



RULES for the ELECTIONS of the DISTRICT OFFICERS according to ZONTA International Bylaws

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A District Nominating Committee of three members shall be elected by plurality vote. Those three candidates out of five receiving the largest number of votes shall constitute the District Nominating Committee with the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes acting as chairman.

While serving on the committee, no member of the committee shall be eligible for nomination at any level of ZONTA International.

Term of office: the term of the members of the District Nominating Committee shall be two years, beginning at the close of the convention.

ELECTION: Election shall be by ballot and a majority vote of the conference voting members and proxies shall elect District Officers with the exception of the secretary (she will be appointed). Area Directors and Vice Area Directors shall be elected only by the delegates from the clubs in that area.

VOTING MEMBERS: The DISTRICT OFFICERS (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, treasurer, the four Area-Directors),-Vice Area Directors only in the absence or inability of the Area Director.

The DELEGATES and PROXIES of each club in good standing (good standing means: the club must have paid International and District dues and fees).

NUMBER OF DELEGATES of each Club: Depends on the number of members: each club is entitled to one vote; if the membership exceeds 30 members, the club is entitled for a second vote. If the membership exceeds 60 members, the club is entitled for a third vote.

PROXIES: No club may be represented by proxy at more than two consecutive conferences. **A club represented by proxy shall be entitled to its total votes by proxy.** A club may carry the proxy votes from no more than two other clubs. Proxies should be trusted to vote in the best interests of the club.

Who is allowed to vote? Only those officers and delegates (or proxies) certified by the credential committee as voting members of the conference may make motions or vote. To exercise these privileges, a voter must wear the conference badge and identification to all meetings and shall occupy one of the seats reserved for voters. Delegates who carry proxy votes will be issued proxy identifications.

To obtain the floor, a member will rise, address the chair, and state her name and club.

A delegate presenting a candidate from the floor for an elected office will be limited to presenting the name of the candidate only.

QUORUM: The majority at an election or a voting needs 50% + 1 vote of the **registered votes**. If the election ends in a tie, the procedure must be repeated, in this case an abstention is not allowed any more. When this second election also ends in a tie, the Governor has a second vote for decision.

ATTENTION: The voters must come to the Credential desk to be registered if a delegate will be replaced by her Alternate.