



D29 Nominating Committee's Information

(January 14, 2023)

Nominations for district functions in the 2024-2026 Biennium

We need enthusiastic and capable Zonta members for office in our district for the next biennium (2024-2026). Serving at the district level is an enriching and rewarding experience, especially in our multi-national setting.

According to the Zonta International Bylaws, candidates for the various District offices must be presented and elected at the District Conference in Le Havre, France (Sept. 29 thru Oct. 1, 2023).

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)**

Nominations are open until **May 15th, 2023**

and have to be sent to **Susanne von Bassewitz -> susanne.vonbassewitz@online.de**

*Please use the **Nomination Form**.*

The ZI Bylaws state that candidates for the various District offices must be classified members and meet the prerequisites of the positions. It will also be beneficial for the candidates to have a good grasp of the English language both spoken and written.

For your information and guidance you'll find extracts from the 2022 Governing

Documents, namely the Zonta International Bylaws and Rules of Procedure further down on p. 2, 3 and 4 of this document.

As members of the 2022-2024 D29 Nominating Committee

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will be happy to provide you with detailed information if you have any questions.

ZI Bylaws, Article XIV Districts

SECTION 6. Officers. *(quoted from the Bylaws of Zonta International, 2022, p. 17)*

The elected officers of the district shall be a governor, a lieutenant governor, the area directors and a treasurer. The Governor shall appoint a secretary, who shall be an officer and a member of the board without a vote.

(a) Prerequisites. Each elected officer shall be a member of a club, shall have served at least two years in an elected club office and/or have been a district committee chair. 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 XIV, Section 11 (a) and (c).

(c) Term of Office. Officers shall take office at the close of the convention, or if no convention is held, 15 days after the announcement of the election result. The term of office shall be two years or until a successor takes office. No member who has served previously as an elected officer is eligible to serve in the same office again except that the treasurer and the area directors are eligible to be elected to a second term which may be either consecutive or not. An officer who has served more than half a term is considered to have served a full term in that office. The term of office of the secretary shall coincide with the term of the governor who made the appointment.

SECTION 7. Duties of officers. (*pls. consult Bylaws of Zonta International, 2022 p. 18*)

<https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/MyZonta/Governance/Governing%20Documents/ZIBylaws.pdf>

SECTION 12. Financial Oversight. (*quoted from the Bylaws of Zonta International, 2022, p. 21*)

At the close of the biennium and at any other time determined to be in the best interest of the district, the district board shall cause the district financial records to be examined (audited, reviewed or compiled) by certified/chartered public accountants or by a qualified individual independent of the district board. The examined financial statement and report shall be presented at the district conference.

SECTION 13. Nominating Committee. (*quoted from the Bylaws of Zonta International, 2022, p. 21*)

(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. The member receiving the highest number of votes shall be the chair of the committee. No member of the committee shall be eligible for nomination at the district level of Zonta International while serving on the committee.

(b) Prerequisites. Each member of the Nominating Committee shall be a 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.

For the (e) Duties of Nominating Committee pls. consult the Bylaws of Zonta International, 2022, p. 22:

<https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/MyZonta/Governance/Governing%20Documents/ZIBylaws.pdf>

Rules of procedure of Zonta International

Rule 5 (Circularization) (*quoted from the 2022 document, p. 2*)

(1) Membership lists (i.e. club rosters, Zonta International directories, district directories, or other lists including members' addresses and/or telecommunications numbers) are not to be made available to non-Zontians, or used by Zontians for the purposes of selling goods and services or for personal, financial or political gain.

(2) Zontians shall not use membership contact details or act in any other way to contact other Zontians for the purposes of lobbying for or against candidates who are

running for office at any level of Zonta.

(3) Except as is mentioned above, Zontians are encouraged to network with each other for business purposes.

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