

## Annual Meeting (5/2/2009) Feedback Summary

The Evaluation forms handed in at the May 2nd Council meeting were reviewed by our task group. Overall the response was positive.

- 72% ~ seven out of ten - felt it was a good use of their time.
- 76% ~ three-quarters - thought that the information presented was valuable
- and the breakout groups were productive.
- 72% thought that it was about the right length.

### Comments included:

*“Everything was very informative and it was very helpful to get the updates on GSHNJ”  
‘I do understand that this meeting required more business – to introduce the members to what has happened during the merger and the 8 months afterwards – I am very impressed!’*

### Response:

Many did not like the Saturday Morning time, and there were additional comments on not being able to hear during the breakout sessions. Choosing a venue and date and time was not an easy task. Our new Council size now spans from the Delaware to Hudson rivers. Even with the most central location, this means some of our members still have an hour and a half drive one way to reach the meeting. With the many delegates who work and the long drive, we eliminated a week night meeting as a possibility. Unfortunately, the breakout sessions were planned after we had obtained the venue and separate rooms were not available for use. If this format is used again, that will certainly be considered in the planning.

Other comments were very broad ranging from the meeting being too short or too long, too much CEO / Operations, too much Chair and Governance presentations (preaching to the choir).

It was very apparent to the Task Group that there was indeed an expansive range of experience at the meeting, from the comments there were those that had “no idea” about any of this, to those that had “heard it all before”. As a new council we needed a benchmark of our delegate’s experience levels, to be sure we are addressing any training needs.

### Other comments:

I would have liked more of... *“It was my first time here. It would have been helpful to have received the job description and document before my arrival instead of upon arrival.”*

I would have liked more of.... *“Printed information that I could review on my own and put together information to take back to the Leaders of my community”*

**Response:**

We have now put the Delegate Position Description and the Delegate Information document on this Governance Web page. As additional governance documents become available, they will be added here. This will also be used for distributing advance documentation for future GSHNJ Council meetings. As new documents are added, Service Unit delegates will receive email notifications to check the governance Web page.

We have also included here on the Web page the PowerPoint presentations from the meeting as well as the GSHNJ by laws as amended and the meeting minutes. Information from the 3 breakout sessions is included in the minutes.

**Another comment:**

*“Moving forward – I think more girls from different levels should be invited to and be a part of the meeting – if we are a leadership building organization, this opportunity is priceless.”*

**Response:**

The GSHNJ Council meetings are open meetings and our girls are welcome to attend. The Governance Task Group has had several discussions on how to include the girls in the democratic process, with ideas ranging from having Girl Delegates (without voting privileges unless age 18) to developing a Girls Congress for our Council. We welcome your ideas.