



Agenda Item Identification Code
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Agenda Item Submission Form 58th National Council Session

Name of Girl Scout Council(s)

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

City

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Chicago

IL

If a group of councils is submitting a single agenda item, all councils must be listed on this form.

Is this council(s) submitting a Discussion Topic or ☒ Proposal?

Is this a ☐ draft or a ☒ final submission?

Write the following information exactly as the council wishes it to appear in the *Workbook* if accepted for the agenda.

TITLE OF PROPOSAL OR DISCUSSION TOPIC

Membership Dues & Procedures for registration

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL OR DISCUSSION TOPIC, QUESTION, OR ISSUE

(Proposals should be written in the form of a motion)

TOPIC, QUESTION, OR ISSUE

or

THAT

or

TO **I move** that the Credentials Section of the Blue Book of Basic Documents, Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration be revised as follows:

The National Board of Directors must obtain approval from the National Council whenever a planned dues increase will result in dues increasing more than a total of ~~25%~~ **15%** in any one triennium.

REASONS:

1. What is the issue the discussion topic or proposal is trying to address?
2. Are there other ways to address this issue?
3. How does this proposal improve Movement governance or policy? OR How does this discussion topic inform Movement strategy?
4. Does this agenda item have Movement-wide significance? Does it apply to all councils?
5. Is this agenda item time-sensitive? What happens if it is not addressed at NCS 58?

1. 25% of the upcoming \$65 dues is a much larger dollar amount than was 25% of the \$25 dues amount when this was first proposed in 2020.

2. The issue of limiting the dues increases within each triennium gives the National Board the opportunity to react to financial conditions without consulting the National Council, however when this proposal was created, we could not have predicted the level of dues increase needed to make our national organization whole. The thoughtful and robust discussions and debate which resulted from the Special Session allowed the National Council and the National Board to reach an agreed-upon dues increase, and those discussions should happen regularly. Discussions such as this are essential to maintain the partnership between the National Board and the National Council, and therefore should happen on a regular basis, potentially at every National Council Session, if needed. Amending the 25% level to 15% we feel allows enough leeway for the National Board to keep up with inflation, while reinforcing the importance of the National Council in making the tougher decision should another large increase in National Dues be necessary.

3. Membership Dues increases should be reasonable and gradual to keep pace with inflation. Large dues increases would be best appropriately debated by the membership.

4. Yes. And Yes

5. Yes, this saves the additional cost of holding another Special Session, while moderating the level of dues increase the National Board can impose between sessions of the National Council.

Indicate the projected expenditure and impact on resources for councils and the national organization, for a five (5) year period.

This proposal revises the guardrails on the National Board to increase dues without consulting the National Council but would also allow for robust discussion on finances and membership dues at each triennial National Council session as needed.



Jackie Barlow

5.30.2025

Signature and Printed Name of chair, council board of directors

Date of council board meeting

Open Comment and Collaboration Period: April 7-May 14, 2025

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Final Submission Deadline: May 30, 2025

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