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The following Slate of Nominees is presented on behalf of the Board Development Committee as finalized and approved at their January 2021 meeting.

The Girl Scouts—Dakota Horizons Board of Directors supports this Slate of Officers.

Nomination Slate for Girl Scouts – Dakota Horizons Board of Directors

NW District:

Name	Term Expiration	
Leslie Weigel	2023	Electing to First Term
Lori Leingang	2023	Electing to First Term

Leslie Weigel (Mandan, ND)

Leslie Weigel is legal counsel for National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), an information technology cooperative that develops and supports software and hardware solutions. Working for a tech company opened her eyes to the absence of females in STEM fields. She believes it is important that girls have a presence in all areas, and appreciates that Girl Scouts strives to make this happen. Leslie is excited to be involved with an organization that encourages young females and is looking forward to successfully serving on the board.

Lori Leingang (Mandan, ND)

Lori Leingang is a Senior VP with Bank of ND where her team consists of human resources, communications and marketing, and strategic planning. Lori has 3 daughters and 2 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 as the chair of the local issues committee of the Bismarck-Mandan EDC as well as volunteering for various organizations. Lori has a passion for employee development, diversity and fairness and looks forward to sharing her expertise in ways that are beneficial to the Girl Scout program.

SE District:

Name	Term Expiration	
Valerie Loudenback	2023	Electing to Fourth Term

Valerie Loudenback (Sioux Falls, SD)

Valerie Loudenback is co/owner/Vice President of Grand Prairie Foods in Sioux Falls. She started as a Girl Scout over 50 years ago as a Brownie and has been a Troop Leader, Cookie Cupboard, School Organizer and Camp Leader. She has served on various committee and is currently the Board Vice President.

NE District:

Name	Term Expiration	
David Rasmussen	2023	Electing to Fifth Term
Cindy Graffeo	2023	Electing to Second Term.

David Rasmussen (Fargo, ND)

Dave Rasmussen is a retired lawyer and trust officer from Fargo, North Dakota. His wife was a Girl Scout while growing up and won the equivalent of the Gold Award at that time. He has four granddaughters and is an advocate of Girl Scouting and committed to the principles and goals of the program. Dave has been involved with Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons since 2013.

Cindy Graffeo (Moorhead, MN)

Cindy Graffeo comes to Girl Scouts as a Troop Volunteer and a second-year Daisy Mom. With her background in marketing, strategy, and community development, she is looking forward to helping the organization and the next generation of influential women. Cindy resides in Moorhead, MN with her daughter, Yvee, and husband, Chris.

SW District

Name	Term Expiration	
Jennifer Baloun	2023	Electing to Fourth Term
Karen Pearson	2023	Electing to Second Term
Beth Massa	2023	Electing to Second Term

Jennifer Baloun (Rapid City, SD)

Jennifer Baloun is the Retail Sales Manager for BankWest having been in banking for over 20 years. She graduated from Northern State University with a major in Marketing and Management with a minor in Business. Mrs. Baloun is an active volunteer within the Black Hills working with a number of different organizations. Mrs. Baloun is excited to be considered for re-elected as the Board Chair, serving girls and volunteers across the council.

Karen Pearson (Rapid City, SD)

Karen Pearson was raised on a small ranch in western South Dakota and attended a one room rural school for the first eight grades. She is grateful for having experienced a long public health career that began as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Jamaica and ended after sixteen years in public health in Alaska as the State Health Officer. Since retiring she has written a book honoring seventeen amazing South Dakota Women and, in support of that effort, established a small foundation to serve women seeking to be their best selves. She is helping complete a building to serve as a Native led resource center to serve primarily Indian children and families in North Rapid City and is excited to be a current board member for Girl Scouts-Dakota Horizons.

Beth Massa (Rapid City, SD)

Beth Massa is a Regional Director at the South Dakota Community Foundation. Beth grew up at Fort Meade/Sturgis and graduated from Texas Lutheran University. She is a graduate of Leadership South Dakota, is an active community member, and active member on the Board of Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons. She and her husband Mark have two grown sons.

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Name	Term Expiration	District	
Ally Formanek	2023	SW	Electing to Second Term
Sue Klose	2023	NE	Electing to First Term
Laura Lueder	2022	NW	Electing to First Term

Ally Formanek (Rapid City, SD)

Ally Formanek is the Manager of Finance & Operations for Visit Rapid City. After attending an event at the Girl Scout office, and being an avid supporter of the cookie program, she was eager to learn more. She has been using her strong familiarity with the community and her experience in the hospitality and non-profit industries to contribute to the Board Development Committee.

Sue Klose (Fargo, ND)

Sue Klose is Corporate Markets Specialist with Sammon's Financial. She has one daughter. She has been a longtime supporter of the Girl Scouts. She was a Girl Scout and now a leader to a Senior's troop. She has been an active leader with planning many activities for the girls. She is active with volunteering with many organizations in the community. She has been the campaign coordinator for the United Way for 15 years. She is currently on the BOD and Resource Development committees.

Laura Lueder (Bismarck, ND)

Laura Lueder leads communications and public relations efforts at MDU Resources Group, Inc. in Bismarck, North Dakota. She is a lifetime Girl Scout and has held a number of adult volunteer positions, including troop leader, service unit chair and camp director. She has been on the Girl Scouts-Dakota Horizons board of directors since 2018 and currently serves as secretary of the board and as chair of the Resource Development Committee.