

What's in This Packet?

This is an invitation to the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts' Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. It includes a lot of information on the business items that we will discuss at the meeting. The bylaws of GSCWM require that every member of our council age 14 or over receive this information because they are eligible to vote at this meeting. This page will give you an overview of the materials in this packet and the meeting and appreciation dinner in general.

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When and where is the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner?

The Annual Meeting and Appreciation Dinner will take place on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. The Annual Meeting will last about an hour (3-4 pm) with the Volunteer Recognition Dinner to immediately follow.

What will happen at the Annual Meeting?

The Board Chairperson and the CEO will each give an account of what has been happening at GSCWM over the last year. A slate of nominees for Board Members, Board Development Committee Members and delegates to the GSUSA National Council Session will be presented for a vote. A change to the bylaws will be proposed and put to a vote. Both the new slate of nominees and the proposed bylaw change are included in this packet to help you prepare for the meeting. Members of the GSCWM Girl Leadership Board will present some of their work and the GSCWM Chorus will be performing.

What are bylaws and what is being amended?

Bylaws are a set of regulations and rules by which an organization conducts its business. The bylaws of GSCWM cover topics such as how directors are elected, how meetings of directors and members are conducted, what officers the organization will have and a description of their duties. This is a legal document to which GSCWM is held accountable. At the upcoming Annual Meeting, a proposal will be presented to change the fiscal year of GSCWM from the calendar year to the Girl Scout membership year (October 1 - September 30).

The GSCWM Store Will Be On-Site!

The GSCWM Store will be on-site at the Annual Meeting and Appreciation Dinner with a variety of newly-branded Girl Scout items and 100th Anniversary merchandise. Be the first in your town to have the newest mugs, clothing, and pins!



What if I cannot attend the Annual Meeting, but want to vote?

While we very much hope that all of our members will attend this important meeting, the reality is that many will not be able to attend in person. Therefore, you have the option to vote via proxy. This proxy will help ensure your voice is heard and will count toward our quorum requirement. In this packet, you will find information, instructions, and a form to use if you choose to cast a vote by proxy.

What is the Volunteer Recognition Dinner?

This is a celebration of the volunteers who make Girl Scouts what it is today. We look forward to sharing a meal and the camaraderie that makes Girl Scouting so special. We will be presenting national awards and recognizing members who have reached membership milestones of 25 years or more.