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Dear GSHPA membership,

In follow up to the Annual Meeting on April 22, I am writing to inform you of the important governance decisions that were made during our time together and advise you of how those changes impact the work of the organization moving forward.

Bylaw Revisions: The Council Delegates voted on several revisions to GSHPA's bylaws at the Annual Meeting. The Delegates voted to use the name Service Unit to describe the 75 consortiums of troops throughout the Council. (Previously referred to as Communities. Please allow GSHPA time to revamp all necessary materials to reflect this name change.)

Also, the term of Service Unit Delegates, Board members, Board officers and Board Development Committee members was changed to match GSHPA's fiscal year (October 1-September 30).

Finally, the composition and responsibilities of the Board Development Committee was amended to more closely align with recommended size and strategies as defined by Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). The Committee will now be comprised of 5-7 members and will have the following responsibilities:

- Provide to the membership, in accordance with the time frame established by GSUSA, a single slate of delegates and alternates to the National Council Session of GSUSA.
- Develop in conjunction with the board of directors:
 - board orientation and education materials;
 - board development materials;
 - methods for identifying needed skills and talents for the board of directors and committees
 - methods for board succession planning;
 - methods for board self-assessment process
 - plan board orientation and board development training sessions as needed and/or as directed by the board of directors.

Election of GSHPA Service Unit Delegates: Service Units should move forward with conducting elections for Council Delegates. Delegates' terms will now reflect the fiscal year, beginning in October 2017. If you have questions about delegate elections in your Service Unit, please contact customer care@gshpa.org.

Election of the Board of Directors: The following individuals were elected at the Annual Meeting:

Board of Directors

- Karen Deklinski
- Nancy Tulli
- Deborah Vereen
- Adrienne Vicari
- Karen Best
- Joanne Bankos
- Betsy Keefer

**Board of Directors
Officers**

- Veronica Longenecker
Chair
- Kathy McCorkle
Vice-Chair
- Melinda Ghilardi
Secretary
- Stacy Kalnn
Treasurer

Election of the Board Development Committee: Three new Board Development Committee members were elected for a first two-year term on the committee:

- Betsy Keefer
- Dana Little
- Elizabeth "Beth" Schluter

National Delegates: In October of 2017, the **G.I.R.L. National convention** will take place in Columbus, Ohio. I am pleased to share that the following girl and adult members of our Council were elected to serve as **National Delegates** and represent GSHPA at this important meeting:

Adult Delegates

Kathy Williams
Kim King
Christine Clouse

Girl Delegates

Sarah Frick
Jocelyn Little
Joy Tushek
Elizabeth Heidecker
Charlotte Molitoris

Staff Delegates

Ellen Kyzer, MPA
Suzanne Moore, MSHR

Thank you for your dedication to building girls of courage, confidence and character.

Yours in Girl Scouting,



Veronica Longenecker
Board Chair



Committed to helping today's girls become tomorrow's leaders in the following counties:
Adams, Carbon, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton,
Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe,
Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Union,
Wayne, Wyoming and York.