



Agenda Item Identification Code  
(For National Board Office only):

Girl Scouts of the USA  
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New York, NY 10018-2798

## Agenda Item Submission Form 58th National Council Session

Name of Girl Scout Council(s)

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan

City

Kalamazoo

State

Michigan

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

Voting for any dues increase must be done during an in-person National Council Session.

### STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL OR DISCUSSION TOPIC, QUESTION, OR ISSUE

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

TOPIC, QUESTION, OR ISSUE

Procedure voting on dues

or

THAT

or

TO Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan motions the GSUSA Bylaws be updated to include any votes for dues increases may only be done as part of an in-person National Council Session. This will allow voting Delegates to discuss dues increase in person with Delegates from other councils and during a National Council Session.

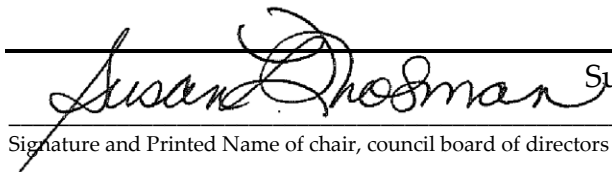
REASONS:

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. Online sessions and online voting does not give Delegates a true opportunity to debate with Delegates from other councils. GSUSA needs to anticipate dues increase in a timely manner and not in-between National Council Sessions.
  2. No
  3. This policy update will allow a better experience for Girl Delegates on the proper way to vote on policy changes.
  4. The requirement that all dues voting be conducted at Tri-Annual Council Sessions will save money by eliminating special meetings.
  5. Yes. If it's not addressed at the 58<sup>th</sup> NCS, special sessions could continue to occur in between sessions. Also, this will put the Board on notice that special sessions regarding dues cannot be called outside of tri-annual sessions.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

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

This is a cost-saving proposal, and it will eliminate the expense of a special council session.

  
 Signature and Printed Name of chair, council board of directors

Susan L. Thorman

05/21/25

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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If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page.