

PROPOSAL 6

MEMBERSHIP FLEXIBILITY (TWO-PART AMENDMENT)

PART 6A

To amend Article VIII, Credentials, Section 4, by striking and inserting as follows:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article VIII – Credentials</p> <p>4. Charters and other credentials shall be issued for no more than six years. Certificates of membership shall be issued for no more than one year, except for lifetime membership. All credentials shall bear the name of Juliette Low.</p>	<p>Article VIII – Credentials</p> <p>Charters and other credentials shall be issued for no more than six years. Certificates of membership shall be issued for no more than one year, except for lifetime membership. the appropriate categories. All credentials shall bear the name of Juliette Low.</p>	<p>Article VIII – Credentials</p> <p>4. Charters and other credentials shall be issued for no more than six years. Certificates of membership shall be issued for the appropriate categories. All credentials shall bear the name of Juliette Low.</p>

Submitted by: National Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of the USA

Rationale: Language restricting membership to only annual or lifetime membership is removed, providing more flexible membership options (with potential categories yet to be decided), which may result in membership growth.

Results of the National Board Constitutional Revision Task Group’s council survey indicate widespread support for more flexible membership categories other than the annual and lifetime options provide.

Survey question 8: “Should the language of the Constitution be changed?”

Support

Yes	74%
No	18%
Not Sure	7%

PROPOSAL 6 (CONT.)

PART 6B

To amend Article IX, Membership Dues, by substitution as follows:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article IX – Membership Dues</p> <p>Every person accepting the principles of the Girl Scout Movement and desiring to be a member of the Girl Scout Movement in the United States of America shall pay annual or lifetime membership dues to Girl Scouts of the United States of America.</p>	<p>Article IX – Membership</p> <p>Every person accepting the principles of the Girl Scout Movement and desiring to be a member of the Girl Scout Movement in the United States of America shall pay* appropriate dues to Girl Scouts of the United States of America.</p>	<p>Article IX – Membership</p> <p>Every person accepting the principles of the Girl Scout Movement and desiring to be a member of the Girl Scout Movement in the United States of America shall pay appropriate dues to Girl Scouts of the United States of America.</p>

* Dues may be paid by another on behalf of a girl member. For example, a parent may pay dues for a child, or dues may be underwritten by a grant or council scholarship.

Proviso: If adopted, this Article will become Article III of the Constitution. The current Article III and subsequent Articles will be renumbered accordingly.

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Recommendation: The National Board recommends adoption of Proposal 6.

