

**GIRL SCOUTS OF LOUISIANA – PINES TO THE GULF
REGIONAL MEETING AGENDA**



**OCTOBER 14 & 28, 2025
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

PRESENTER	ITEM
Staff Member	1. Gift card giveaway
Board Member	2. Meeting called to order and welcome
Board Member	3. Purpose for Regional Meetings
Board Member	4. Conduct election of delegates and delegate convener to the Annual Meeting.
Rachel	• Happy New Year! Embrace Our Year of Impact Powered by Purpose. • Council Operations Updates ✓ Updates on the Cookie Program for MY2026 ✓ Welcome to Rallyhood: A new and improved way to stay informed! ✓ Let's Go Mission Delivery Team • 58th National Council Session Updates and
Board Member	5. Board of Directors' nominee ask
Board Member	6. Annual Meeting Invite. Everyone 14 years and older is invited, and attendance is required for delegates.
Staff	7. Door prize giveaway
	8. Remind to complete online survey
	9. Adjourn

Here's How You Can Participate

Shreveport In-Person Meeting: October 14

Lafayette In-Person Meeting: October 28

Virtual Session: October 28

GIRL SCOUTS OF LOUISIANA – PINES TO THE GULF CONFUSED ABOUT REGIONS, DELEGATES, AND ANNUAL MEETINGS?

Here are some WHO's, WHAT's, and WHY's to help answer your questions.

WHAT are Regional Meetings and WHY are they important?

Regions are geographic areas within the council jurisdiction established by the board of directors. Regions fulfill two major functions of the council's democratic process.

1. Provide the structure for the election of delegates, formation of the corporation, and a formal channel of communication from the board of directors to the membership.
2. Allow the membership a way to participate in council business, enabling them to influence board decisions and the council's strategic plan, react to and give input on matters that may be referred by the board of directors, and initiate proposals to the board of directors on matters of importance to the total membership.

WHY are delegates elected and WHAT do they do?

In Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf, delegates are elected through regional meetings to be members of the corporation (or to be the delegate body).

Delegates must attend the Annual Meeting where they have an opportunity to fulfill the following responsibilities:

1. Give direction for Girl Scouting within the council's geographic area.
2. Receive the stewardship report from the board of directors, including a report on the council's financial status.
3. Hear any other pertinent reports.
4. Take part in discussions about major areas of concern or future actions that will have an impact on the total council.
5. Take action on proposals that have been approved by the board of directors.
6. Amend the council articles of incorporation and bylaws.
7. Elect the officers and members of the board of directors and nominating committee and the delegates to the National Council.

Delegates need to be informed of the issues to be discussed at the Annual Meeting before the meeting day. The council will provide training and/or an informational packet to meet this need of the delegates.

THE DELEGATES HAVE THE AUTHORITY BOTH TO GIVE GUIDANCE TO THE OVERALL POLICY DIRECTION OF THE COUNCIL AND TO ELECT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONGOING POLICY DECISIONS – THE CORPORATE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

As delegates participate in the official business of the corporation (council), they become members of the select group of individuals who are fulfilling our founder, Juliette Low's dream that the representatives from every community be involved in making decisions about the future of the Girl Scout movement in the United States of America.

WHY are Annual Meetings important?

The Annual Meeting is a Girl Scout council's deliberative assembly – the factual reality of its democratic principles and practices. It is important for several reasons.

1. The corporation (council) is required by state law to meet at least once a year.
2. The annual meeting provides the opportunity for delegates to become involved in the council's planning process and be informed on the anticipated future of Girl Scouting in the council.
3. The business conducted by the council at the annual meeting – the election of its volunteer leadership and discussion of major policy issues – legally enables the corporation (council) to continue its work.

WHO may attend the Annual Meeting?

1. It is the responsibility of the elected delegates to attend the meeting.
2. Any registered Girl Scout 14 years or older is also invited to attend.

Note: Only elected delegates have the power to vote.

Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf Council

Regional Delegate

APPOINTED BY:	Elected position
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Region Members
MAJOR CONTACT:	Membership Specialist
PURPOSE:	To act on behalf of their region in regard to the business of the council

ELECTION OF DELEGATES

Delegates are elected by majority vote at the Regional Meeting. The number of council delegates from each region shall be determined by a formula based upon girl membership as of August. Alternate delegates shall be elected and certified by the region at the same time as the delegates.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✓ Attend and participate in Annual and Regional Meetings during his/her term of office.
- ✓ Review and discuss items of business with other delegates and their region prior to the annual meeting.
- ✓ Report to his/her region following the annual meeting.
- ✓ Elect the officers of the council, the members-at-large of the board of directors, board development committee, and delegates and alternates to the National Council of Girl Scouts of the United States of America.
- ✓ Determine the general lines of direction for Girl Scouting locally, by receiving and acting upon reports of the board of directors and by giving guidance to the board.
- ✓ Amend the council articles of incorporation and bylaws.
- ✓ Take all action requiring membership vote, within the responsibilities of the council.
- ✓ Conduct such other business as may, from time to time, come before him/her.

COMPETENCIES

- ✓ An understanding and acceptance of GSUSA and council policies and of your responsibility to Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf Council.
- ✓ Be a currently registered member of GSUSA, at least 14 years old in region from which elected.

- ✓ An understanding and acceptance of the Girl Scout Promise, Law, Mission and four program goals.
- ✓ Be an active member in region elected.
- ✓ Be interested in the business of the council and willing to participate in council, regional, and service unit meetings.
- ✓ Be willing to report and share the business of council with the region.

BENEFITS

- ✓ Being a part of the democratic process by voting on behalf of your geographic area in areas concerning policy and the election of new board members.

TIME REQUIRED

- ✓ Delegates are elected for one year.
- ✓ Attendance at Regional Meeting, Annual Meeting and Service Unit Meetings prior to and after Annual Meeting.

Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf Council

Regional Delegate Convener

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RESPONSIBLE TO:	Region Members
MAJOR CONTACT:	Membership Specialist
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ELECTION OF DELEGATE CONVENER

Delegate Conveners are elected by majority vote at the Regional Meeting.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✓ Convene, as necessary, the delegates elected by the region to inform them of issues to be considered at the annual meeting.
- ✓ Fill vacancies in delegate roster from the alternate delegate roster and notify the council office of the change.
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REFERRAL FORM FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

Persons referred must meet the following criteria:

1. Accept the principles, beliefs, and purpose of Girl Scouting.
2. Understand cultural, social, and economic trends, and their effect on Girl Scouting and its activities.
3. Have the ability to weigh facts and issues for decision making.
4. Be available to attend meetings.

☐ Mrs.	☐ Ms.	☐ Miss	☐ Mr.	☐ Other _____
Last Name		First Name		
Address				
City		State	Zip	
Employer		Title		
Business Address				
City		State	Zip	
Telephone: Home		Business	Fax	
Submitted By:				
Last Name		First Name	Telephone	
Address				
City		State	Zip	
Return to: Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf 1720 Kaliste Saloom Rd., Suite C1 Lafayette, LA 70508-6140				

GSUSA national policy on selection of adult's states: "Members of Girl Scout council boards of directors ... shall be selected so that the boards of directors represent diverse population groups and can bring to their deliberations a variety of points of view and life experiences, as well as access to cultural, religious, educational, civic, and economic resources." (Blue Book of Basic Documents)

We are providing this attachment to assist the nominating committee in fulfilling this requirement. However, this form is optional.

Race:	☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native	☐ Asian or Pacific Islander	☐ Black	☐ White	
Those Reported Also of Hispanic Origin:					
	☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native	☐ Asian or Pacific Islander	☐ Black	☐ White	
Age Range:	☐ 18-29	☐ 30-39	☐ 40-49	☐ 50-59	☐ 60 plus
Religious Preference:					
☐ American Indian Spiritual Tradition		☐ Islamic		☐ Jewish	
☐ Buddhist	☐ Catholic	☐ Hindu	☐ Protestant		
☐ Other _____					

Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf Action Proposal

Date: _____

From:

Phone#: _____ (Home) _____ (Cell) Address:

_____ City:

_____ Zip: _____ Service Unit #: _____

Action Desired:

Reasons:

Suggestions for carrying out action (Be specific):

Support:

Signed: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Referred to: _____

Action taken: _____ By Whom: _____ Date: _____

Date Notification of action mailed: _____ Signed: _____

ACTION PROPOSALS: PUTTING IDEAS INTO ACTION

The following material is intended to assist the membership in formulating proposals and use of channels so that communication between members, the board of directors, and the chief executive officer may effectively occur.

There are several channels that are open to the membership. Communicate idea while it is in the early conception state to:

Region Convener
Service Unit Manager
Troop Support Specialist
Chair of the Council
Chief Executive Officer
or
Mail to Council Service Center

It will be processed and sent to the proper group or person for an answer and/or implementation. Proposals concerning Council Policy should be directed to the board of directors and proposals concerning operations should be directed to the chief executive officer.

The individual or group initiating the idea should formalize the idea and submit a written proposal containing:

1. A statement of the action desired.
2. The reason for the action and the anticipated results.
3. Suggestions for carrying out action.
4. The support or the number of people supporting the proposals.

Persons initiating proposals will receive prompt replies to their proposals. Assistance is available from the Region Convener or the membership specialist to an individual or group in formalizing the proposal.

If the proposal involves action at the council meeting, it is advisable to plan a three-month time period between the origin of the proposal and council meeting.