help me to understand and beneficially share what I learn.
Anne Hayes	Anne is Director, Parking & Mass Transit, nationwide for The Travelers Companies, Inc. She received her B.A. degree in Art History, cum laude, from the University of Hartford, a teaching certificate from Central Connecticut State University, and is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts of the USA. She currently serves as the First Vice President of the Girl Scouts of Connecticut and has been a member of the Girl Scouts for almost 40 years. She served as Third Vice President of the board of the legacy Connecticut Valley Girl Scout Council and was a leader for over 10 years. She is a First Class scout, former Senior Planning Board Advisor, and she has served on numerous committees – Gold Award, Council Performance Assessment, and as Chair of the Long-Range Property Committee. She is a former board member (two terms), member of the Nominating Committee, Delegate to the National Council Session, Detroit, MI in 1984, and Conference Assistant, World Conference of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Tarrytown, NY, 1984. Anne served on the Council Realignment Committee, working on the Properties Task Group and Nominating Committee.
Karen Hoffman	I believe my contribution to the National Council Session and Girl Scouts of Connecticut would be two-fold. First would be my experience on the operational side as a leader and progressing up to the position of service unit manager for Cheshire. It gave me an opportunity to learn how the operational side of a Girl Scout Council works with the volunteers and what is expected when working with girls. I also had the opportunity to experience what it is like to oversee numerous troops at one time as a service unit manager.

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	<p>Second would be my experience on the Board of Directors. It was a very interesting transitioning from the operational side to the policy side of a council. It was difficult at times and yet I had the opportunity to not only see things through the perspective of an operational volunteer but also as a policy setting volunteer understanding that the two are separate. Because of these opportunities that I was fortunate enough to experience, I will be able to look at any possible issues that come up at the National Council Session from both sides and come up with a decision that will benefit the girls of Connecticut.</p>
	<p>I also had the opportunity to serve on the Council Realignment Committee regarding the merging of the five councils in Connecticut. It would be very interesting to see if there is any information given during the National Session regarding the process that has been made of realigning the other councils nationally. It is a wonderful opportunity to be able to attend a National Council Session to represent their council. If selected, I would be available to bring the message(s)) from the National Session to Regional Service Units and Annual Meetings.</p>
<p>Prescille Yamamoto</p>	<p>I am active in the Training and Recognitions Committees of the Council. Sharing my experiences would go directly to the grassroots of the council. As one of the two GSUSA delegates to the World Trainers Conference in Puna, India in 1989, I am still promoting the World Centers, International Experiences and Girl Guide/Girl Scouting experiences. Several of us from the original group meet every three to five years and share experiences. I would also like to see a legacy member involved as part of the delegation. I have participated in the National Council Meeting in the past, participated in national wider opportunities and regional/state-wide events. Thank you for this opportunity.</p>

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