



ZONTA
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DISTRICT 13
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

D-13 Newsletter July 2016 (the last 2014-16 newsletter)

Dear District 13 Zontians,

This is the last 2014-16 biennium newsletter; please, receive my gratitude for the results you have achieved in the 2014-16 biennium.

- Some clubs have worked hard retaining members
- Other clubs have recruited new members
- Area 01 Membership Committee has organized one new club. It is still waiting for its charter number. The name of the club is ZC Greve.
- A special evaluation committee chaired by D 13 Service Committee Chair Anne Kühnell evaluated several club service projects and forwarded three projects to ZI for recognition at the Nice convention. Competition was very hard: however, the project, which was once an area 01 project later a ZC Sønderborg project, with the title: Sommer Schools for women in Greenland, was recognized as the fifth best of all Zonta Projects in the 2014-16 biennium.
- Donations from clubs as well as from individual Zontians have increased much during 2014-2016

It has been a pleasure to serve D 13 as governor; I wish District 13 good luck and tailwind during the biennium 2016-18.

The D 13 Board 2016-18, which started its term of office 7 July 2016, has these members

- Ingibjörg Eliasdóttir, ZC Akureyri, Governor
- Dorte Olesen, ZC Copenhagen I, Lieutenant Governor
- Berit Birkelund, ZC Næstved, Treasurer
- Lisbeth Løvenov, ZC Copenhagen I, AD area 01
- Viduta Backieriene, ZC Marijampole, AD area 02
- Lara Hansdóttir, ZC Reykjavik, AD Area 03
- Mari Ramsten Vangdal, ZC Oslo, AD area 04
- Helena Bjarnadóttir, ZC Akureyri, appointed Secretary.

The new D 13 website

The new D 13 website will go live 24 August 2016. With Governor Ingibjörg's accept, I will as past governor continue keeping the project on track, and be in charge of the evaluation of the project. The transition period is a period with hard work for all webmasters; deliberately, the period is a rather short one. D 13 needs a new inspiring website easy to update. Please use it, when it is there.

D 13 Archives

As D 13 Historian and a member of ZI Centennial Anniversary Committee, I will take care of establishing a D 13 E-archive.

The 63 Zonta International Convention at the AKROPOLIS in Nice, France, 30 June – 6 July 2016.

Present at convention were 2323 Zontians and Guests

- International Board 11 persons
- Past International presidents 7
- Governors 31
- Other members registered 1951 +119 on a daily basis
- Guests 204

As of 1 June 2016, Zonta International encompassed 1184 clubs.

- 752 clubs were represented by delegates (From D 13: 34 clubs)
- 335 clubs were represented by proxy (From D 13: 5 clubs. However, members from one of these clubs had decided to attend with no voting rights and Governor could not represent her own club, from which no one else attended)
- 97 clubs were not represented (From D 13: 1 club; however a club member from this club participated with no voting rights)

The convention body recognized **ZI President Maria Jose** for her Conviction, Commitment and Courage and her hard and successful work for ZI. PIP Maria is now walking on as Committee Chair of the ZI Advocacy Committee, and as a member of the ZI Nominating Committee 2016-18.

Sonja Hönig Schouw, ZI President—elect, took office as ZI President 7 July 2016. The other members of ZI Board 2016-2018 are

- President-Elect Susanne von Bassewitz (1356 votes), ZC Düsseldorf II, D 29, Germany
- Vice President Sharon Langenbeck (945 votes), ZC Santa Clarita Valley, D 9, USA
- Treasurer/Secretary Bridget Masters (1096), ZC Greeley D 12, USA
- Judith Anderson (1044 votes) ZC Brisbane Inc. D 22, Australia
- Lydia Chaillou (1006 votes) ZC Meaux et Region, D 29, France
- Hsin-Hsin Wang (914 votes) ZC Taipei II, D 31, Taiwan
- Judith Kautz (887 votes) ZC Oklahoma, D 10, USA
- Ute Scholz (854 votes) ZC Verden, D 27, Germany
- Ursula Werner (819 votes) ZC Garmisch-Partenkirchen, D 14, Germany
- Sonia Albanese Carotti (754 votes) ZC Roma I, D 28, Italy

Tiina Rebane ZC Riga (749 votes) Kerrie Bigsworth (522 votes) and Lalivan Karnchanachari D 17, who was a candidate from the floor (662 votes), were not elected.

Before election, ZI President deleted Georgitta “Beng” Puyat ZC Makati and Environs, D 17, from the list, because her presentation speech did not follow Zonta Rules.

The Nomination Committee 2016-18 has the following members

- Maria Stefanova, Chair, ZC Saint Sofia, Bulgaria
- Joy Orlich, ZC Greater Reno, USA
- Maria Jose, ZC Copenhagen I, Denmark
- Florence Fischer-Herber, ZC Luxembourg
- Kerry Dixon, Zonta e-Club of USA 1, USA
- Gabrielle Samara Paphitis, ZC Nicosia Region, Cyprus
- Hotense Chékété, ZC Cotonou, Benin
- Ann Horrocks ZC Bendigo Inc., Australia,
- Winnie Teoh, ZC Kowloon, Hong Kong

Resolutions (a resolution is only adopted for one biennium; it must be adopted at the next convention to be continued).

There were four resolutions proposed. One was drawn back, one failed and the following two were carried

1. The campaign “Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women” shall be continued in the biennium 2016-2018
2. Pilot project “Membership category: Young Professionals”

The latter project caused some discussion, which resulted in a change of the wording **youth membership** into **membership of young professionals**. Those accepted as members in the biennium 2016-18 will continue in this category until they will turn 30 years, even if the category might disappear at the 2018 convention. They will have the same rights and responsibilities as ordinary classified members.

Bylaws

As usual, the Bylaws- day was a long day; however, ZI president managed to keep the estimated time schedule. The Bylaws edition 2016 will be published at www.zonta.org (My Zonta). Please notice that there are changes in the articles concerning ZI Nominating Committee, District Nominating Committee, new articles include the Z- and Golden Z clubs in the Bylaws, and a ZI Leadership Committee.

Please observe that an amendment of Bylaws now allows a former AD to run for election as AD six years after the completion of the area director’s first term in that office.

D 13 proposal to make CAC a standing Committee failed as did the proposal of registering for a single day at convention.

ZI president Maria Jose reported on the outcomes of the 2014-16 biennium.

Special attention was drawn to membership with a report from ZI Membership Committee Chair Annette Binder, to finances by Bridget Masters ZI Treasurer/Secretary, to advocacy, UN/CoE as well as to the education programs and the ZI projects.

Keynote speakers were **Maria Luisa de Contes**, Secretary General of the Renault Group in Spain, **Lykke Friis**, University of Copenhagen former Danish minister of environment and gender equality.

The last keynote speaker was **Carolyn Hannan**, former Director for the Advancement of Women, UN New York, currently Associate Professor at the University of Lund teaching master-level courses in gender equality and development. Dr. Hannan is a ZI Honorary Member.

There were also speeches by Camille Bilger, 2015 AE Fellow, Anna Rukko, 2015 YWPA Recipient and Jelena Bauer, 2014 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Recipient.

ZI President 2016-18 Sonja Hönig Schouw presented the biennium goals

1. **Service.** Zonta's service programs reflect and enhance our mission and focus on sustainability
 - a. Sustainability is ensured through involvement of local and national governments and NGOs
 - b. Local (district/club) projects are in-line with our mission and vision, **100% of clubs have all local projects focus on women's and girls' issues. Cooperative projects will only be undertaken with like-minded organizations**
 - c. ZI identifies and proposes one major Zonta-led project with the potential to become a long-term on-going project. The new major project will be presented at the Convention 2018. **(I want to draw your attention to the fact that ZC Sønderborg made a similar proposal at the D 13 conference in 2011 in Akureyri. Time was not ready for the proposal, which was not adopted)**
2. **Advocacy.** Zonta International is a leading advocate for women's rights
 - a. All advocacy actions are in-line with the strategic plan and have measurable impact. When relevant, cooperation with like-minded organizations is initiated.
 - b. The campaign to End Violence Against Women is further developed to achieve local and national governmental and community commitment
 - c. ZI, districts and clubs report actions in support of the Women's Empowerment Principles (please see below)
3. **Membership.** Zonta International builds and sustains a vibrant global membership
 - a. **Zonta engages the next generation of gender equality advocates**
 - b. **Clubs recruit and retain committed and skilled members. Districts show a net membership growth of at least five percent compared to the previous biennium and at least one additional club during 2016-18 biennium**
4. **Resources.** Zonta International maintains resources to support mission and vision fulfillment
 - a. Leadership training and membership knowledge is reinforced
 - b. The communication and knowledge management platforms are improved
 - c. ZI has sustainable resources and the sources of income are broadened

5. **Centennial Anniversary.** Zonta's Centennial anniversary celebrations have visibility around the world.
 - a. **ZI delivers the strategy and plans for the Centennial celebrations to the governors by the first quarter of 2017**
 - b. **Districts establish an Ad Hoc Committee for Zonta's Centennial Anniversary for coordination of events**

The 2016-18 Fundraising Goals

1. International Service Projects
 - a. **Towards Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia. With UNFPA: 1,000,000 USD**
 - b. **Let Us Learn Madagascar. An integrated program for Adolescent Girls. With U.S. Fund for UNICEF: 1,000,000 USD**
2. ZISVAW projects
 - a. **Initiative for Adolescent Girls in Niger: Knowledge for Dignity. With UNFPR: 1,000,000 USD**
 - b. **The Future We Want: Creating Sustainable Foundations for Addressing Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration of Women and Children in Nepal. With UN Women: 1,000,000 USD**
3. Education Programs
 - a. **Amelia Earhart Fellowships 700,000 USD**
 - b. **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships 232,000 USD**
 - c. **Young Women in Public Affairs Awards 144,000 USD**
4. Rose Fund
 - a. **Rose Fund 300,000 USD**

Total Amount 5,376,000 USD

Zonta International Foundation Booth was open during convention; the convention body donated a big amount. I want to thank all D 13 clubs and Zontians for their donations. ZC Roskilde please receive my sincere gratitude for the generous donation to ZIF in my name.

As usual the Market Place was overwhelming.

The Bright Spots Street was an interesting exhibition of club service and advocacy projects. Here was information on ZC Sønderborg's Greenland Project.

Round table debates for non-delegates were new at the convention program.

The most spectacular events at convention were

- The Flag-parade, chaired by Ragnar Karlsdóttir, ZC Embla, D 13; flagbearers from D 13 were Elsebeth Grinvalds, ZC Copenhagen I, Shideh Pourzahed, ZC Aarhus, Jurgita Beinoriene, ZC Vilnius, Lara Hansdóttir, ZC Reykjavik and Bente Halvorsen, ZC Egersund.
- The Memorial Ceremony, chaired by PIP Dianne Curtis
- The Installation Ceremony, chaired by PIP Margit Webjörn and PIP Olivia Ferry
- The Galla Dinner, mistress of ceremonies Tebbie Clift ZC New York.
- Happy Hour for District 13, chaired by D 13 Governor assisted by District Treasurer and the ADs 2014-16 for practical things and Helena Bjarnadóttir for the songs and the singing. Very many D 13 Zontians and guests participated in this event. However because of a tight schedule we missed Maria Jose and Ingibjörg Eliasdóttir; nevertheless, there was a toast to Maria Jose for work well done and good wishes for the incoming governor.

I want to thank all Zontians from D 13 who served as monitors or in special positions at the Nice Convention.

Fanø 12 July 2016

Eva Nielsen

Past governor

Women's Empowerment principles:

1. Establish high-level corporate leadership for gender equality
2. Treat all women and men fairly at work - respect and support human rights and nondiscrimination
3. Ensure the health, safety and well-being of all women and men workers
4. Promote education, training and professional development for women
5. Implement enterprise development, supply chain and marketing practices that empower women
6. Promote equality through community initiatives and advocacy
7. Measure and publicly report on progress to achieve gender equality

See more at: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/partnerships/businesses-and-foundations/womens-empowerment-principles#sthash.tmhLf2vX.dpuf>