

## Minutes of the District Conference & Meeting 11 September 2021

(Referring to Program and Agenda with Attachments as announced on the D13 website)  
The District meeting took place in Teams and started at 12' o'clock and ended at 15' o'clock.



### Opening Session

Governor Jane Bordal welcomes everybody and especially recognized

- Past International President Maria José Landeira Østergaard, ZC Copenhagen Multicultural
- ZI Board Liaison Mari McKenzie
- Past international Directors  
Mari Ramsten Vangdal, ZC Oslo  
Ragna Karlsdóttir, ZC Embla
- Delegates
- Club Members

### Greetings from Zonta International

ZI Board Liaison Mari McKenzie

Details are found in the Teams meeting presentation “Women and Power”, dated 2021-09-11 and published on the Zonta D13 website.

### Governor Jane Bordal remembered with a moment of silence Zontians in memoriam.

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#### 1. Adoption of the legitimacy of the meeting

District Conference Rules, District Meeting Rules, Voting and Election Rules is given by District 13 Bylaws § 20.

The rules were published on the D13 website before the meeting and sent out to registered delegates. The rules are considered as approved.

The dates for the call for conference are found to be in accordance with both the district bylaws and the Zonta International bylaws for Call to Conference. This is considered as approved.

#### 2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Election of secretaries, timekeepers and tellers

D-13 Secretary use to be one of the note takers, but D-13 Treasurer Ellen Skartvedt, ZC Egersund takes on the role, as Secretary Berit Birkelund, ZC Næstved unfortunately is prevented from attending the meeting.

Hilde Heggelund from Oslo ZC is elected unanimously as the other note taker.

As the meeting is held by Teams the D13 Board deems it appropriate that Governor Jane Bordal is the chair of the meeting and timekeeper as well. This is considered as approved.

There was no need for tellers in the meeting as all voting were done in advance of the meeting.

#### **4. Roll call of clubs/delegates**

Treasurer Ellen Skartvedt calls on all notified delegates and concludes that there is a total of 39 club delegates present + 6 delegates from the D-13 Board, giving a total of 45 district votes.

#### **5. Governors Report on the state of the district 2019-2021**

##### **Women and Power presentation**

Governor Jane Bordal

Details are found in the Teams meeting presentation “Women and Power”, dated 2021-09-11 and published on the Zonta D13 website.

#### **6. AD’s reports 2019-2020**

##### **Area 01 Denmark** - Vice AD Helle Larsen, ZC Aalborg

*AD Karen Marie Hougaard, ZC Sonderborg is unfortunately on sick leave*

Details are found in the Teams meeting presentation “Women and Power”, dated 2021-09-11 and published on the Zonta D13 website – including the presentation of Zonta Denmark's Goal Five, Gender Equality project.

##### **Area 02 Lithuania** – Lt. Governor Rasa Birutiene, ZC Vilnius

*AD 02 Rima Dabuliene, ZC Alytus, resigned from the office in June 2021*

Details are found in the Teams meeting presentation “Women and Power”, dated 2021-09-11 and published on the Zonta D13 website.

##### **Area 03 Iceland** - AD Sigríður Björnsdóttir, ZC Sunnur Hafnarfjörður

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##### **Area 04 Norway** - AD Siri Meling, ZC Egersund og omegn

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#### **7. Election of new D13 board**

Chair Aase V. Schmidt, Nomination Committee

Slate of candidates for the Board was presented as announced in the Call for Conference.

There are only identified one candidate for election to each office.

A voting member nominating a candidate “from the floor” for an elected position should do so in writing to the Nomination Committee by August 20, 2021.

There were no candidates running “from the floor”.

Chair Aase V. Schmidt presents the Election results.

There has been given a total of 39 votes.



The candidates for the District Board 2022-2024 were elected with the following numbers of votes:

- Governor: Rasa Birutiene, ZC Vilnius – 35 votes
- Lt. Governor: Gudrun Halla Gunnarsdottir, ZC Reykjavik – 34 votes
- Treasurer: Ellen Skartvedt, ZC Egersund – 36 votes
- Treasurer – alternate: Thrine Feyling Seglem ZC Egersund – 33 votes
- Auditor: Berit Birkelund, ZC Naestved – 36 votes
- Auditor – alternate: Grete Smistad, ZC Haugesund – 33 votes

## 8. Election of new Nomination Committee

Chair Aase V. Schmidt, Nomination Committee

In D13 the auditor is an elected position and the Bylaws state that a member of the Nominating Committee cannot hold an elected position. This goes for the international as well as district level.

As Berit Birkelund, ZC Naestved is elected as an auditor she cannot be a part of the Nominating Committee. Berit Birkelund therefore withdraw.

It is allowed to vote for the maximum of three (3) candidates. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes are the elected ones.

There has been given a total of 39 votes, included 1 invalid and 1 blank.

The Candidates for the Nomination Committee obtained the following votes:

- Aurelija Gefeniene, ZC Vilnius – 11 votes. *Not elected*
- Karen Marie Hougaard, ZC Sonderborg – 14 votes. *Elected*
- Guðríður Gyða Eyjólfsdóttir, ZC Akureyri – 21 votes. *Elected*
- Randi Nygaard Lium, ZC Trondheim – 23 votes. *Elected as chair of the committee.*
- Berit Birkelund, ZC Naestved – 27 votes. *Withdrawn*

The above voting was found to be invalid since the delegates did not know of Berit Birkelunds withdrawal at the time of voting and hence would have voted differently. It was unanimously decided that there was no time to find a new 5<sup>th</sup> candidate. It was decided to send out the 4 remaining candidates for a new voting after the meeting and to publish the result on the district website.

The result of the second and final voting is as follows:

- Aurelija Gefeniene, ZC Vilnius – 21 votes. *Not elected*
- Karen Marie Hougaard, ZC Sonderborg – 26 votes. *Elected*
- Guðríður Gyða Eyjólfsdóttir, ZC Akureyri – 28 votes. *Elected*
- Randi Nygaard Lium, ZC Trondheim – 31 votes. *Elected as chair of the committee.*

There has been given a total of 42 votes, of which 1 invalid vote.

## 9. Presentation and Approval of the budget and financial statements

D-13 treasurer Ellen Skartvedt presents the financial statement 2019-2021 and the budgets 2020-2023.

Results are characterized by the fact that there has been no travelling because of the Covid-19 Pandemic.



A major part of the cost are provisions that are set aside for the future to ensure enough funds for a high activity after the pandemic.

According to the Auditors endorsement, the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet has been revised and approved.

The Financial Statements and the budgets as presented are approved unanimously, including that the annual district dues are unchanged at 175 DKK for members at least 30 years old, however for members under 30 years of age the dues are only half of this, 87,50 DKK.

**10. Any other business**

No other business was addressed.

**11. Presentation UN and Council of Europe Committee**

Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, ZC Copenhagen Multicultural

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**12. Presentation Women in Technology scholarship Committee**

Jane Andersen, ZC Copenhagen Multicultural

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**13. Membership overview**

Lt. Governor Rasa Birutiene, ZC Vilnius

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**14. Donations**

Foundation Ambassador Mari Vangdal, ZC Oslo 1

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**13. Welcome to convention in Hamburg 2022**

Frauke Pape, ZC Kiel

The 65th Zonta Convention will take place in a congress center in Hamburg on the 25th- 28th of June 2022. There will be a multiple of hotels to choose from in walking distance to the CCH congress center. Please see more information on the web pages:

- [www.zonta-area03-27.de](http://www.zonta-area03-27.de)
- [www.cch.de/en/](http://www.cch.de/en/)
- [www.zonta-area03-27.de/convention-25-29-6-2022-in-hamburg/](http://www.zonta-area03-27.de/convention-25-29-6-2022-in-hamburg/)



**15. Closing remarks**

Governor Jane Bordal thanked everybody for the contribution during the first half of this biennium, she also again thanked the contributors for making the digital conference possible and expressed a sincere hope that as many as possible will attend the convention next year in Hamburg.

Signed, 2021 October 29  
Jane Bordal, D-13 Governor 2020-22  
Chair of the meeting

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Signed, 2021 October 29  
Ellen Skartvedt, D-13 Treasurer  
Note Taker

Signed, 2021 November 17  
Hilde Heggelund  
Elected note taker

In accordance with D13 Bylaws § 19 the draft minutes were forwarded to the voting members October 12, 2021. Governor should receive any objections no later than November 10, 2021. A single remark has been received. This is added in the final minutes.

The minutes are finally approved as of 2021 November 17 and will be uploaded on the D-13 website.

