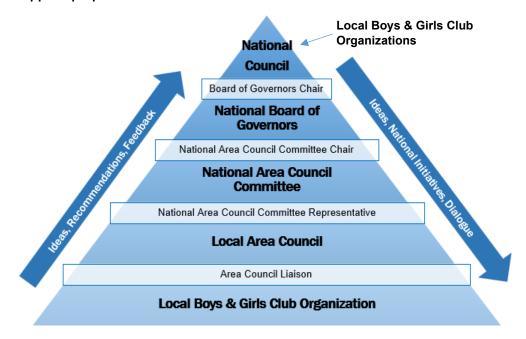


It is generally recognized that nationally and locally the Boys & Girls Club Movement must have the interest and active support of board volunteers if it is to progress and attain its greatest potential in service to youth. Area Councils provide a medium through which such volunteer interest and participation may be stimulated. Local Area Councils educate and motivate board volunteers, provide engagement and feedback to BGCA on important strategic initiatives, and promote the growth, development, and effectiveness of the Boys & Girls Club Movement.

## STRUCTURE OF AREA COUNCILS

Area Councils are an integral part of the Movement's organizational structure. Individuals working in Area Councils initiate and review ideas, suggestions and proposals for National Council consideration and they take action to support, amend or oppose proposals before the National Council.



## MEMBERSHIP IN THE AREA COUNCIL

Any member organization of Boys & Girls Clubs of America within the area designated is eligible for membership in the Area Council.

Member organizations in an Area Council shall be officially represented by at least the Board Chair and/or designated officer of the board of directors/Tribal Council and the Chief Executive Officer/lead representative. All board members are encouraged to participate in Area Council activities.

Organizations located on military installations may be members of an Area Council and their representatives are encouraged to participate, even though they have no board representation. Their participation brings important perspective to all organizations on the unique challenges and successes in our Military clubs.

For more information on Area Councils visit BGCAboards.org/Resources.