

Gamaliel Foundation National Council of Presidents

Proposal: A Process to Select a Gamaliel National Issue

What is a “National Issue”?

Gamaliel is a national power organization. Therefore, a national issue is one in which all member/affiliate organizations participate. There are other issues in Gamaliel where clusters of member organizations work very successfully, but their participation is voluntary. Presently, transportation, local hiring and housing are good examples of such issues. But a “National Issue” of a national power organization is one in which the entire organization participates.

How do we choose a “National Issue”?

An issue becomes a national issue when 2/3 of the member organizations vote to declare it a national issue. The Gamaliel National Council of Presidents is the key body in the process. A member organization, a group of member organizations or one of the Gamaliel National Tables (NLA, GNCC, AALC, CRI,) may submit an issue to the Council of Presidents. The process for the issue to become a national issue is the following:

1. Sponsors submit a 2-page statement with the following elements: Description of the Problem, the Solution, the Target, the Demands, the Timetable, the Organizing Process for Affiliates, the Benefits for the Affiliates, the Benefits for Gamaliel.
2. The Council of Presidents Steering Committee reviews the proposal. With a majority approval, the proposal goes for comments to Gamaliel Foundation's Executive Director and Central Staff, Gamaliel's Board of Directors and to the other Gamaliel National Tables.
3. After receiving comment, the Steering Committee may decide (majority approval) to send the request to the Council of Presidents for a first discussion.
4. The Council of Presidents may vote (majority approval) to send the proposal to affiliate leadership tables for discussion and a vote on support for the request.
5. The Council of Presidents, after an appropriate amount of time, will determine if 2/3 of the member/affiliate organizations of Gamaliel voted to make the issue a National Gamaliel Issue.
6. The Council of Presidents announces to Gamaliel Foundation that the issue has been accepted as a National Issue. The Council of Presidents, in consultation with the Executive Director, names a National Task Force. The Executive Director assigns staff to the Taskforce, and the organizing process begins.

Note: the above process, in an emergency, could be completed in a very short period of time.