

2024 Annual Meeting Nomination Slate



Board of Directors Nominations

Claudine Bates (SW)

Claudine Bates is the NERC Compliance Program Manager at Black Hills Energy in Rapid City, South Dakota. She is the Ambassador Leadership Team Chair for Black Hills Energy in South Dakota and leads the Ambassadors in community volunteering, strategic committee planning and coordination. Claudine is a lifetime Girl Scout and serves on the Cookies, Corks and Brews committee where she collaborates with other volunteers and Girl Scout staff to plan the annual event for Rapid City. Claudine will bring her strategic strengths to support the continued development of the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board; and is passionate about helping young girls see their abilities and potential to become confident leaders.

Erica Johnsrud (NW)

Erica Johnsrud serves as the auditor/treasurer for McKenzie County, North Dakota. She joined the Girl Scout Dakota Horizons Board of Directors in 2020. Serving on both the Finance and Audit Committees, Erica plays a vital role in ensuring the financial health and accountability of the organization. She actively participates in various Girl Scout fundraising initiatives. Erica's passion lies in empowering young girls to become confident leaders of today and tomorrow.

Laura Lueder (NW)

Laura Lueder leads the communications and public relations team at MDU Resources Group, Inc. in Bismarck, North Dakota. As a lifetime Girl Scouts member, Laura has held several adult volunteer positions, including troop leader, service unit chair, and camp director. Since 2018, Laura has been an integral member of the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board of Directors, where she currently serves as Secretary. Additionally, she is Chair of the Board Development Committee, guiding strategic efforts to support the organization's mission and growth.

Casey Sanders-Berglund (NE)

Casey Sanders-Berglund serves as the Economic Development Manager for the City of West Fargo in North Dakota. In 2021, she became a valuable member of the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board of Directors. With a strong belief in empowering young women in our communities, Casey is committed to fostering leadership and growth opportunities. Her dedication to this mission is reflected in her active involvement with Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons.

Sue Klose (NE)

Sue Klose has over 20 years of experience at Sammons Financial in Fargo, North Dakota. Outside work, she enjoys gardening, assembling puzzles, recently learned to crochet, and spending time with her three beloved cats. Sue Klose is a devoted mother to one child who is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts. As a troop leader since their first-grade years, Sue passionately believes in the transformative opportunities that Girl Scouts offer young girls. Her dedication is evident through the enjoyment her scouts experience at various events and the meaningful connections they forge along the way.

Kristi Metzger (SE)

Kristi Metzger is the Senior Vice President and Regional Wealth Manager at First Interstate Bank in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and brings extensive expertise in Wealth Management. She is an avid golfer and devoted aunt to twelve nieces and nephews. Kristi is excited to serve on the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board and eager to empower young girls to excel in leadership and business, skills that transcend all aspects of life.

Linda Salmonson (SE)

Linda Salmonson brings three decades of experience as the retired Economic Development Manager at East River Electric Power Cooperative in Madison, South Dakota. A lifetime Girl Scout, Linda's dedication to the organization is evident through her involvement in various Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons committees. Currently serving as a Board member and the Chair of the Finance Committee, Linda is committed to supporting the premier leadership experience for girls. She looks forward to continuing her service to Dakota Horizons and empowering girls to reach their full potential.

Lori Clausen (SE)

Lori Clausen is a versatile insurance executive with experience across various facets of the industry. With multiple licenses and certifications and advanced leadership roles in diverse organizations, Lori brings a wealth of expertise to the table. Previously serving as President of Wellmark of South Dakota, Lori's leadership acumen is second to none. A lifetime Girl Scout, Lori has been an active Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board of Directors member since July 2020. She values the opportunity to contribute to the organization's mission and support Girls Scouts Dakota Horizons.

Board Development Committee Nominations

Billie Jo Lorius

Billie Jo Lorius is the communications director at the North Dakota University System. She recently earned her Ph.D. in Education, Health, and Behavior Studies in December 2023. Billie Jo retired from the military after more than 20 years of working and leading in local, state, national, and international crisis communications. Her core beliefs revolve around mentorship and creating an empowered environment where young people can grow, learn, and develop into servant leaders for their community, state, and nation.

Britt Ingersoll

Britt Ingersoll is a Director of Development for the Anne Carlsen Center in Fargo, North Dakota. As a past volunteer for Girl Scout fundraising events she has enjoyed connecting others to the mission and looks forward to serving on the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Development Committee.

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Lori Leingang

Lori Leingang is the Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer at the Bank of North Dakota, where her team consists of human resources, communications, marketing, and strategic planning. Lori has three daughters and two sons who have all participated in scouting, and through that experience, she has volunteered as scout co-leader and chairperson of various fundraisers. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the North Dakota Bankers Association and volunteers for multiple organizations. Lori is passionate about employee development, diversity, and fairness and looks forward to sharing her expertise in ways that benefit the Girl Scout program.

Laurie Knutson

Laurie Knutson has been involved with the South Dakota non-profit industry for over 35 years in a variety of capacities. She led the YWCA of Sioux Falls through its' rebranding and growth to become a statewide local agency as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for 11 years. As the founder of The Interim CEO, she now offers her skills and knowledge to various organizations through short-term leadership assignments. This will be Laurie's third term on the Board Development Committee.

Nichelle Lund

Nichelle Lund leads Corporate Sales and Business Development for the Holiday Inn City Centre in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. With a deep-rooted passion for Girl Scouts and female empowerment, she has been involved with Girl Scouts from early childhood. Nichelle's Girl Scout experiences have taken her across the globe and ignited a passion for hospitality that she enthusiastically shares with others. Currently serving on the Board Development Committee, Nichelle is dedicated to attracting the right individuals to the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board of Directors, envisioning a bigger and brighter future for all girls.

Valerie Loudenback

Valerie Loudenback is the co-owner and Vice President of Grand Prairie Foods in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. With a Girl Scout journey spanning over 50 years, starting as a Brownie, Valerie has held various leadership roles, including Troop Leader, Cookie Cupboard Manager, School Organizer, and Camp Leader. Her commitment to Girl Scouts extends to her current role as the Board Vice President, where she continues to make a lasting impact on the organization.