

THE ROLE OF A BOARD MEMBER

Board members must:

- Accept the basic beliefs and principles that support the organization
- Become registered members of the Girl Scout movement at www.gswcf.org/JOIN
- Pledge a minimum donation of \$1,000 and secure a minimum donation/sponsorship of \$500

Board members are responsible for:

- Assuring that the beliefs and principles of the movement and the council's total needs are reflected in the decisions they make
- Participating actively in developing the council's financial resources by making a significant personal financial contribution and by influencing contributions from others
- Understanding the budget-building process as it relates to council goals and objectives and to financial reports and the annual audit

Board members are expected to:

- Participate in 100% of the meetings of the Board of Directors
- Be actively engaged throughout the year in the council's fund development program
- Participate in board and council activities with volunteers such as Area Association meetings, appreciation events recognizing volunteers, Gold Award celebrations, etc.
- Serve on at least one standing committee or task force
- Accept and support majority board decisions despite personal opinion to the contrary
- Respect and maintain confidentiality
- Relinquish operational management functions of GSWCF while a member of the board of directors (i.e., Troop Leader, Service Unit Team member)

Major functions of the board:

- Fulfilling charter and corporate obligations
- Policy-making
- Fund development
- Strategic planning
- Financial management
- Relating to the chief executive officer
- Interacting with the community

The board is accountable to:

- The corporation
- The National Board of Directors of GSUSA
- Local, state and federal governments
- The communities it serves