

**ZC Budapest, ZC Burgenland, ZC Feldbach, ZC Graz, ZC Heviz, ZC St.Pölten,
ZC Szombathely, ZC Veszprem, ZC Wien City, ZC Wien 1, ZC Wien Parkring,
ZC Zagreb**

**MINUTES OF THE 2nd AREA 01 MEETING
Saturday, June 6, 2015
Zagreb, Croatia**

AGENDA

Start of meeting: 9.00 hrs

1. Welcome by Ivana Rudar Tomljanovic, President of ZC Zagreb
Welcome by Margot Fleck, Area Director 01
2. Authorization of the agenda
3. Appointment of a secretary
4. Authorization of the minutes of Area Meeting in Budapest
5. Report / Information about our District 14 / Zonta Int. of our Governor Ursula Werner
6. Zonta International Foundation Projects 2014-2016 presented by Gisela Hibschi, D14 ZIF Ambassador
7. Club Reports
8. Team Work: Projects in accordance with ZONTAs vision and mission
9. Any other business
10. Questions/concerns/discussion

AREA MEETING

1. **Warmly welcome** by Ivana Rudar Tomljanovic, President of ZC Zagreb and Area 01 Director Margot Fleck to all the participants of the Area Meeting and special thanks to all for coming and spending time for ZONTA!

2. Authorization of the agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously

3. Appointment of a secretary

Barbara Raguz from ZC Zagreb was unanimously appointed as the secretary of the Area Meeting

4. Authorization of the minutes of Area Meeting in Budapest

Minutes of the Area Meeting in Budapest in November 2014 were adopted unanimously

Introduction of each participant mentioning Name, Zonta club and present function

5. Report / Information about our District 14 / Zonta Int. of our Governor Ursula Werner

- Reports from all Board meetings are published
- International and district fees should have been paid by June 1, 2015 – unfortunately some of the clubs paid too late as they are not in the position to timely pay the fees. Clubs are urged to pay the fees on time i.e. minimally 1 week in advance, in order for the funds to arrive to the US by June 1
- 1.230 members on April 1, 2015, new figures in 4-6 weeks. The number of membership have not changed significantly, some of the clubs are closed, some are new
- All the clubs should take efforts at least not to lose any more members, if not to attract new members
- Next District Conference at Garmisch on October 9-11, 2015 – still possible to appoint candidates for the next biennium until June 15, 2015
- Invitations for the District Conference at least 60 days in advance – early bird registration by June 30, 2015 – guests are not paying registration fees. Karin Nordmeyer from International Council of Europe will be one of the speakers. Young Women in Public Affairs Award winners and Amelia Earhart Fellowship scholars will be invited as well. Elections for the next biennium shall take place during the District Conference, so the presence of each clubs' representative is necessary.
- Zonta International Foundation – donations have been very poor, in April they went to 8th place among the districts.

- Awards: the District is holding a good position in participation. J. M. Klausman – one prize and 5 Amelia Earhart fellowship recipients from our District (1 from Budapest, 4 from Munich). There were also lot of applications for YWPA. Clubs participate in various awards – this is also our contribution to Zonta, engagement and time – it counts as much as a financial donation. This is the spirit of Zonta!
- Nepal: ZC Katmandu received many donations from clubs. Questions why we (Zonta International) have not made donations to Nepal – the money is already tied to some other previously planned projects.
- PR and communication: new homepage was launched in January. Check the site at least once a week – easy access, everything you may need is there. Clubs may present their events on this page – contact Gertraud Ribitsch (PR chair district 14) and/or Ursula
- Wishing a good work of the Area Meeting

QUESTIONS:

- Only 1,1% individual donations: due to tax regulations German individual donations are given to the clubs and are not separately shown as individual donations. In Austria there are no tax deductions on donations to Zonta
- Garmisch – small family hotels chosen in the walking distance from the venue
- Gertraud Ribitsch – more use of the home page
- District web page may be your home page or among favorites

6. Presentation from Gisela Hibsich, D14 ZIF Ambassador

- Report about the fistula project in Liberia together with UNFPA, which has been ongoing since 2008
- Nepal – funds gathered for specific projects cannot be reallocated to emergency situations
- We are strong because we are a part of an international organization!
- Charitable and educational projects
- Educational projects are getting bigger, want to encompass even more girls and women to educate
- Contributions to the Foundation go entirely to program support and development
- Zonta membership dues support the operating expenses of the Foundation
- Fundraising goal 2014-2016 = 5.306.00 USD (3 mil. still should be raised)
- Rose fund – not a donation to a specific project, will be later distributed (ZISVAW – projects against violence, International Service – fistula and other projects)
- Prevention of Root Causes Through Education 2014-2016 – teaching women about their rights and prevention of violence

7. Club Reports

- For detailed information see reports from the 12 clubs as per attachments

8. Team Work: Projects in accordance with ZONTAs vision and mission

From time to time we are confronted with the situation whether a particular project we have in mind, is really a Zonta project. Are our projects in accordance with ZONTAs vision and mission?

What is our mission?

“Empowering women through service and advocacy”

On which basis do we define the ZONTA goals?

- **ADVOCACY**
- **EDUCATION**
- **SERVICE**
- **EMPOWERMENT**
- **VISIBILITY**

We built 4 working teams to work out and discuss possible projects (we talk about possible ZONTA club projects and not ZONTA international projects) to get a feeling what the criterias for a Zonta project are. Each team got a few sheets, with possible projects.

The exercise was to allocate the possible projects into 3 groups:

- **YES**, FULLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ZONTAS VISION AND MISSION (green)
- **PARTLY**, EVENTUALLY IN ACCORDANCE (yellow)
- **DEFINITELY NOT** IN ACCORDANCE (red)

OUTCOME/RESULT: see attached list “Zonta projects_evaluation.pdf”

It can be seen from the results, that it is not always easy to find or define a ZONTA project in accordance with ZONTAs mission and vision. We should in any way promote projects which are in favor of women!!!

We also can see that we are very critical and that we sometimes have the meaning that the public authorities are responsible.

Red is clear – definitely no ZONTA project, green is also clear – these projects are in accordance with our mission. Yellow, is not so clear. Each club must ask himself, whether we will do only a favor to somebody we know or do we have pity, but is the project really in accordance with the goals of ZONTA?

Important remark: The money which we donate for other international projects, which are not our own ZIF projects, is lost for the international Zonta projects. If we do not reach the agreed sum of donations for the UN, we could lose our consultative status, which is a unique selling proposition for ZONTA. Most of the NGOs do not have this consultative status. Each club should donate 1/3 of their funds to ZIF.

Margot kindly asked the club presidents to share the outcome of this team work with their club members!

Margot mentioned that it would be great to have a common project in the area 01, e.g. an action day in regard to **ZI 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM, 25.11. – 10.12.2105 ZONTA SAYS NO – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

For further information see international homepage. Please think over what we eventually can do and share proposals with Margot.

9. Any other business

9.1. Websites

Please take care that your club website is always up to date and that you have a look on the district website on a regularly basis and share your club events with the others in the area.

9.2. Dates:

District Conference in Garmisch-Partenkirchen from 9 – 11 October 2015, each club has to send 1 Delegate, we select our next district board team. Each club with more than 30 members has 2 votes! It is a good possibility to take part on an event where you can meet a lot of Zontians and feel the internationality of our organization. You also have the possibility to give a proxy to another club of the Area, but it is not possible to give a proxy twice time behind.

Information about club members who died between October 2013 and end of May 2015, should be sent to Ursula together with a digital picture, if possible.

To save time, Margot decided to make no further area meeting of Area 01 in this year. There will be organized a meeting for updating during the district conference in Garmisch.

Next Area Meeting (= last in this biennium), please save the date:

15. – 17, April 2016 in Velden/Wörthersee

This meeting will take place together with Area 02, and will be organized by ZC Wörthersee and Klagenfurt.

9.3. Report Conflict Management Workshop in Vöcklabruck in January 2015 together with Area 02.

With this workshop we wanted to address especially all club board members but also all Zontians, who are interested, to solve conflicts in a positive way in their own clubs and in interplay with other clubs. This workshop offered methods of resolutions, so that we can reach our ZONTA aims and ideals, which we all have in mind, together and without envy and distrust, or negative competition – then: only together we are strong!

Dr.Christina Nigg guided us through this workshop. She also is Zontian and knows very well the existing complex of problems.

This workshop was very successful and everybody said that we should continue in this way. Margot will see how we can continue.

We had a profit of approx. EUR 540,00 which we donated to ZIF in the name of Area 01 and 02.

10. Questions/Concerns/Discussions

10.1. ZONTA New Folders and Stickers

Take with you and share with your club members. This is important for visibility! In case you need more let Margot know.

10.2. Participants of this Area meeting: 34

Each club was represented, with 1 or more participants, except ZC Parkring (Ch.Zöchling had to cancel her participation, due to an accident)

Special thanks for coming to:

Int. Director and D14 PR-Chair: Gertraud Ribitsch, ZC Graz

Governor: Ursula Werner, ZC Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Ltd.Governor: Elisabeth Thaler, ZC Brixen

D14 ZIF Ambassador: Gisela Hibschi, ZC München

Past Int. Director and D14 Parliamentarian: Inge Geyer, ZC Wien I

Special guest: Renate Schroth, ZC Salzburg

10.3. Share of Informations

Margot mentioned and kindly asked the participants to share all information, results etc. of the area meeting with their club members. Please also share all the information which Margot sends via email to the club presidents with the club members. Margot is sometimes confronted with the message that the club members do not get the informations she has sent out.

10.4. THANKS

Area Director Margot Fleck thanked all the participants for their coming, presence and patience and to ZC Zagreb and their president for an excellent organization of the Area Meeting and the wonderful frame program!

End of meeting: 17.00 hrs