

DISTRICT 7 RULES OF PROCEDURE

District 7 of Zonta International shall be established and governed in accord with Article XIII of the Zonta International Bylaws to the extent consistent with Zonta International Rules and Procedures. The following Rules will constitute standard operating procedure.

1. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, and appointed Secretary shall constitute the Executive Committee.
2. The Area Directors are also District Officers and are members of the District Board. The immediate past district governor shall serve as an ex-officio member of the board with no voting rights.
3. Area Meetings shall be held each year and shall rotate on a regular basis.
4. The Governor shall appoint a District Historian/Archivist whose charge shall be to keep the history of Zonta International District 7 updated and factual including final financial statements.

~~5. Installation ceremony for the District Officers will be held at the District Seminar~~ **District Officers will assume their term immediately following International Convention.**

RATIONAL: Without Fall Seminar a formal ceremony is not feasible.

6. The Governor's Pin is the property of District 7 and will be passed on to each incoming District Governor.
7. All officers are to be elected at the fall conference immediately prior to the convention.

8. The district board shall meet at least three (3) times each year. ~~One meeting shall be held during the summer months for purpose of planning the fall seminar or district conference; a second meeting shall be held in conjunction with the district conference/seminar and a third meeting held by teleconference prior to area meetings.~~ **via teleconference or in person.** Other meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the executive committee.

RATIONAL: Without a Fall Seminar there will be no reason to meet in person.

9. District dues and fees shall be determined by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members at a district conference. On 1 June of each year each club shall pay to Zonta International District 7 per capita dues based upon the number of members in the club as of 1 June.

10. The district treasurer shall use fund accounting to keep the general operating funds and the conference funds. The treasurer shall use money market checking, savings accounts, certificates of deposits, or other appropriate money management techniques to maximize earnings on district funds.

11. The district board shall take action annually to determine the use and disposition of interest earned from district monies, even if the decision is to allow the interest to accrue in respective funds.

12. The Dorothea Radusch Fund is a district scholarship in the amount of \$250.00 that is awarded to the District 7 winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs award in addition to the International funds provided. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to contribute annually to the Fund.

13. The governor shall approve the expenses of other district board members and district committee members. The Governor's expenses as outlined in the District budget shall be approved by the treasurer. Any expenses outside those in the district budget shall be approved by the ~~board of directors~~ **District Board.**

RATIONAL: Cleans up sentence structure.

14. Expenses to be paid from district funds are defined in the Zonta International District 7 Reimbursement Guidelines. The Reimbursement Guidelines may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the district board.

15. As a voting member of the delegation at Zonta International Convention, the Governor's expenses, net of any International reimbursement, shall be reimbursed by the District for the following items (not to exceed the amount approved in the District Budget):

a. The most reasonable airfare or mileage (round trip) as set in the District 7 Reimbursement Guidelines

b. Standard room rate, double occupancy, beginning the night before the first date of registration through the night of the official closing banquet or session

c. Registration fee

d. Events where the presence of the Governor will be noted (i.e. Awards Presentation Breakfast)

e. Meals and other related expenses not covered above, not to exceed budget

16. As a non-voting attendee, the Lieutenant Governor's expenses, net of any Zonta International reimbursements, shall include the same expenses and policies allowed for the Governor as stated in Standing Rule #13 (not to exceed the amount approved in the District Budget).

17. The district shall hold one (1) district conference in the odd year of the biennium. ~~and one (1) district seminar in the even year of the biennium.~~

RATIONAL: The Fall Seminar has not been well attended and cost overages have to be covered from the District budget. More emphasis will be placed on attending the Area Meetings. This will reduce the financial stress on clubs.

18. The biennial district budget shall be presented for approval at the conference immediately preceding the biennium in which the budget is to become effective.

19. A registration fee should be charged to each individual member who attends the Conference. Insofar as financially feasible, the registration fee should be set only as high as to recover the cost of items that benefit only the individual who attends and do not benefit the club she/he represents. Such items include meals, favors, and entertainment. *(See Section 4 of the Zonta International District Manual.)*

RATIONAL: This statement is no longer needed as there is now a District Conference Manual.

20. District conference motion cards and election ballots shall be retained by the secretary for at least three (3) months, or until the minutes of the conference have been approved, whichever is longer.

21. The district secretary, with the approval of the district governor, shall prepare a summary of proceedings of the district conference which shall be sent to each club president and to the district board members within sixty (60) days following the conference. Minutes of the proceedings will be prepared by the district secretary and approved by the district board at the next District 7 Board Meeting. After approval, a copy will be available for use by clubs or other appropriate interested parties.

22. The governor shall appoint a parliamentarian to serve at conference and as needed during the biennium. The parliamentarian shall participate in district board meetings as an adviser to the board.

23. The conference chairperson shall provide the district treasurer with the financial statement for the conference and all fiduciary data relating to the conference within ninety (90) days following the conference. THE DISTRICT SHALL PAY ANY DEFICIT ENCOUNTERED AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE. ~~OR SEMINAR.~~

RATIONAL: If there is no Fall Seminar, then this is not applicable.

24. Nominating Committee shall be elected at District Conference and shall fulfill their duties as outlined in the Zonta International District Manual, Section 3, District Committees.

25. CAMPAIGNING POLICY

a. No campaigning of any sort, other than the wearing of the official candidate's ribbon at conference, shall be allowed.

b. ALLOWED ACTIVITIES:

(1) Following issuance of the official slate by the district Nominating Committee, Zontians attending Zonta functions may be introduced as candidates. At no time may either the candidate or any other Zontian publicly request votes for the candidate.

(2) Candidates may attend any Zonta function. At the request of the presiding officer, the candidate may participate as a speaker or presenter.

(3) Only ORAL endorsements, based on personal knowledge and experience, may be made by other Zontians.

c. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

(1) Speeches requesting votes will not be allowed, except during an official candidate's speech made as part of the business session at the conference.

(2) No current or past officer or director of Zonta International, or current or past officer of the district, shall seek to influence members to vote for or against a particular candidate.

(3) No gifts, trinkets, buttons, or other promotional material shall be distributed on behalf of any candidate for any campaign purposes either before or during the conference.

26. There shall be at least the following committees: nominating, membership, service, advocacy, bylaws and resolutions. The governor shall appoint the chairperson of such committees.

a. Membership Committee shall promote organization of new clubs, membership recruitment and retention in existing clubs, and programs developed by the Zonta International Membership Committee.

b. Service Committee shall promote awareness of Zonta International service programs, including the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards, Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs, and the Zonta International service projects; programs and projects funded by the Zonta International Foundation; local service projects undertaken by clubs in the district and elsewhere; and policies developed by the International Service Committee.

c. Advocacy Committee shall promote legislative awareness, advocacy, and equal rights, following guidelines established by the Zonta International Advocacy Committee.

d. Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall propose updates to the District Rules of Procedure and inform clubs of changes in Zonta International Bylaws and Rules of Procedure.

27. Program Committee shall be optional and shall include UN, Public Relations and Communication, Finance, Amelia Earhart, Jane Klausmann, Young Women in Public Affairs, Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs. Duties shall be as outlined in the Zonta International District Manual.

28. Provided funds are available, the district budget may allocate funds for the use of committees. Committee chairpersons shall apply to the governor for funds to carry out the work of their committees, and shall submit expense vouchers for reimbursement and/or requests for advances to the governor for approval.

29. Outgoing district officers and committee chairpersons shall deliver to their successors all properties belonging to their respective official positions within thirty (30) days after their successors have been installed. The outgoing treasurer shall begin transferring responsibilities to the incoming treasurer by June 1 of the first year of the incoming treasurer's term and must complete the transfer within forty-five (45) days after the end of the treasurer's term.

30. Clubs shall submit the names of their officers (with addresses, phone numbers, emails, and fax numbers) to the governor within thirty (30) days of election of club officers. Clubs shall submit the names of their chairpersons (with addresses) to the governor by 1 July. The governor shall distribute the information to the district board and district chairpersons.

31. These Rules of Procedure may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Conference voting members, provided that the proposed amendment has been sent to the president of each club within the district at least 60 days before the conference.

32. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern Zonta International District 7 in cases in which they are not consistent with the bylaws of Zonta International or with these Rules of Procedure.

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SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT 7 FEES

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DISTRICT DUES \$26.50 PER CAPITA
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ASSESSMENT \$3.50 PER CAPITA
TOTAL: \$30.00 PER CAPITA