

# *Obligations of Membership*

## **When does GLC meet?**

GLC happens on the first Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each month from September to June unless otherwise indicated on the official calendar. These meetings include topic-based presentations and discussions about issues affecting women and girls. Additional programming includes bonding events, workplace visits, professional development, volunteerism, fundraising, and field trips. If you have ideas for special programming that is not covered in the current GLC schedule, you can bring them to the Facilitators for collaboration and review. If there is enough interest from fellow members, additional program features can be added!

## **What is the attendance policy?**

The experience of all GLC members is best when all members show up and participate. That means the meetings are better because you're there! Consistency creates a comfortable environment for members to learn and connect, not only to the content but to each other. This extends to our virtual members as well. Members who register to attend in person are committing to physically show up to meetings, and attending virtually will be considered a jump night.

You are registering for meetings that span September to June, or 10 monthly meetings on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Attendance is required at 8 out of the 10 monthly meetings. We take attendance at our meetings to track engagement, including at our virtual meetings. A member who misses more than 3 meetings runs the risk of losing their spot in the program if there is a waiting list.

## **Besides meetings, what other events are mandatory?**

The only requirement outside of the monthly meetings is the orientation retreat in September. You are encouraged, but not required, to attend other API events such as the International Day of the Girl, Paulsdale's Holiday Open House, and various other on and off-site events. Details of these events will be included in the monthly newsletters as they approach.

## **What is a "jump night"?**

While you must attend on the night you committed to during registration, every member gets two "jump nights." A jump night is when a member cannot attend their usual night, and instead goes to a different night's meeting. Jumps can also mean you attend the meeting virtually, instead of in person. The goal of the jump night is to allow for some flexibility in our members' busy schedule while retaining consistency in the program.