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### GSUSA LEADERSHIP

The chart below summarizes the numerous GSUSA staff and board members who are involved in controversial advocacy efforts or hold leadership positions in organizations that promote inappropriate material to children.

Name/GSUSA Position	Notes with Links/Documentation
<p><b>Anna Maria Chavez</b>            - GSUSA Executive Staff            - CEO (Nov 2011 - present)            - CEO Southwest Texas Girl Scouts Council (2009 - Nov 2011)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chavez's served in the <a href="#">inner circle of Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano</a> (2007). During this time, <a href="#">Napolitano vetoed</a> a ban on partial birth abortion and a bill to strengthen parental notification requirements. In fact, <a href="#">Governor Napolitano vetoed</a> every piece of anti-abortion legislation that came across her desk.</li> <li>• <a href="#">In this bio</a>, Chavez actually names pro-abortion Gov. Napolitano as her "mentor."</li> <li>• In an Arizona Democratic tour, <a href="#">Chavez campaigned for</a> pro-abortion presidential candidate John Kerry, who voted against a ban on partial birth abortion, against parental notification laws, and voted to expand embryonic stem cell research. Kerry <a href="#">scored 100 percent by NARAL on his pro-choice voting record</a>.</li> <li>• Chavez was the CEO of the Southwest Texas Girl Scout Council from 2009 - Nov 2011. The council is a member of the "Can We Talk" coalition. "Can We Talk" is a coalition of over sixty-five women's organizations in San Antonio, Texas. The coalition includes Chavez's Girl Scout Council of Southwest Texas, two Planned Parenthood groups (Government Affairs Council of Planned Parenthood, and Planned Parenthood Trust), and several other pro-abortion groups (click link of each group to see their pro-abortion stance): <a href="#">Girls Inc.</a>, <a href="#">Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation</a>, <a href="#">YWCA</a>, and <a href="#">Zonta</a>. (See the bottom of <a href="#">this link to view coalition members</a>.) Chavez <a href="#">was a speaker</a> for the coalition's 2009 event.</li> <li>• Chavez was also an honorary board member of the <a href="#">YWCA</a>, another abortion advocacy group (2007). See <a href="#">this document</a>, page 4 second bullet on the right and page 8 bottom right for documentation.</li> <li>• How does <a href="#">this article written by Chavez</a> reflect on the vocation of motherhood (1992)? Chavez's article honors Geraldine Ferraro who was yet another <a href="#">pro-choice politician</a>, and staunch abortion rights supporter, <a href="#">Hillary Clinton</a>.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Timothy Higdon</b>  - GSUSA Executive Staff  - Chief of External Affairs  (2009 - present)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higdon is a long-time <a href="#">homosexual rights advocate</a>.</li> <li>• Higdon’s responsibilities at GSUSA <a href="#">include leading “advocacy” efforts</a> for Girl Scouts (2011).</li> <li>• Higdon was one of the <a href="#">highest paid executives</a> (2007 - 2008) at the pro-abortion, pro-LGBT organization <a href="#">Amnesty International</a>.</li> <li>• Higdon is hailed as a “<a href="#">seasoned gay rights activist</a>” (2002).</li> <li>• In 2001, Higdon moved to New York and decided to engage in <a href="#">gay rights activism “full time”</a> (2002). <a href="#">Higdon has worked closely with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force</a> (2000).</li> <li>• Is Higdon’s role at GSUSA an extension of this commitment to full-time homosexual rights advocacy?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Deb Taft</b>  - GSUSA Executive Staff  - Senior VP Fund Development (Aug 2011 - present)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Taft</a> is a homosexual rights advocate who currently sits on the <a href="#">Board Of Governors</a> for the Human Right Campaign (HRC).</li> <li>• Taft recent <a href="#">hosted a fundraiser for HRC</a> (under 2011 Table Captains). (HRC goals include: <a href="#">advance transgender rights</a>, <a href="#">same-sex marriage</a>, support LGBT in “<a href="#">coming out</a>,” <a href="#">repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)</a>, and <a href="#">empower youth to defend LGBT issues</a>.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lynn Cothren</b>  - Director of GSUSA Administration  (currently employed by GSUSA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As documented <a href="#">on Cothren’s own personal website</a>, Cothren is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A leader in homosexual rights advocacy</li> <li>○ A former Board Member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force</li> <li>○ A former Grand Marshall of the Atlanta Gay Pride Committee</li> <li>○ Credited with growing Atlanta’s Gay Pride turnout from 5,000 to 320,000 participants.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Additionally, <a href="#">Cothren’s website</a> (under the interview tab) promotes Cothren as a gay life coach.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Cothren publicly supported the repeal of a Georgia anti-sodomy law</a> that he and other activists said was unfairly applied to homosexuals (1998).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kathy Cloninger</b>  - GSUSA Executive Staff  - CEO (2003 - Nov 2011)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cloninger is the 2010-2011 <a href="#">Chair of the National Collaboration For Youth</a> (NCY). The <a href="#">NCY public policy</a> is to eliminate all abstinence-until-marriage sex-based education and to ensure access to contraception for everyone regardless of age. GSUSA is also a <a href="#">member of NCY</a>.</li> <li>• Cloninger currently <a href="#">serves on the Board</a> of the National Council for Research on Women (NCRW). NCRW supports comprehensive sex education, <a href="#">abortion rights</a> and <a href="#">same sex marriage</a>. GSUSA is a <a href="#">member of NCRW</a>.</li> <li>• In a 2004 Today Show Interview Cloninger said “we partner with many organizations. We have relationships with our church communities, with YWCAs, and with <i>Planned Parenthood organizations</i> across the country, to bring information-based sex education programs to girls.” <a href="#">Click here</a> to see the interview.</li> <li>• Prior to serving as GSUSA CEO, Cloninger’s bio indicates that she was the <a href="#">executive director of a Texas YWCA</a>. (The YWCA called for the liberalization of abortion laws in 1967 and in 1970 “voted to give special emphasis to the repeal of all laws restricting or prohibiting abortions.” It continues with its</li> </ul>

	<p>aggressive <a href="#">pro-abortion advocacy</a> and is a member of the <a href="#">Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice</a>. The YWCA also partners with Planned Parenthood in a variety of ways including joint projects where they opened “community-based health clinics” for women.</p>
<p><b>Joshua Ackley</b>  - GSUSA Media Spokesperson  (2009 - present)  - GS  Facilitator/Chaperone for the GSUSA 2010 Girls Only Event at the United Nations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joshua Ackley (aka Joshua Starr) is a founder of the “<a href="#">Dead Betties</a>” a now defunct, popular <a href="#">homopunk band</a> that created music videos depicting <a href="#">masturbation</a>, <a href="#">prostitution</a>, and <a href="#">violence against women</a></li> <li>• Ackley’s song titles include: Sick Days Are For Sex, Helevator, Demoralizer, This is My Brain on Drugs, Slim Fast and Heroin, and other disturbing titles. (<a href="#">Click here</a> for more information and documentation about Joshua Ackley. <b>WARNING: This material will be offensive to some readers.</b>)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Ackley represented GSUSA</a> at the 2010 “Girls Only” United Nations workshop.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Davia B. Temin</b>  - First Vice President/ Executive Board 2008 - present  - Reappointed as First Vice President for 2011 - 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Temin’s GSUSA bio states that she chairs the Board of Women’s ENews</li> <li>• Women’s ENews is currently promoting the following on their website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">a section devoted to Lesbian and Transgender issues</a> (includes an article in this section about <a href="#">GSUSA “Blazing the Trail on the Lesbian Issue”</a>)</li> <li>○ <a href="#">a pro-choice section titled Abortion</a> (under Health/Science heading)</li> <li>○ a cheers and jeers section where the group recently “cheered” the fact “that students in <a href="#">New York City’s public middle and high schools will be required to take sex-education classes beginning this school year</a> (2011) ... The curriculum will include lessons on how to use a condom and the appropriate age for sexual activity.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Temin <a href="#">hosted events</a> and financially supported the Women’s Campaign Forum, <a href="#">a group that support the advancement of pro-choice women in politics</a>. (2011)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Debra Nakatomi</b>  - Board Member At Large 2002 –present  - Appointed to Executive Board as Secretary for 2011 - 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Nakatomi</a> is international commissioner to the pro-abortion World Association Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, <a href="#">serves as the Chair</a> of the WAGGGS Task Group, and is a member of the Advocacy and Public Policy Task Group.</li> <li>• She currently serves on the board of the <a href="#">Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum</a>, which supports same-sex marriage.</li> <li>• Nakatomi assists in <a href="#">LGBT advocacy training</a> (2010).</li> <li>• Nakatomi was <a href="#">instrumental in the search and hire</a> of well-known homosexual rights advocate Timothy Higdon to the position of GSUSA External Affairs Officer, who oversees GSUSA advocacy efforts (2009).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nakatomi <a href="#">introduced the “Get Real” program</a> to reduce teen pregnancy, which <a href="#">promotes comprehensive sex education and contraception</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Ellen S. Fox</b> - Board at Large 2008 - 2011 - Reappointed to Board at Large for 2011 - 2014	<a href="#">Fox</a> currently also serves on the <a href="#">Board of International Planned Parenthood Federation</a> .
<b>Joan Wagon</b> - Treasurer/ Executive Board 2008 - present - Reappointed as Treasurer for 2011 - 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wagon, formerly the secretary of the Kansas Department of Revenue, expressed her admiration for late-term abortionist George Tiller in an interview with the Wichita Eagle newspaper. Tiller, she said, possessed "a social conscience and a big heart" (1991).</li> <li>Wagon worked in the administration of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Wagon <a href="#">received campaign donations</a> from late-term abortionist George Tiller (2000).</li> <li>Wagon served as an Executive Director for the YWCA (as listed in her GSUSA bio). The <a href="#">YWCA called for the liberalization of abortion laws</a> in 1967, and in 1970 “voted to give special emphasis to the repeal of all laws restricting or prohibiting abortions.” It continues with its aggressive pro-abortion advocacy and is a member of the <a href="#">Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice</a>. YWCA partners with Planned Parenthood in a variety of ways including joint projects where they opened “community-based health clinics” for women.</li> </ul>
<b>Eileen Scott</b> - Board at Large 2008 - 2011	According to <a href="#">Scott’s bio</a> , she is the former Executive Director of The Women's Fund of New Jersey (WFNJ), a group that at the time of Scott's affiliation had an initiative called <a href="#">Reproductive Justice</a> : defined as a broad range of work including abortion access, comprehensive sexuality education, emergency contraception and sex workers’ rights (2010).
<b>Sharon Taylor</b> - Board at Large 2008 - 2011	Taylor is <a href="#">the former editor in Chief and Publications Director</a> of <i>Essence</i> magazine. Under Mrs. Taylor's leadership (1981 - 2007), <a href="#">Essence magazine was honored by Planned Parenthood</a> with an Award for Media Excellence in 2002.
<b>Marie C Johns</b> - Board at Large 2008 - 2011	Johns <a href="#">expressed unequivocal support for same-sex marriage</a> during her 2006 Mayoral Campaign.
<b>Karen Maloney</b> - Board at Large 2008 - 2011 - Reappointed to Board	Currently, <a href="#">Maloney</a> is Senior Vice President Worldwide Controller of MTV Networks. MTV is a highly controversial Television Network targeting teens and promoting the <a href="#">sexualization of girls and women</a> , <a href="#">homosexuality</a> , <a href="#">sexual promiscuity</a> and <a href="#">abortion</a> .

<p><i>at Large for 2011 - 2014</i></p>	
<p><b>Brenda Freeman</b>  <i>- Appointed to Board at Large for 2011 - 2014</i></p>	<p>Through Freeman’s current <a href="#">position with Turner Animation</a>, Freeman provides support and vision to the cable television network Adult Swim which runs vulgar programming that negatively portrays women and girls. <a href="#">This episode</a> on <a href="#">adultswim.com</a> shows a young college girl accepting employment at a strip bar to pay her tuition and her mother condoning her subsequent prostitution.</p>
<p><b>Cyma Zarghami</b>  <i>- Appointed to Board at Large for 2011 - 2014</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Zarghami</a> is President of Nickelodeon and supports Nick at Nite, which airs <a href="#">controversial sexual programming</a>.</p>
<p><b>Lisa Garcia Quiroz</b>  <i>- Appointed to Board at Large for 2011 - 2014</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Quiroz financially supported the Empire State Pride Agenda, Inc.</a> (2011), a New York <a href="#">LGBT organization</a> that was one of the <a href="#">largest donors</a> to Governor Cuomo who pushed the same-sex marriage bill through the New York legislature.</li> <li>• Quiroz is a Senior Executive for <a href="#">Time Warner, which supports same-sex marriage</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Barbara Krumsiak</b>  <i>- Appointed to Board at Large for 2011 – 2014</i></p>	<p>Krumsiak is also the <a href="#">Board Chair</a> of the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, which <a href="#">funds Planned Parenthood</a> of Metropolitan Washington and the <a href="#">Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League</a>.</p>
<p><b>Kathy Hopinkah Hannan</b>  <i>- Appointed to Board at Large for 2011 - 2014</i></p>	<p>Hopinkah Hannan is <a href="#">co-chair</a> of the KPMG Diversity Advisory Board, which <a href="#">oversees networks</a> like <a href="#">Out and Equal</a>, a network for gay and lesbian employees.</p>
<p><b>Monica Gil</b>  <i>- Appointed to Board at Large for 2011 - 2014</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gil is a <a href="#">volunteer</a> for and served on the <a href="#">board</a> of <a href="#">Saban Free Clinic</a> which touts their “<a href="#">sensitive services</a>” offered free to teens over the <a href="#">age of 12</a>. Services includes sex education, confidential birth control (including <a href="#">emergency contraception</a>), and <a href="#">abortion referrals</a>. Extensive use of peer educators. Teen website assures teens that “contraceptives are <a href="#">free and easy</a> to obtain here” without parental knowledge and includes this <a href="#">photo</a> of two girls practicing putting a condom on a plastic penis.</li> <li>• Gil is past senior staff of pro-homosexual L.A. Mayor <a href="#">Antonio Villaraigosa</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Connie Lindsey</b>  <i>- President/ Executive Board  2008 -present  - Reappointed as President for 2011 – 2014</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lindsey is a <a href="#">past donor</a> (personal funds) to <a href="#">pro-abortion, pro-LGBT Chicago Foundation for Women</a>.</li> <li>• Lindsey <a href="#">serves as</a> Executive Vice President and Head of Corporate Social Responsibility for Northern Trust, which also <a href="#">donated</a> thousands of dollars to the Chicago Foundation for Women.</li> </ul>

**Laurie Westley**  
- Senior Vice  
President/Public Policy,  
Advocacy & Research  
Institute  
2000 - present

As stated on her GSUSA staff bio, Westley previously worked for the [National Women's Political Caucus](#).  
The purpose of the organization is to elect pro-abortion women.