**To: All Club Presidents** District 29 – Nominating Committee

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Nomination Form for District Office 2016–2018 3981ZD BUNNIK

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**Nominations for District Officers: Biennium 2018-2020**

Dear Club Presidents,

As District nominating committee chairman, I have the great pleasure to write you today, to inform or remind you that our next District 29 conference will be held in Dortmund, Germany from October 6th to October 8th, 2017.

The following positions have to be filled:

1. **Governor**
2. **Lieutenant Governor**
3. **Treasurer**
4. **3 District Nominating Committee members (5 nominations needed)**
5. **2 Auditors (for checking the accounts at the end of the biennium)**

According to our International Bylaws, candidates for the various District offices must be presented and elected during this Conference.

*For your guidance we give in the end of this letter some extracts of the relevant ZI bylaws:*

We, the members of the District 29 Nominating committee whose names are mentioned here below, ask for your assistance in finding candidates for the above vacancies. We need your help for finding enthusiastic and capable Zontians for office in the district next biennium (2018-2020).

Experiences in the past have learned us that to find good candidates we all need to be very proactive in asking potential candidate leaders. Almost never Zontians tell us in person that they themselves want to be a candidate for the district. So we will ask you to approach directly promising Zontians in your area or club, as potential leaders and candidates. Please encourage them to become active in the District board. The positions we have are very rewarding functions in Zonta. These functions give some work but also great pleasure and international contacts. Of course you can nominate yourself as well if you are interested in one of the functions!

According to our International Bylaws, candidates for the various District offices must be presented and elected during this Conference.

We recommend that candidates should be experienced Zontians with if possible some control of the English language, (but in Zonta, we can make excellent progress!)

Please have in mind that you (= your club) can nominate any Zontian in your Area. This means that the Zontian doesn’t have to be a member of your club.

In order to allow enough time for our work we would be grateful if you could return the enclosed nominating form

**before: May 15th, 2017.**

Even if your club cannot propose a candidate we would welcome the return of the attached nominating form marked “no candidate available”

Thank you so much for the time you dedicate for Zonta and for your cooperation.

With all our best regards

Marijke

Sabine

Annie Laurence

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**N.B. Attached in email:**

**Nomination Form for District Office 2016 – 2018**

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**Extract of the ZI Bylaws**

**SECTION 6. Officers.**

(ZI Bylaws 2016 – Art XIII – Districts – Section 6 – Officers - page 12).

The officers of the district shall be a governor, a lieutenant governor, the area directors, a treasurer and a secretary.

**(a)** **Qualifications.**

Each elected officer shall be a classified member of a club, shall have served at least two years in an elected club office and/or have been a district committee chairman. The governor, lieutenant governor and area directors shall have served at least one year as club president. An elected officer shall hold no other elective position at district level.

**(b)** **Election.**

Officers, with the exception of the secretary, shall be elected at the district conference immediately preceding the convention. Election shall be by ballot vote of voting members present and voting. Area directors and/or vice area directors shall be elected by the delegates from the clubs in that area, either at the district conference, or, at the option of the district, at the area meeting immediately preceding the convention. Elections at area meetings shall be in accordance with the procedures in Article XIII, Section 11 (a)(4)(a).

**(c)** **Term of Office.**

Officers shall take office at the close of the convention. The term of office shall be two years or until a successor takes office. No member who has served previously as an officer is eligible to serve in the same office again except (1) the treasurer who is eligible to serve two consecutive terms in that office; and (2) an area director who is eligible to serve again four years after the completion of the area director’s first term in that office. An officer who has served more than half a term is considered to have served a full term in that office. (d) Appointment, Term of Office. The governor shall appoint the secretary who shall be an officer and a member of the district board without vote. The term of office of the secretary shall coincide with the term of the governor who made the appointment.

See for the **Duties of officers** and more: ZI Bylaws 2016 - page 13

<http://www.zonta.org/Portals/0/Membership/Governance/ZIBylaws.pdf>

**SECTION 13. Nominating Committee.**

(ZI Bylaws 2016 – Art XIII – Districts – Section 13 –Nominating committee - page 16 e.v.)

**(a)** **How Constituted.** At the conference at which district officers are elected, a district Nominating Committee of three members shall be elected by plurality vote. No member of the committee shall be eligible for nomination at the district level of Zonta International while serving on the committee.

**(b)** **Qualifications.** Each member of the Nominating Committee shall be a classified member of a club, shall have served at least two years in an elected club office and have served in an elected or appointed capacity at the District level.

**(c) Term**. The term of the members of the district Nominating Committee shall be two years, beginning at the close of the convention.

**(d) Vacancies**. In case of a vacancy on the district Nominating Committee, or the inability of a member to serve, nominees not elected shall be selected to fill the vacancy in the descending order of the number of votes received for election.

**(e)** **Duties.** It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to……… see: ZI Bylaws 2016 pag16 e.v. <http://www.zonta.org/Portals/0/Membership/Governance/ZIBylaws.pdf>