



Girl Scouts of Western Washington Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, February 4, 1-3:15 PM

Where: Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: February 1

DELEGATE PACKET

Thank you for agreeing to represent your service unit as a delegate to the 2023 Girl Scouts of Western Washington Annual Meeting! As a service unit delegate or other voting member of the council, your responsibilities include electing our GSWW board and board officers. This year your duties also include updating our council bylaws in response to changes from the State of Washington. This packet included board nominee bios and the updated bylaws for your review.

The 2023 annual meeting will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. There is no cost to the meeting, but all attendees must register. You will receive a login link to the Zoom meeting after registering. You will vote electronically via a link or QR code.



Use the link below to register for the meeting.
Registration is required to receive the confirmation packet with the Zoom link.

[Delegate Registration](#)

Board of Directors Nominees

Girl Scouts of Western Washington’s Board of Directors is charged with working in partnership with the CEO and other staff to provide mission-based, strategic direction and governance and fiduciary oversight for the council. Board members participate in defining the strategic framework of the organization then monitor progress toward established goals and actively participate on various committees. As individuals who care deeply about the Girl Scout mission and our council’s vision, board members are engaged in the community as ambassadors of Girl Scouts of Western Washington and work in collaboration with our philanthropy team to facilitate the identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of individual donors and corporate and foundation partners.

Returning Board Members: The following are returning board members at large who are up for reelection to three-year terms.

Erin Jones: University Place



Erin Jones has been involved in and around schools for 30 years. She has taught in a variety of environments, from predominantly Black to predominantly White to some of the most diverse communities in the nation. Erin received an award as the Most Innovative Foreign Language Teacher in 2007, while teaching in Tacoma and was the Washington State Milken Educator of the Year in 2008, while teaching in Spokane. She received recognition at the White House in March of 2013 as a “Champion of Change” and was Washington State PTA’s “Outstanding Educator” in 2015. After serving as a classroom teacher and instructional coach, Erin worked as an executive for two state superintendents. Erin left the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2012 to work in college access at the school district level. She left her job to run as a candidate for state superintendent and was the first Black woman to run for any state office in Washington state, a race she lost by a mere 1%.

Erin has three adult children—a daughter and two sons—with her husband of 29 years, James, who is a teacher and head football coach at Timberline High School in the North Thurston School District. When the pandemic stopped schools and travel Erin decided to take her skills and passion online. She offered 83 days of free teaching to both children and adults from mid-March to the end of June. Her choice to engage, especially as racial and political conflict erupted across the nation, created a platform for her to be more engaged than ever as a speaker and trainer in her career. She has logged thousands of hours on Zoom and she continues to facilitate free virtual gatherings for adults and children several days per week. She published a book in 2021 entitled “Bridges to Heal US, Stories and Strategies for Racial Healing.”

Elizabeth Hunter: Bellevue



Elizabeth recently joined Chief, a private network built to drive more women into positions of power and keep them there. Prior to this she was Senior Vice President - Technology Strategy Implementation at T-Mobile, responsible for developing plans and implementing high-impact technology and strategy projects, driving cross functional planning, communication, contention management and accountabilities across the organization. Elizabeth has served on Girl Scouts of Western Washington's board of directors since 2020.

Lisa Modisette: Normandy Park



Lisa Modisette is a Strategic Advisor for Info Insight and a former Vice President at HBO. Whether working for telecommunications companies like Vodafone UK or technology firms like IBM, Amdocs and Netcracker, she most often acts as a translator or interpreter of business needs into technology solutions. She has specialized in areas such as customer experience, analytics and most importantly promoting / mentoring underserved communities to enter and advance in technology careers. International travel, culture and the arts have always been areas of passion for Lisa as she traveled and lived around the world with her military family, had her own consulting firm in London, and now lives in beautiful Seattle.

Elke Suber: Kirkland



Elke Suber is a director and associate general counsel for Meta Platforms, Inc. (formerly Facebook, Inc.), and leads the global legal teams for the Ads, Business Messaging, Commerce, Enterprise and Meta Business Groups. Elke also serves as the executive sponsor for the Culture of Inclusion committee within Meta legal. Prior to joining Meta, Elke Suber was a partner and associate general counsel for Microsoft Corporation, where she held senior roles leading legal for Microsoft's Global Commercial Partner business, Commercial and Consumer Devices business and Microsoft Store, among other roles.

Elke is an active volunteer in both legal and civic organizations. Elke is a member of the Executive Committee for the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of Western Washington and is Chair of the Board of Directors for EastHUB. She also serves on the advisory board for the Council of Legal Education Opportunity. Elke previously served on the Board of Visitors for the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, as Chair for the Digital Media Division of the American Bar Association Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, and Chair of the Board of Directors for the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association. She has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumni of her college, Slippery Rock University.

In 2018, she delivered the commencement address at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law Commencement Ceremony and was recognized by Savoy Magazine as one of the Most Influential Black Lawyers.

Shelley Whelan: Mercer Island



Rochelle (Shelley) Whelan has been a partner with Overall Management Company since 2021, managing a multigenerational family office that invests in businesses and real estate across the Pacific Northwest. She has also been a partner with Keeler Investments Group since 2007, investing in seed-stage companies focused on the environmental economy. Prior to working at OMC and KIG, Shelley spent nearly 10 years with Intel Corporation in a broad range of senior marketing roles. Shelley has been on the board of Girl Scouts of Western Washington since 2019. She is a Lifetime Girl Scout Member and has been a Troop Leader for Service Unit 430 for 16 years. Shelley was previously an active board member with the Alliance of Angels (2012-2020) and the University of Washington Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship Advisory Board (2014-2020). A lifelong athlete, Shelley was an NCAA DIII women's tennis singles and doubles champion, a four-time all-American in singles and doubles, and continues to compete and mentor young tennis players. Shelley received her BA from Pomona College and her MBA from the University of Washington.

New Board Members: The following are new board members at large who are up for reelection to three-year terms.

Mara Kriepps: Redmond



Mara Kriepps currently serves as Vice President of Operations for Warner Bros Discovery's Global Streaming business, where she helps executives and their teams build culture, engagement and improved operational effectiveness. Mara's career spans 30+ years in executive leadership and consulting, primarily in US-based technology organizations, as well as engagements in the Caribbean, Europe and Asia. She has held roles in operations, product management and marketing.

Mara has been listed in Puget Sound Business Journal's TechFlash "Top 100 Women in Seattle Tech" for her role in the local technology industry, and she received an AIPMM "Excellence in Product Management Education" award for her professional training work. She has been a presenter at Agile Open Northwest (aonw.org), AIPMM's Product Management Educational conference, BAWorld/Project World, IIBA and other US-based product management and

marketing organizations. Since 2019, Mara has supported several Girl Scouts of Western Washington initiatives, first as an individual financial contributor and internal advocate for Warner Media's corporate giving, then as a Philanthropy Committee community member during the past year.

Dan Rutter: Lake Forest Park



Dan was bitten by the "investment bug" in college. Since then, his professional focus has always been on investing. He earned an MBA at the University of Washington and then the Chartered Financial Analyst designation four years later. Dan ran the dividend fund for SAFECO's Investment department and helped launch SAFECO Trust Company. While serving as President of the CFA Society of Seattle, he moved to Laird Norton Trust Company and then Paragon Investment Management. Dan left Paragon to pursue better work-life balance at Agate Pass Investment Management, LLC in May of 2018. Aside from creating wealth for people, Dan enjoys tennis, snow skiing and spending time with his wife, Nancy, two college-aged daughters, and his black lab, Terra. As of December 2020, Dan has completed 10 years of consecutive CFA Continuing Education and is working on the Certified Retirement Counselor designation.

Tara Smith: Puyallup



Governor Jay Inslee appointed Tara C. Smith as Director of the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) in 2021, and she was confirmed by the state senate in March 2022. As a member of the Governor's Executive Cabinet, Tara drives the mission of DES to strengthen the business of government.

Tara oversees DES's \$280 million operating budget and a capital program of \$1.2 billion through many different programs, including centralized procurement, facilities management, real estate, printing and mailing, surplus equipment disposition, public works capital projects, risk management, fleet management, workforce support and development, care and custody of the country's largest state capitol campus, and the support of small agencies. Tara is a dedicated mentor and advocate for social justice, equity and inclusion of minorities, and for women in leadership roles. She earned her bachelor's degree in social work and a Master of Public Administration from Florida International University, where she was recently awarded the Public Service Distinguished Alumni Award. She is also certified by the Project Management Institute. Tara lives in Puyallup with her life partner,

Monica. While she spends most of her free time in volunteer work, she also enjoys yoga and is a certified yoga teacher.

ADDENDUM

Robert te Winkel: Seattle



Robert is a trusted financial expert among CFO peers, with a strong history of driving growth and building the financial infrastructure of the Washington Technology Industry Association. Robert has built his team from inception, guiding, and designing highly efficient reporting systems, and optimizing business and staff performance. Robert is originally from Caracas, Venezuela and found his way to the U.S. on a soccer scholarship.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance, Robert moved to Spain to get his MBA at Carlos III University of Madrid. Prior to becoming the CFO of WTIA, Robert held several accounting and finance roles for privately held enterprises in Washington and California. He lives and works in Seattle, WA.

Girl Scouts of Western Washington 2023 National Council Session Delegates and Alternates

Every three years, Girl Scouts of the USA holds a National Council Session and Convention. In 2023, this event will be held in July in Orlando, Florida. Because of the change in timing from fall to summer, a mid-year election was held in 2022, and our voting members elected the individuals features below to represent our council at the National Council Session. As per our council tradition, half of our delegates are youth members to ensure that we highlight youth voices.

Adult Delegates

Veronica Ainsa: Seattle



Veronica is originally from Texas, identifies as Hispanic, and speaks Spanish. She has two kids ages six and eight, and the eight-year-old is a second year Brownie Girl Scout. Veronica works for Seattle Public Schools and is proud to represent Girl Scouts of Western Washington at the National Council Session in 2023!

Andrea Anderson (CEO): Langley



Andrea was a Brownie Girl Scout in Michigan growing up, is the proud daughter of immigrants from Denmark, is the first member of her family to graduate college, and has traveled and lived all over the world, learning about different cultures and how societies impact each other on our increasingly shrinking planet.

Her vision and commitment to inclusive programming, cultural competency and anti-discrimination work nationally and internationally has set the tone for the bulk of her career. She has held leadership positions for the bulk of her career with regional and national organizations focusing on the intersectionality of health, race, social/civic justice, and how we can each make a difference in our communities and our worlds.

Andrea is a graduate of Seattle's Leadership Tomorrow program and has been a board member of organizations supporting women, girls and young people including Girls on The Run, Red Tent, Shakti Rising, Planned Parenthood, Junior League, and The Coalition to End Gender-Based Violence.

Samantha Dang: Bellingham



Samantha is a Lifetime Girl Scout Member residing in Bellingham with her husband and two daughters. She is a troop leader, service unit manager, archery instructor, troop product manager, service unit fall product and cookie co-manager, and facilitator with the council learning team. Samantha also volunteers with her daughter's schools in the classroom, PTA, and Debate Team. She is a substitute paraeducator for Bellingham School District as well.

Lisa Lai: Seattle



Lisa is excited to be representing Western Washington at the national Girl Scout convention next year and is looking forward to learning about other Girl Scout councils and expanding her Girl Scout network. She has co-lead a Girl Scout troop in North Seattle for the past 8 years and has served on the events team for her service unit, organizing service unit events and weekend encamporees. Lisa's day job is as a cancer researcher in the University of Washington Department of Medicine. Her hobbies include travel, cooking, crafting, and kayaking.

Jennifer Li: Tacoma



Jennifer's current role in Girl Scouts is as leader for her daughter's troop. She is a first-generation immigrant from Vietnam and was raised in Hawaii. Jennifer's hobbies include dancing hula, stand-up paddle boarding, and competing in triathlons.

Randa Minkarah (Board Chair): Seattle



Randa is co-founder, President and COO at Resonance AI, formerly Transform, Inc. Resonance AI is a leader in cutting-edge artificial intelligence for video. The platform combines viewer performance data with the most advanced machine learning available, determining the elements within video content that engages audiences. Prior to Transform, Ms. Minkarah served as Senior Vice President of Revenue and Business Development for Fisher Communications (FSCI) until its sale in 2013 where she had corporate responsibility for all revenues at Fisher television, radio and Internet properties and was responsible for developing and implementing its digital strategy including launching mobile applications and mobile viewing apps.

Ms. Minkarah is active as a speaker at conferences, advisor to multiple media/technology companies and as an investor in emerging companies. She serves on the Washington Technology and Industry Association's AHP board. She also serves on the board of the Girl Scouts of Western Washington and is chair of the finance committee. In 2020, she became the board chair elect.

She earned a BFA from the University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music in Broadcasting. Ms. Minkarah resides in Seattle with her husband and rescue dogs.

Youth Delegates

Molly Rose Bates: Lake Stevens



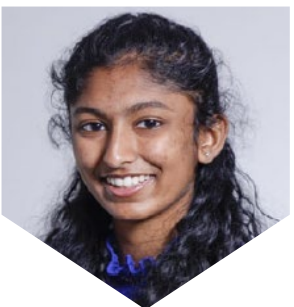
Molly Rose recently started her Junior year at Lake Stevens High School. This is her 11th year in Girl Scouts. Molly Rose has completed both a Bronze and Silver award, and is currently working on a Gold Award. She's traveled to Disneyland with her troop and has made countless memories and friendships. Molly Rose serves as the Washington FCCLA State Secretary and VP of Finance, works at a local pet store, and loves all things nature. In her free time she loves to hike with friends and family.

Janica Johnson: Seattle



Janica is an 8th grader at Hamilton International Middle School and a cadette in troop 42013. Her favorite part of Girl Scouts is making new friends and learning new skills. She is currently working on a silver award and has served as a Program Aide at Woodland Park Day Camp. Janica's hobbies include swimming, kayaking, listening to music, and participating in Girl Scout activities. She is so excited about this opportunity to be a delegate at the national Girl Scout convention to make a difference in this world.

Nikhita Penugonda: Bellevue



Nikhita is a high school junior who is passionate about math, astronomy, and physics! She has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten and earned her Silver Award by raising awareness so teens can help fight climate change. Nikhita is also part of the Girl Scout WING Squadron. She has many hobbies and enjoys camping, hiking, rowing, stargazing, reading, and playing video games. In the future, Nikhita aims to study astrophysics and computer science in order to make new discoveries about the cosmos.

Michaela Renick: Olympia



Michaela is a senior at North Thurston High School in Lacey. She started Girl Scouts as a kindergartener and has been in her Girl Scout troop for 13 years. Her hobbies include roller skating, car shows, other car club activities, and hanging out with friends. Michaela is a former Team USA (2019) inline speed skater and her favorite sports are tennis, basketball, and speed skating.

Alyssa Ruiz: Lacey



Aly is a freshman at North Thurston High School. She has been a Girl Scout for nine years in two states, Texas and Washington, and has earned a Bronze Award (Topic: STEM) and a Silver Award (Topic: Gender Inclusion). Currently she is on her school dance team, is running for class vice president, has a role in the high school musical, and volunteers tutoring at her previous school. Soon she will also serve as a volunteer for Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Aly uses her voice to advocate for those who are unable to advocate for themselves and maintains a strong commitment to promoting diversity, supporting inclusion, and fighting for equity.

Lily Storseth: Snohomish



Lily is in 11th grade at Snohomish High School. As a Girl Scout for 11 years she has remained with the same troop and enjoys hiking, camping, and anything to do with nature. She plays the trombone in jazz band, concert band, and her school's marching band. Lily also rows for the Everett Rowing Association and loves to ski in the winter. She loves Girl Scouts and is super excited to have the opportunity to represent our council this year!

Alternate Delegates

Cathleen Turner: Renton



Cathleen is a paralegal at a family law firm and has a bright, loving six-year-old daughter. She was a Girl Scout for 15 years and just recently started a troop. Cathleen's hobbies include enjoying Seattle sports, spending time with family, reading a good book and helping others!

Aashka Contractor: Sammamish



Aashka is currently a freshman at Eastlake High School. She started doing Girl Scouts in second grade and has loved being part of the community ever since. Outside of Girl Scouts she enjoys playing the flute, doing ballet, Model UN, being a camp counselor and spending time with friends whenever she can.