Dear Members,

As we conclude our Centennial Anniversary Biennium, we would like to thank you for your patience while we defined the processes for managing Zonta business. The purpose of this email is to provide some essential information about upcoming activities and milestones.

**ZONTA TALKS**

We have expanded our Zonta Talks series to provide updates on the 2018-2020 projects and programs and to feature topics from this exceptional biennium, including our responses to COVID-19. You can learn about all Zonta Talks here: [https://www.zonta.org/Media-News/Zonta-Talks](https://www.zonta.org/Media-News/Zonta-Talks).

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2020-2022 BOARD AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The slate for the election of a new [Zonta International Board and a new International Nominating Committee](https://www.zonta.org/Media-News/Zonta-Talks) has been presented by the International Nominating Committee. This slate was published on the website in March and included in the April club mailing.

All members can watch candidate video speeches starting 30 June (three days before elections are open) until the election process ends.

Candidates from the floor will also be accepted. These candidates must possess the prerequisites required by the Zonta International Bylaws.

For nominations from the floor, please contact International Nominating Committee Chairman Sonja Höning Schough via e-mail ([ZInominating@zonta.org](mailto:ZInominating@zonta.org)) prior to 5:00 p.m. CDT on 15 June. Headquarters will then ensure that the candidate is qualified to run and send full instructions on what material must be submitted.

**CENTRAL LOCATION FOR ELECTIONS AND VOTING INFORMATION**

We are collecting documents, links and informational updates in a central location under Member Tools: [https://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Membership-Tools/Elections-Voting](https://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Membership-Tools/Elections-Voting).
ELECTIONS AND VOTING

All elections and voting will take place online. The dates for both will be 3 – 8 July. Once voting is open, it will be available 24 hours a day so that it is available across time zones.

A single ballot will cover:

- The 2020-2022 International Board
- The 2020-2022 International Nominating Committee
- Proposals for amendments to the Zonta International Bylaws and Rules of Procedure
- Proposals for resolutions
- Biennial Goals for 2020-2022
- Proposals for 2020-2022 international service projects and fundraising goals

More details will be provided to voting members in June. Please note that clubs need to assign their delegates and alternates by 22 May.

BYLAWS, RULES OF PROCEDURE AND RESOLUTIONS

If you are your club’s delegate or a voting member, please review the official Report of the 2018-2020 Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

Between 19 June and 23 June, voting members will have the opportunity to put forward PRO or CON ‘viewpoints’ on the proposed bylaws amendments and resolutions via a survey platform. The viewpoints will be compiled and made accessible to all members starting 30 June (three days before voting is open) through the end of the voting process.

GUIDELINES FOR VOTING

Voting members will receive details regarding guidelines for voting and additional information as part of a special training in June. Some highlights:

- The voting members are delegates from each club in good standing, governors, Past International Presidents and members of the Zonta International Board.
- ‘Good standing’ eligibility will be based on the club’s position and membership as of March 2020 when Zonta International Headquarters notified each club of their vote count.
- Prior to the opening of the electronic voting platform, the Credentials Committee shall report the number of voting members registered.
- A majority of the voting members registered shall constitute a quorum. For example, if 1,200 voting members are registered, at least 601 voting members must cast a ballot for the vote to be considered valid.
- Voting members who cast a ballot will be considered ‘present and voting’. This number will be used to determine majority or two-thirds for passage.
• All guidelines related to votes required for passage (majority, plurality, and two-thirds) will be followed as stated in the Zonta International Bylaws.

THE START OF THE 2020-2022 BIENNIUM AND INSTALLATION OF LEADERS

The new biennium will begin with the Installation Ceremony that will take place on 17 July. On this day, the new International Board, International Nominating Committee and the governors will be installed. At the same time, the district board members will also officially change over.

Please watch for more information to come on this topic.

We believe the above processes will give our members the information they deserve and provide voting members throughout the Zonta world flexibility to exercise their rights.

Thank you very much for your support and engagement in these matters.

Cordially,

Susanne von Bassewitz
President
Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation