



The Source for Ohio's Heartland Council Realignment Updates

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Welcome to the November issue of Ohio's Heartland eNewsletter. Time is winding down as we approach Day 1 for the newly merged council and many subcommittees are in the final stages of completing the myriad tasks assigned over the past year and a few have even completed their work - Fund Development, CEO Search, Governance and Transitional Nominating.

Important Three Council Special Meeting Reminder

All three councils will be holding their respective special meetings, important meetings where the delegates will be the final vote to accept the merger documents (Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, Merger Agreement and Board Slate). The meetings are as follows:

Heritage Trails - November 17

Seal of Ohio - November 18

Heart of Ohio - November 19

Attendance is open but only delegates will be voting. If you are interested in attending, please make reservations through your local council office. In addition to the important business of voting, each council will reflect on how far we all have come and what, with everyone's hard work and dedication, will soon be accomplished. This is a cornerstone moment in time for the girls who live in these 30+ counties and the future looks bright for all involved in Girl Scouting.

Council Realignment Committee Agreements

At their October 11 meeting, the CRC approved the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for the new council as well as the Board Slate which was prepared by the Transitional Nominating Committee. Each delegate will receive a copy of the documents to review and become familiar with prior to the November special meetings so they can make an informed vote to ratify the documents.

Communications Subcommittee

The members of this subcommittee were excited by the outstanding quantity and quality of entries received in the patch contest. We received 268 patch entries from girls of all ages and from all three councils. It took several hours on the morning of October 7th for the three judges to work their way through all these fabulous designs and select a final winner. It was by no means an easy task and we would like to thank all three of the judges for volunteering their time. A huge round of applause please for Mary Cabrera - Mansfield Art Center, Nancy Turner - Columbus Museum of Art, and Susan Talbot Stanaway - Zanesville Art Center. Now we await the GRAND UNVEILING of the new council patch. Thanks to all who helped make this moment happen.

Transitional Nominating Committee

The Transitional Nominating Committee completed their tasks and submitted the slate for Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council. As mentioned above, the ballot will be voted on by each of the three aligning councils' delegates in November.

Anyone who has an interest in being considered for the next board of directors (in 2010) or board development committee (formerly known as nominating committee) please call the Columbus Service Center (614.487.8101) for an application or go online to download the forms - www.gsosheartland.org.

Property Subcommittee

The Property Subcommittee is the final committee to be launched as GSUSA recommends that study and consideration of any property issues be delayed until late in the realignment process. The Property Subcommittee co-chairs, Karin Turowski from Heritage Trails and Chrystal Rardin from Heart of Ohio, were appointed by the Council Realignment Committee on October 11, 2008. They are reviewing the GSUSA materials to establish criteria and guidelines for committee membership and set a timeline for the first report to the board of directors of GSOH.

The task of the Property Subcommittee is to document and evaluate all physical assets of the existing councils and provide recommendations to the CRC for review and recommend for consideration to Ohio's Heartland board of directors. This subcommittee is charged with developing a plan for the legal merging of current physical assets. Initially an inventory will be compiled of owned or leased land, buildings, and equipment. A review and analysis of the property of each council will look at programmatic service to girls, fiscal viability, legal compliance, maintenance requirements and understanding of on-going contracts. Following the review and analysis a two to three year plan for the properties will be completed.