



GOVERNANCE REGIONS AND DELEGATES

Overview

The governance structure of Girl Scouts of Connecticut is designed to ensure that members have a voice in the decision-influencing process of the Council.

Regions

On October 1, 2007, the Board of Directors approved that for governance purposes there will be eight (8) Regions following the existing county structure utilized in the state.

- Fairfield
- Hartford
- Litchfield
- Middlesex
- New Haven
- New London
- Tolland
- Windham

Region Chairs

Each Region shall have a Region Chair as detailed in the Bylaws.

Some of the responsibilities of the Region Chair are as follows:

- hold meetings for Region members,
- facilitate the election of Delegates for the Region,
- communicate with the members of the Region,
- conduct other business of the Council as necessary.

Delegates

As stated in the Bylaws, the number of Delegates is based on the number of girls registered in each Region as of September 30, 2007.

Region	# of Delegates
Fairfield	15
Hartford	16
Litchfield	4
Middlesex	3
New Haven	12
New London	5
Tolland	3
Windham	3

Delegate Job Description

The responsibilities of a Delegate are detailed in the Bylaws (see website). Some of the responsibilities of a Delegate are listed below.

- Elect the officers and members of the Board of Directors.
- Elect the members of the Board Nominating and Development committee.
- Receive and respond to information from the Board.
- Vote on issues as necessary.
- Attend a minimum of three (3) meetings of the corporation each year.

Election of Delegates

Registered members of the Council who are 14 years of age and older are eligible to be Delegates. Regional Delegates are elected by the registered members of GSOFCCT who are 14 years of age and older within their Region.

Region	Delegate Elections
Fairfield	TBD
Hartford	TBD
Litchfield	TBD
Middlesex	TBD
New Haven	TBD
New London	TBD
Tolland	TBD
Windham	TBD

Council Delegate Application

See the Council Delegate Application form and accompanying information available at Service Centers and on the website. The application may be completed online or may be mailed or emailed to Margaret Tantillo, GSOFCT, 340 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106, or mtantillo@gsofct.org.

The application deadline is by 5 p.m. on March 13, 2008.

A slate of candidates for each Region will be assembled and posted on the website. Each Region will meet and elect Delegates at meetings in March-April.

Governance Service Unit Representatives

Service Units

Within each Region there will be subdivisions known as Service Units.

As stated in the Bylaws each Service Unit is eligible to have at least one Service Unit Representative.

On November 14, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the following policy regarding the number of Service Unit Representatives for each Service Unit.

There will be:

- One (1) Service Unit Representative for each Service Unit with up to 500 girl members.
- One (1) additional Service Unit Representative for each Service Unit with between 501 and 1,000 girl members.
- Two (2) additional Service Unit Representatives for each Service Unit with over 1,000 girl members.

See the list of the Service Units by Region and the number of Service Unit Representatives available on the website.

Job Description

The responsibilities of a Service Unit Representative are detailed in the Bylaws. Some of the responsibilities are listed below.

- Act as liaison between the Service Unit and the Region's Delegates. Share information and present the views of the Service Unit members to the Region's Delegates.
- Present policy issues to Service Unit members.
- Provide input on proposed plans, policies, and other matters referred by the Region's Delegates or by the Board of Directors.
- Attend a minimum of two (2) Regional meetings each year.