



Leadership Forums
14th Annual Meeting



Leadership Forums Discussion Topic Proposal

Leadership Forums are hosted prior to Annual Meeting to facilitate an open dialogue between council leadership and service unit volunteers. They are your opportunity to talk with council staff and Board of Directors to share concerns from your community, understand council-wide strategic decisions, engage with other service units, and influence GSHNJ’s new five-year strategic planning.

When **originating** discussion topics, ask yourself the following questions:

- Does the majority of my service unit’s membership agree on this topic?
- Is this topic focused on an issue of council-wide importance?
- Is this topic one on which the Board of Directors or staff needs guidance from the membership at large **to form strategy or make policy decisions?** Keep in mind that opinions on business operations (staffing, vendor choices, programs, etc.) or

national strategy (insignia, badge content, technology platforms, etc.), or simply airing grievances are not appropriate topics for Forums.

- Is this topic related to a current social issue relevant to girls and our council’s ability to serve them?
- If this item is selected for discussion at a Forum will members of your service unit team and Service Unit Delegate be present at the Forum and able to engage in civil discourse about this topic?

When **writing** your discussion topic, make sure it is:

- **Brief:** state succinctly a single recommendation for discussion.
- **Clear:** write simply so that the proposal is easily understood.
- **Organized:** if the proposed discussion has several parts, describe each part in a separate clause.
- **Complete:** fully describe the recommended change including how change is to be accomplished and a timeline for implementation, as appropriate. Provide background materials and resources as relevant.

When **submitting** your discussion topic:

- Ensure each proposal is completed in its entirety and has been approved by members of your service unit team. Both delegates, your Service Unit Manager, and one other member of your service unit team (Treasurer, Registrar, etc.) must sign it.
- **Email** completed form to Jamie Kay Discher at jkdischer@gshnj.org or **mail** hard copy to:
Jamie Kay Discher, Director of Membership
201 East Grove Street
Westfield, NJ 07090
- Proposals for Leadership Forum discussion topics must be **received** by the deadlines outlined below. Don’t forget to register your virtual attendance at the corresponding Forum.

Discussion Topic Proposal Submission Deadline	Leadership Forum Attendance Registration Deadline	Leadership Forum
January 17, 2022	January 17, 2022	January 31, 2022
February 6, 2022	February 6, 2022	February 22, 2022
February 27, 2022	February 27, 2022	March 16, 2022

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Review the guidelines above before drafting your discussion topic proposal. Inappropriate proposal topics will not be included on the agenda, nor will those received after the submission deadlines. Email proposals to jkdischer@gshnj.org

SERVICE UNIT #	SERVICE UNIT TOWN(S)
TITLE OF DISCUSSION TOPIC	
STATEMENT OF TOPIC, QUESTION, OR ISSUE	

REASONS

Service Unit Delegate 1 Name:

Signature:

Service Unit Delegate 2 Name:

Signature:

Service Unit Manager Name:

Signature:

Service Unit Team Member Name:

Signature: