

2023 Annual Meeting Nomination Slate

Board of Directors Slate of Directors:

Jennifer Baloun (SW)

Jennifer Baloun is the VP of Sales and Marketing for BankWest. She is a mother of two, married for over 25 years and lives in Rapid City. Since her appointment to the board in 2015 she has shared her finance background and leadership skills. As a parent of a Girl Scout, she has been an active volunteer for many years. She is active in her community and holds the position as Girl Scout Board President.

Stephanie Dowling (SW)

Stephanie Dowling has more than 25 years of brand management, public relations and communications experience and has worked for many global brands as their head of communications. She began her career working in network news in NYC for NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw earning her two Emmy Award nominations during her tenure. In 2015, Dowling was appointed by the Governor of Arizona as the Chief Marketing Officer and Deputy Director for the Arizona Office of Tourism. In her many leadership roles working for top companies in markets such as London, NYC, Phoenix, Honolulu, Newport Beach, and Rapid City, South Dakota, she has won numerous awards for her professional work. She has also served on several boards and committees throughout her career and is most proud of her philanthropic work with organizations focused on women and children's charities, human rights organizations, and the arts. Stephanie is a frequent speaker at conferences and events, and enjoys leading interactive workshops on personal branding, communicating effectively, and helping women and minority owned companies build their brands.

Nicholas Killoran (NE)

Nicholas (Nick) Killoran is a Vice President and Account Executive for Great North Insurance, a division of HUB International Great Plains. He founded Great North Insurance in 2010 and a local non-profit (the Great North Pole) in 2017. He has served on several other local non-profits in the Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo community. He is passionate about community and giving back to those in need. Nick and his wife (Michelle) have three fierce daughters. Developing strong young leaders is something they are extremely passionate about. This, among other reasons, is why he's excited to serve and support the Girl Scouts.

Leslie Weigel (NW)

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. It is important to her that girls have a presence in all areas, and she appreciates that Girl Scouts strives to make this happen. She is excited to be involved with an organization that encourages young females and allows them to thrive.

Cindy Graffeo (NE)

Cindy Graffeo is the Executive Director for Fargo's Downtown Community Partnership. She brings to the Board a background in marketing, economic development, event planning, and nonprofit leadership. Cindy is a Girl Scouts Troop Volunteer, Cookie Coordinator, Chair of the Resource Development Committee, and serves on the Cookies Corks and Brews planning committee. But most importantly, she is the mom to a second year Brownie named Yvee. She lives with her husband, Chris, and her daughter, Yvee, in Moorhead, MN.

Lori Leingang (NW)

Lori is Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Vice President with Bank of North Dakota 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. Lori has a passion for employee development, diversity and fairness and looks forward to sharing her expertise in whatever way would be beneficial to the Girl Scout program. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the North Dakota Bankers Association as well as volunteering for various organizations.

Valerie Loudenback (SE)

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.

Lisa Kunza (SW)

Dr. Lisa Kunza is an associate professor of Chemistry, Biology and Health Sciences at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. As an aquatic ecologist, she loves to get people of all ages outdoors to enjoy the water and examine the organisms and interactions with the surrounding environment. She has been heavily involved in women in science and engineering programs throughout her career. She has been on the Girl Scouts-Dakota Horizons board of directors since 2022 and currently serves on the mission priorities committee.

Board Development Committee Slate:

Sue Klose (NE)

Suzette Klose is a Corporate Markets Specialist with Sammons Financial. She was a Girl Scouts and had a daughter with Girl Scouts. She has done a variety of adult positions, including troop leader, cookie coordinator and planned many camps. She currently is on the Board of Directors, Board Development Committee and the Cookies Corks and Brews committee.

Rachel Nelson (SW)

Rachel is the Events & Marketing Director for Elevate Rapid City. Through her work at Elevate she has the opportunity to meet a lot of a great people. As a young girl she remembers being part of the Girls Scouts and her sister convincing her to sell enough cookies and nuts to count for both of them. Rachel looks forward to serving on the committee and helping an organization that empowers Girls Scouts to be themselves.