

District 13 Board meeting, 14.-15.April 2023

Location : **Novotel Gedimino av. 16, LT-01103 VILNIUS, Lithuania**

Time: 14.April 09:30-16:00

Time: 15.April 09:00-15:00

BOARD MEETING:

D13 Board

Governor Guðrún Halla Gunnarsdóttir, ZC Reykjavik Iceland

Lt. Governor Ruta Jasionė, ZC Alytus Lithuania

AD 01 Helle Larsen, ZC Aalborg Denmark

AD 02 Dainora Svitojiene, ZC Vilnius Lithuania

AD 03 Sesselja Sigurðardóttir, ZC Akureyri Iceland

AD 04 Jane Bordal, ZC Oslo 1 Norway

Treasurer Ellen Skartvedt, ZC Egersund og omegn

Secretary Sigridur Björnsdóttir, ZC Sunnur Hafnarfjordur Iceland

Agenda

Meeting Notes from 30th.January and 20th February 2023, Approved with changes done at the meeting.

Planning District Meeting in Akureyri and Agenda for that meeting, workshops

Niceair is not flying direct from Copenhagen anymore; we don't know what will happen there.

The agenda will be done soon. We have gotten many speakers, we have to decide if we should have them in workshops or as a keynote speakers. *ZC Uglur* from Iceland what's to talk about Zonta and young women.

All the board needs to be in Akureyri on Thursday morning for a meeting with Fernanda Gallo-Freschi, our liaison from ZI. There will be a speech from Ute, Z. International President, and Fernanda will also speak on behalf of ZI. If we have the films ready from Norway and Denmark we will show them. We have two international honorary members that are Icelandic that we can talk to, Vigdís Finnbogadóttir and Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir.

The program needs to be a program that is appealing to everyone with both good keynote speakers and business sessions.

Bylaws need no change, however Denmark has sent suggestions to Halla to change the bylaws. We will have the voting at the convention not online, as then we would not have any discussion between us.

STEM should be a permanent scholarship not just until the convention 2025 in Australia like ZI suggested. We need to vote on these two things at the district convention in Iceland.

First day we will end the meeting by gathering outside the conference hall with Zonta sayings in many languages.

We have options of offering those that do have money for a hotel to stay at Zonta homes in Akureyri. Need to have a timekeeper at the meeting to keep the agenda. Þóra Ákadóttir has been asked to be the moderator at the meeting.

In Lithuania and in other countries as well we have problems with the language, we need to look into having some translation, we can do the powerpoint in lithuanian and put google on the screen. We need to find what we are able to do and what it will cost and if this is possible we need to have it in

other languages. Google translate could work also.

All the AD's need to send Sesselja information about deceased members 2021-2023.

All the AD's need to ask all the clubs in the District to give at least one gift for the lottery.

If the clubs want to sell their goods they need to book a table the AD's will book and info Sesselja about that we need to get the information about the cost first.

Some of the keynote speakers are charging money for speaking. We have already four that are willing to talk.

In Denmark the area pays 3000 DKK to the clubs for the delegates. In some clubs in Norway the delegates get their travel expenses, depending on how much the clubs have in budget. The area in Norway doesn't pay, but the clubs do according to budget.

<https://kom.eventsair.com/zonta-district-13/zonta2023/Site/Register>

Need to send our "Call for conference" to all the area directors.

At the meeting we need to vote on:

Governor

LT Governor

Treasurer

Auditor

Alternate for treasurer

Alternate for auditor

Nomination Committee

Sessa has sent a draft of the agenda with a timeline to the district board and the names of the keynote speakers.

Bylaws Amendments & Resolutions

In the bylaws from ZI there is a special clause about the Areas. All Areas need to follow the ZI bylaws. Areas do not have rights to change the bylaws. AD can assist clubs to update the laws but not to change them. AD's do not have any rights of deciding anything for the clubs.

Helle has noted inconsistency in ZI web and the Governing Documents sent out in paper and she is going to take that forward in her Area.

Bylaws for district 13 are done so that we don't have to adopt the Robert rules of order as the bylaws for ZI are doing.

District 13 bylaws are outdated on the web and we need to change them.

Bylaws for the district 13 should be decided by the board not the district meeting according to the ZI bylaws but that is something we need to ask Dorte and Maria Jose, Helle will do that. As before District 13 wants to have our own Rules of Procedure but we will find out the best solution on that.

Can we adopt the ZI bylaws as is or do we need our own bylaws/Rules of Procedure.

Like before it is important to send to ZI all the information about club presidents when they change so that they are up to date. If AD's have problems with that, the governor will help.

All AD has to send out a calendar to the club presidents to inform them about the responsibility over the year, like paying the dues etc.

Maria Jose has a suggestion for changes to the bylaws. She has already sent information to Halla

about that.

Other business regarding the District Meeting

At the district meeting we will have all the flags from our countries outside the conference hall, but we are not going to play the national anthem of each country.

Board meetings before and after the District meeting

In the Bylaws we should have meetings before and after the district meeting with the liaison from ZI. Go over what went wrong and what went well at the district meeting etc and what to learn from it. Fernanda Gallo-Freschi will be attending the meeting on behalf of ZI as our liaison.

District board meeting will be held in Akureyri 31. August at 13:00-15:00 in the Zonta house in Akureyri.

District board meeting will be held in Akureyri 2. September 16:00-17:00 in Hof Akureyri just after the meeting is over.

New Webpage Teams meeting with Berit Birkelund.

The district board had a meeting with Berit Birkelund, webmaster of district 13. She showed us the new webpage that is being updated as we speak.

The design is similar to the ZI web page with news, calendar, goals and news. Area 1 is the only Area now that needs to update both old and new pages. All the webmasters are aware of the changes.

They need to choose pictures for the web themselves. The goal is to open the new webpage in June 2023 and the webmasters will have May to update the pages according to what they and the areas want. We can also upload videos to the new page.

The bylaws are outdated on the web and Berit needs to get info on what we should take out before the new webpage will open up, Helle will look at that.

Budget will be held but maybe we need to pay for 1-2 hours extra work due to changes of the Zonta logo on the page.

The new pages look good and are fresh, modern and will also be good on mobile phones.

Overview from Areas, how things are going:

Denmark Helle Larsen

Two clubs in Denmark have closed, Greve and Thy. In Denmark 450 members.

Had a meeting with members from all the clubs presidents and the board of the clubs.

Denmark is in good condition and there is a good energy in the clubs. Several projects have been done including the film.

Topsoe A/S supported Area 1 so that they could give six scholarships instead of one. A company that Maria Jose PIP works for.

Interdistrict seminar will be held spring 2025 Visit Copenhagen will help them to organize. This is a seminar that every member in Europe can attend. It's like a district meeting without a business session.

In 2028 we are hoping that the convention will be held in Copenhagen, the work is in process.

See presentation from Helle about membership and split between districts.

Area meeting in Area 1 Denmark 7th October.

Iceland Sesselja Sigurðardóttir

All the energy is going to the District conference in Akureyri.

Norway Jane Bordal

Leadership meeting in January in Oslo. They are making a film with a school in Oslo. They will also



make QR code for the film. They use TEAMS now as a platform for files and meetings that will get them closer together.

Glad that the new webpage is coming soon. Social media is also a platform for members and very good to inform new members about Zonta.

They had a group work "How to recruit new members", but we should take care of the existing members, not always focus on new members. Very good work and they are going to use the conclusion to work further with the clubs.

Clubs in Haugesund and Stavanger have closed. Due to distances some of the members are transferring to other clubs but only few. Talking about opening up an E-Club.

Bergen is also struggling as no new members are coming in and the members are getting older.

The Oslo club is growing and now they are up to 20. Members and guests need to feel welcomed at the meetings.

Jane have a good idea to invite our daughters few of them to go to a hotel for a weekend like Guldsmiden in Copenhagen and would have to answer the question "How shall we create Zonta for the future for the younger generation"

Lithuania Dainora Svitojiene

Work is stable. In May they are having the annual meeting. Total 63 members in 3 clubs. They are doing a good job. Meeting up and having fun. They are proud members of Zonta Lithuania but not thinking as much of the ZI. Too long distance between district and clubs, not enough information from the district board. Like why are we in Zonta etc. There is a gap between USA clubs and other clubs in the world. How can we use our work to attract the younger generation? Younger generation are not looking for status. Young people are not looking for strict structure, no hierarchy. Everything needs to be more simple, more vibrant, quicker.

Committees :

Nomination Committee

Karen Marie Hougaard has withdrawn from the committee Aurelija Gefenien will take her place.

Randi Nygaard Lium withdrawn from the committee as a chair and due to that? Guðríður Gyða Eyjólfsdóttir, ZC Akureyri will take the chair for the committee.

Dorthe Olesen Copenhagen I is willing to be a part of the committee as a supporting member and also Thrine Seglem from Egersund Norway. They need to have the suggestion on the new board 90 days before the District Meeting.

Money matter of the District i.e. Film Projects etc.

Denmark has applied for 8000 DKK to make a film about Zonta. Norway has made a film that cost NOK 5000. There is a school that is making the film and the filmmaking is a competition between students in that school. The district board has before approved DKK 8000 for each area. The Areas need to apply for 8000 DKK funding to make a film from the district and they also need to document the cost.

Other matters

The cost of the hotel in Vilnius will be covered by the District as the price that we got is very good.

Can we do something for the women of Ukraine? DK Zonta joined forces with farmers and people from Ukraine and collected money.

We as a Zonta on district level can help Ukraine with collecting money together. If we want to support them we need to decide if the support will be given in Ukraine or in our country. If in Ukraine we will do that together with the clubs there.



Next meeting:

24th May TEAMS meeting 18:30 Norway and Denmark time, 16:30 Iceland time and 19:30 Lithuanian time. TEAMS meeting request sent out.

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