



The Bylaws and Policy Review Committee recommends 2 additions to the 2024 Bylaws of the Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana.

Rationale for the addition to Article IV Section 2 – Term of Office

This change allows us to synchronize the GSNI-M officer elections with the National Delegate elections for the GSUSA National Council Session. The GSNI-M Board Chair is traditionally elected as a National Delegate.

**Add Subsection F**

- F. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, the officers elected at the 2026 Annual Meeting shall serve a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected and assume office. Thereafter, the term of office for officers shall revert to three (3) years as provided in Section 2.A. This amendment is being made to align the officers' terms with the terms of the National Delegates.

Rationale for the addition to Article VIII - Section 4 – Board of Directors

The purpose of this change is to allow GSNI-M to appoint the immediate past Board Chair to the Board of Directors to retain institutional knowledge.

**Add Section 9. Immediate Past Chair**

The Board may also, in its discretion, appoint the past Chair of the Board as an ex officio member of the Board to serve a term of one (1) year. The Immediate Past Chair shall not have a vote and shall act solely in an advisory capacity to assist with the transition to the new Chair and provide advice to the board of directors on as needed basis. The Immediate Past Chair shall not be an elected position, shall not be counted toward the minimum or maximum number of directors-at-large required by these bylaws, nor toward the determination of a quorum, and shall not serve on the Executive Committee unless otherwise appointed in accordance with Article IX.