

Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley Delegate Bulletin

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Girl Scouts of Western New York Name CEO

The CEO Search Committee is pleased to announce that at the April 6, 2008 meeting of the Council Realignment Committee, Mrs. Cindy Odom was unanimously appointed as the new CEO of the Girl Scout Council of Western New York. Cindy has experience as a Membership Director and is currently serving as the CEO of the Girl Scouts of Buffalo and Erie County. She will begin her new position on May 1, 2008 and will be located at the Girl Scouts of Niagara County Service Center in Cambria. We ask you to welcome her and look forward to her leadership as we become one new Council --- the Girl Scout Council of Western New York!

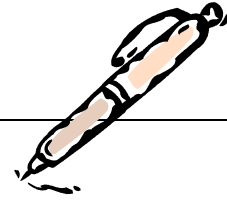
That said I know you will agree that we have been lead by a very talented and tireless CEO. She has been the catalyst in seeing that our Board has been fully informed and has followed the by-laws and policies that have been in place. She has been visionary in staff structures, community partnerships and membership initiatives. She has brought humor and dedication to her role, even when dealing with budget cuts and restraints. She has become a personal friend who has made me and the Board the beneficiaries of her support. She has my sincerest respect for the work she has done to bring this realignment to fruition.

Sincerely,

Helene

Helene Diederich, Chairman
Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley

Letter to Mary Worboys-Turner



Dear Mary,

The Delegates from Genesee Valley have voiced some recommendations they would like to forward to the Board of Western New York. We appreciate your consideration of items listed below:

Certification of Incorporation – Exhibit A, Item 2: It was felt the paragraph describing the “purpose” was perhaps lifted from a very old certificate and did not reflect the new language of leadership. Others voiced an opinion that the language even though old-fashioned is still relevant and embraces the Girl Scout culture. The bylaws (item 13.2) state the Certificate may be amended and the Delegates encouraged the good business practice of periodic review.

Bylaws – When referring to Girl Scouts’ role on the Board of Directors, it may be wise to change the terminology from “Senior” scout to “Older” scout. This might remove the ambiguity between Senior, Ambassador and a Girl Scout who is of age for the role.

Delegate Body – it is recommended that the Board make a priority of short-term or interim Delegate selection as soon as possible. The bylaws outline of the Delegate terms would leave a large gap in representation and corresponding communication until the new term of office that is stated as April 1, 2009.

National Delegates – The currently approved National Delegates would need to be re-instated or changed to gain approval by the new Council. As the National Council Session is in October, it is considered a priority that this issue be addressed as soon as possible.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness on these issues, and for the opportunity to forward our recommendations and concerns to the new Board. We offer our best wishes and are available for any assistance you may need.

Helene Diederich, President
Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley

Council Realignment Committee Responds to Delegates' Concern

At our April Delegate Information Meetings, *GSGV* delegates pointed out that from the 1st of July (day one for the new council) until delegates can be elected the following winter, there is no body politic representing the membership to the Board of Directors resulting in no avenue for the board to learn the views of the membership.

Your *Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley* representatives to the Council Realignment Committee raised this issue at the April 6th meeting of the CRC. Also in attendance at this meeting were the officer candidates of the Board of Directors for *Girl Scouts of Western New York*.

The Council Realignment Committee agreed with the views of *GSGV* delegates. Therefore it is recommending that the new Board of Directors request current council delegates to serve as the communication link for the membership until the new council's delegates are elected.



Also on the agenda, the CRC adopted a recommendation for allocating the number of National Delegates for the new council. It was agreed there would be six delegates from Buffalo & Erie County, seven delegates from *Genesee Valley*, two each from *Niagara* and *Southwestern Girl Scouts*.