



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 9
BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Slate of Candidates 2024-2026

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Burbank, CA

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Zontians,

It is with great pleasure that we present your Slate of Candidates for the 2024-2026 biennium. The committee has tried to present you with a selection of candidates in each office. We would like to thank everyone who answered our call to District 9 leadership. Those elected will lead us in our quest to build a better world for women and girls.

In this booklet, you will find the official Campaigning Policy of Zonta International, Board & Nominating Committee prerequisites and conditions, Duties of Officers and Nomination Committee, and Duties of Officers and Nominating Committee from the Zonta International Governing Documents 2022, and a brief biography of each candidate.

Please note that there are a few positions without a candidate. Hopefully, we will have nominations from the floor to fill the slate.

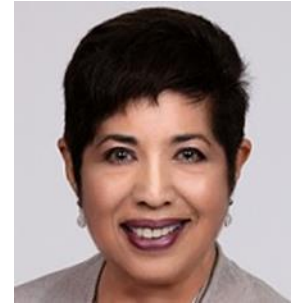
We encourage all Zontians to become involved in the election process by reading the information about the candidates and attending the district conference to personally meet them. The candidates are diverse in culture and background and will surely provide a capable and collaborative board for District 9. Perhaps they will inspire and motivate you to run for office in the future.

If you are interested in running for Zonta International office, the deadline is September 30th. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us. The link is:

<https://www.zonta.org/web/internationalnominations?WebsiteKey=fa59e7e8-9db0-4736-b8df-7a6476fb9063>

We appreciate the opportunity to serve this biennium on the Nominating Committee.

In Zonta service,
Mele Spencer, Chair
Sheila Cook-Cohen, Member
Edie Ignacio Neumiller, Member



Mele Spencer
Zonta Club of Hilo



Sheila Cook-Cohn
Zonta Club of
Maricopa



Edie Ignacio Neumiller
Zonta Club of Kauai

Campaigning Policy

Introduction

Campaigning is defined as encouraging voters to vote for or discouraging voters from voting for a specific candidate.

A candidate is an individual who is running for club', district or international office.

This campaigning policy applies both to candidates on the slate and candidates who are nominated from the floor and applies from the date of the deadline for submission of the nomination form.

Candidates for office who already hold a leadership position, must fulfill that role for the entire biennium and, in doing so, fulfilling their role is not to be interpreted as campaigning.

Rules of Procedure of Zonta International, 5, Circularization (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.

Fundamentals

Prior to the issuance of the official slate, it is not permitted for a prospective candidate to disclose that they are a nominee for office.

- After the slate has been issued, a candidate on the slate may be introduced at functions as a candidate for the office for which they are nominated. If a biography of the candidate is distributed in conjunction with the function, it may list the individual as a candidate.
- Candidates, whether on the slate or from the floor, who run for international or district office may give a presentation promoting their candidacy only at the meeting in which voting for the office takes place e.g., international conventions, district conferences or area meetings and only at the time specified in the program. If elections are held electronically and the candidate presents herself by video, this video is not to be distributed other than designated by the nominating committee.
- For international and district elections, prior to the election meeting the nominating committee may distribute materials prepared by the candidates about their background, qualifications and goals. These materials would usually be included in the convention, conference or area meeting program. Approved biographies of candidates from the floor are only available after the end of the business session at which the candidates make their candidate speeches. At international conventions, copies are distributed through headquarters' staff and the convention committee. No other distribution is allowed for candidates from the floor.

¹ References to Zonta club(s) or club(s) include e-clubs.

CAMPAIGNING POLICY (continued)

- At international conventions, district conferences or area meetings, candidates on the slate may wear official identification indicating that they are candidates. Candidates from the floor, after being nominated, are also entitled to wear such identification. All candidates must remove this identification prior to entering the area where voting takes place.
- Zontians attending an international convention, district conference or area meeting at which elections are held may confer with other members to discuss the candidates, but they may not instruct delegates or other voters how to vote.

Examples of activities that are not permissible

- A candidate may not attend club meetings, area meetings, district conferences, or other events with no other purpose than to campaign. This provision is not intended to prohibit or discourage members of club, district, or international boards or committees from attending and participating in meetings consistent with their leadership roles.
- A candidate must not distribute at any time any gift, trinket, button, or other promotional material, except as specified above.
- A candidate must not make use of social media nor make communications to multiple recipients for the purpose of soliciting votes.
- A candidate must not encourage third parties to campaign for the purpose of soliciting votes in favor or against a candidate.

Enforcement of the policy

Alleged violations of this policy are to be reported in writing to a member of the board at the level of the office the candidate is seeking, i.e., club board for candidates for club office, district board for candidates for district office, or International Board for candidates for international office.

The respective board may consider alleged violations at a regular or special meeting or, if necessary, by email or other electronic communication. The candidate will be given an opportunity to respond to the allegations. If the candidate is a member of the board, the candidate may be present at the consideration of the alleged violations if they are considered at a regular or special meeting but may not participate in the deliberations or vote. If the board considers the alleged violations at a regular or special meeting, including meetings conducted by telephone and video conferencing systems, it may, by a two-thirds vote of the entire board:

- Reprimand the candidate confidentially, or
- Remove the candidate from the slate.

If the board considers the alleged violations by mail ballot, email or other asynchronous means, the vote to impose discipline must be unanimous.

If the alleged violation comes to the board's attention after the candidate being elected, the respective board shall follow the disciplinary procedures with respect to removal from office as set forth in the Bylaws of Zonta International.

- *Bylaws of Zonta International, Article VIII, International Board, Section 11, Article XII, International Nominating Committee, Section 7, Article XIV-Districts, Section 10(e) and Article XV- Clubs, Section 6(e)*

Candidates are required to sign a copy of this policy agreeing to abide by its terms.

BOARD & NOMINATING COMMITTEE PREREQUISITES & CONDITIONS

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SECTION 6. Officers. 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 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.

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SECTION 13. Nominating Committee.

(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.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

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SECTION 7. Duties of Officers.

(a) Governor. The governor presides at district board meetings and shall attend area meetings; supervise the preparation of the district budget and shall authorize expenses in accordance with the approved budget; appoint committees; supervise the formation of new clubs; plan the district conference program and preside at the district meeting; and keep the Zonta International president, headquarters office, lieutenant governor and clubs informed about district matters.

(b) Lieutenant Governor. The lieutenant governor shall perform such duties as assigned by the governor and in the absence or inability of the governor to perform the official duties within the district, the lieutenant governor shall perform such duties of the governor.

(c) Area Directors. Each area director shall attend district conferences, plan area meetings, visit clubs, and act as liaison between the clubs and the district board.

(d) Treasurer. The treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the district and shall administer them in accordance with the approved district budget and make reports to the district board and to the conference. The treasurer shall prepare a biennial district budget, under the supervision of the governor, to be reviewed by the district board and presented at the conference for approval. No later than 45 days after the term of office ends, the treasurer shall transfer all records to the successor. At all times, the treasurer's books shall be open to inspection by the district board and by any auditors named by the district board.

(e) Secretary. The secretary shall maintain records of the district. If a district conference adopts proposals to amend the Zonta International Bylaws, the secretary shall send such adopted proposals to the Zonta International Bylaws and Resolutions Committee within 30 days after conference.

DUTIES OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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SECTION 13. Nominating Committee.

(e) Duties. The district Nominating Committee shall provide the official slate of candidates for election and shall work with the Zonta International Nominating Committee to recruit qualified club members for Zonta International officers, directors and Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the nominee meets the prerequisites and has consented to serve if elected.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Gloria Salas
Zonta Club of Burbank Area



Member of Zonta since: 2013

Profession: Executive Assistant, Oakmont Corp, a private financial advisory firm

Current positions in Zonta: Lt. Governor

Club: President 2018-2020, Vice President 2016-2018, Secretary 2014-2016

District: Lt. Governor 2022-2024, Area 3 Director 2020-2022, D9 Advocacy Chair 2018-2020

International: N/A

Activities outside Zonta: Burbank Business and Professional Women's Club; Burbank Domestic Violence Taskforce; Peace & Justice Ministry; Burbank Human Relations Council; Burbank Armenian Association. My duties as officer in some of these organizations terminate as of June 1, 2023, and am not up for re-election, thereby reducing much of the responsibilities I have held.

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position: Each office I've held in Zonta increased my responsibilities. As AD I connected with club presidents, learned about their clubs and listened to their concerns. As Lt. Governor I have met with many members and some of the issues I encountered as AD, still exist. I encourage members to collaborate towards common goals, especially the common goal of empowering women. I believe my strength lies in being empathetic, understanding the needs and challenges of members and creating an environment where members feel supported and valued. I embrace change and am not reluctant to pivot, especially if it furthers Zonta's goal.

CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Laura Gordon
Zonta Club of Antelope Valley



Member of Zonta since: 2008

Profession: Property Supervisor, Eugene Burger Management Corp., multifamily housing

Current positions in Zonta: D9 Conference Chair

Club: Club President 2012-2018, Director 2010-2012, Foundation Sec/Treas. 2011-2018, Foundation President 2018-present,

District: Area 3 Director 2018-2020, District 9 Board Parliamentarian 2021-2022, D9 Conference Chair current.

International: N/A

Activities outside Zonta: Girl Scouts, Miss Antelope Valley Scholarship Pageant Committee. City of Palmdale General Plan Advisory Committee. City of Palmdale Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District committee.

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position: Volunteer positions held in the Girl Scout organization, have taught me good leadership skills. As a board member and Board Chair of the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce, I learned that to succeed, we need to work many different characteristics, as everyone have many attributes to the organization. Moving up in the Zonta organization and having great mentors has shown me how to lead and not manage other leaders within our organization. I listen to all sides of the story prior to making any type of decisions. I will pass on my passion to working with our Young Professionals, as they are our future and a very interictal asset to our organization growing in the future.

CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Beth Heiserman
Zonta Club of Porterville



Member of Zonta since: 2014

Profession: Caterer/Chef, Food & Wine Blogger/Writer, Vineyard Cooking, The Hashtag Princess, Beth in LA & Web Design/Social Media Designer, owner

Current positions in Zonta: Area 3 Director

Club: Santa Clarita Valley Club: Director 2016-2018, 1st Vice President, Programs 2018-2019, President-Elect 2019-2020, President 2020-2021, Vice President 2021-2022, Foundation Trustee 2019-2022, Tribute Fundraiser 2014 – live auction chair, Socials/in-house fundraising chair 2018-2019, JMK Co-chair 2018-2019, Advocacy chair 2021-2022, PR/social media chair 2021-2022, Z Club/Golden Z chair 2020-2022, Bylaws/Standing Rules chair 2018-2020, 2021-2022

District: Area 3 Director 2022-2024, Co-Chair, Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee

International: Assist Zonta USA Caucus w/ Website and social media

Activities outside Zonta: Sierra Pelona Valley Wine Festival 2012-2020 (Zonta Club of SCV, Henry Mayo Hospital, COC Culinary Department, Senior Center, and Wish Education – Organizations that we donated to), Single Mother's Outreach 2021-present, California End Child Marriage Coalition 2022-present, Progressive Choice Center 2023-present.

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position: As Area Director, I've learned that clubs have diverse needs when serving their local community, and in increasing their club membership. I look forward to helping clubs reach their goals. I recognize that building a better world begins in our clubs. I am grateful for Zonta mentors who have guided me in my quest to learn and prepare for the role of Lt. Governor. In turn, I look forward to mentoring others, assisting the incoming governor, and helping district 9 grow and be all that it can be.

CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Nicole Miller
Zonta Club of
Santa Clarita Valley



Member of Zonta since: 2018

Profession: Governing Board Member, President, volunteer position, Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School.

Current positions in Zonta: President, 2022-2024

Club: President 2022-2024, 2021-2022; Foundation Trustee 2020-2024, Vice President 2020-2021, Foundation President Jan-May 2021, Chair-Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee 2020-2021,

District: Chair, Z and Golden Z Club Committee 2022-2024, 2021-2022, Chair Service Committee 2021-2022, Co-Chair, 2021 Conference Advocacy Alley, Member, D9 Bylaws Committee 2022-2024.

International: Presenter, inaugural "Zonta Says No Summit: Taking Your ZSN Action To The Next Level," 11-30-21; Followed by a spotlight in the May 2022 "The Zontian" magazine highlighting our club work to advocate and support survivors of trafficking; Featured in February 2023 Zonta News in the "Spotlight on Zonta members: Stand up for greater diversity"

Activities outside Zonta: Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School (SCVi) Governing Board, SCVi iSupport parent group, SCVi Theatre Arts volunteering, other SCVi school volunteering, Co-President of Scarlet Foundation (SCVi fundraising), TEAM Referral Network SCV Boss Ladies (on behalf of Zonta).

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position: I am a fair, empathetic, and thoughtful leader. I lead as a facilitator of ideas, encouraging collaboration and partnership. I am highly organized and efficient, taking time to train others and share information. I have successfully transitioned our club to hybrid meetings, making distance and local members feel valued, appreciated, and important. I have rehabilitated the culture of our club so that all members feel a positive impact of contribution and pride in Zonta. With our membership growing by 65%, I have created a space for thoughtful contribution, and member development. Overall, I have created a positive environment for growth.

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

No Candidate

There is no candidate for Treasurer

CANDIDATE FOR AREA 1 DIRECTOR

Tracey Parker Keni
Zonta Club of Oahu



Member of Zonta since: 2018

Profession: Massage Therapist, Healing Center, "Lomi" (Hawaiian massage) Practitioner

Current positions in Zonta: Member

Club: Club President 2020, 2021-2023, Lunafest Committee

District: N/A

International: N/A

Activities outside Zonta: I have served in the community as a Wellness Advocate with Ke Ola Mamo, the Chorister for the Waimanalo Ward, and assisted in raising money for the Waimanalo Canoe Club, to name a few. I am currently serving on the board of directors of a non-profit organization, Hale Ku Pohala, a network of Recovery Homes, and continue as the chorister for the Waimanalo Ward.

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position: President for Zonta of O'ahu for three years and I am a very good networker.

CANDIDATE FOR AREA 2 DIRECTOR

No Candidate

There is no candidate for Area 2 Director

CANDIDATE FOR AREA 3 DIRECTOR

Brit Vaughn
Zonta Club of Burbank Area



Member of Zonta since: 2011

Profession: Self-Employed Contractor/Consultant for Non-profit fundraising

Current positions in Zonta: International Director for Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women (2022-2024)

Club: I have held all positions at club level (2012-2018); I currently serve as an International Director for ZI and the Zonta Foundation for Women (2022-24).

District: PR and Comms Chair, Lt. Governor and Governor (2016-2022)

International: International Director for Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women (2022-2024)

Activities outside Zonta: League of Women Voters; Grant Professionals Association; Neighborhood Council; nonprofit board member.

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position: I have a good working knowledge of Zonta structure and leadership; connections in District 9; and knowledge of what clubs and presidents need to be successful. My top skills include: good organizational skills; training and development; leadership development; volunteer management; public relations; and strategic planning.

CANDIDATE FOR AREA 4 DIRECTOR

Lisa Cain
Zonta Club of Newport Harbor



Member of Zonta since: 2018

Profession: Business Owner, Bear Essentials Lake Tahoe, a resort concierge service; retired Director, Global Accounts, a Logistics Solutions Company

Current positions in Zonta: Club Parliamentarian & Membership Chair; District Bylaws Chair

Club: Club Parliamentarian, 2022-2024; Club Membership Chair, 2022-2024; Club President, 2020-2022; Club Vice-president, 2020; Club Director, 2019

District: District Bylaws Chair, 2022-2024

International: N/A

Activities outside Zonta: Chamber of Commerce Member in Nevada and California areas, Women in Business Member, Church religious education Instructor

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position: With my professional background in creating solutions and my communication skills, I was encouraged early on to take on leadership roles within Zonta. I identified areas for advocacy and service and actioned. I encourage engagement and inclusion to drive motivation of members with a positive and even keel attitude to take on challenges and inspire collaboration. My ability to empower others and to identify individual skills will support members to pursue our passion for Zonta. My recent District role as Bylaws Chair has supported my desire to keep current with the focus and direction of Zonta International.

CANDIDATE FOR AREA 5 DIRECTOR

Terri Purtee-Stein
Zonta Club of Maricopa



Member of Zonta since: 2007

Profession: Co-owner/Founder, retired, Maxx Marketing Communications, a marketing communications company.

Current positions in Zonta:

Club: Zonta Club of Cincinnati (District 5.): Club Director, Club VP, Club Pres.-Elect, Club President,); Zonta Club of Maricopa: Scholarship Committee Chair

District: Area 2: PR&C Chair-club, District 5 Area 2 Director

International: Zonta USA Caucus District 9 Alternate

Activities outside Zonta: Circle Tail (assistance dogs, non-profit organization)
Volunteer/Supporter. No outside commitments during 2024-2026 biennium at this time.

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position: 15 years Zonta experience at multiple levels of club positions.

13 years Zonta Club of Cincinnati: Board Director 2007-2008; VP 2009-10; Pres-Elect 2010-12; President 2012-14; PR&C Chair 2007-2019; organized Service Projects & Fundraisers + District 5 Area 2 Director 2016-18.

2 years Zonta Club of Maricopa (Scholarship Committee Chair).

Currently serving as District 9 Alternate on Zonta USA Caucus (Violence Against Women, Women in Leadership, & Ad Hoc Administration Committees) which is extremely informative about Zonta and issues we support making the world a better place for women & girls."

CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rosa Coletto
Zonta Club of Newport Harbor



Member of Zonta since: 2019

Profession: Owner, Full Circle Fitness, a fitness training company for adults over 50 years of age

Current positions in Zonta: Communications Chair

Club: VP 2021, Board Secretary 2020-2021, Chair of Service Project, current Chair of Communications- all at the club level

District: Assisted on the 2021 Conference Committee

International: N/A

Activities outside Zonta: National Association of Women Business Owners, Irvine & Tustin Chamber of Commerce

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position:

Management of 6 employees, team & client development, training program design, marketing & community outreach

If elected, how do you intend to improve the efforts of the committee to encourage leadership with our membership? Create some type of education program for clubs to share with members so there is ongoing education on the importance of leadership involvement, the benefits, and the impact on our local communities.

CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pepe Eads
Zonta Club of Antelope
Valley



Member of Zonta since: 2017

Profession: Senior Branch Office Administrator, Edward Jones Investments, a full-service retirement planning company

Current positions in Zonta: President

Club: Board member 2017-2019. President 2019-Present

District: Area Meeting Committee 2022, 2023 Conference Committee

International: N/A

Activities outside Zonta: Secretary on the Palmdale Sheriff Boosters Board of Directors. No other commitments during the 2024-2026 biennium

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position: My experience is being on the Board of Directors looking for new board members. I am looking for members that are passionate about Zonta's mission of ending Domestic Violence, Child Marriage and Gender Based Violence along with Gender Based Equality.

These would be the things that I feel we need to look at when we are looking for Governors, Lt. Governors and Area Directors. I would also be looking for those with great leadership skills and are willing to work well as a team and are open minded.

If elected, how do you intend to improve the efforts of the committee to encourage leadership with our membership? Reaching out to Past Governors, current & past Area Directors, and current and past Club Presidents for recommendations for nominees.

CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Karen Foissotte
Zonta Club of Oahu



Member of Zonta since: 1998

Profession: Interior Decorator, Foissotte & Associates, retired

Current positions in Zonta: Public Relations & Communication Committee

Club: All club positions except Treasurer.

District: Conference chair, Area Director, Lt. Governor, Governor and a ZFW Ambassador

International: N/A

Activities outside Zonta: Chair 2 committees at my church and participate in our service projects.

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position:

If elected, how do you intend to improve the efforts of the committee to encourage leadership with our membership? I have been on the Nominating Committee for several organizations. It seems the process always starts on an apologetic note, maybe even with a little eye-rolling. BUT when each of us was inducted as a member, we vowed to "serve enthusiastically!" Maybe we giggled a little or even rolled our eyes at that point in the ceremony, but we VOWED! It's time to find what our "vows" are worth. And what an opportunity to make history...to lead Zonta into its second century!

This is the attitude I will bring to the position!"

CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joy Orlich
Zonta Club of Silicon Valley



Member of Zonta since: 1992

Profession: Finance & Operations Manager, retired, University of Nevada, Reno/Norther Nevada Int'l Center, nonprofit, international relations

Current positions in Zonta: Member

Club: Club President – 1996-1997 & 2016-2023; D9 Scholarship Committee Chair - 2020-2024

District: Area Director 1998-2000, Lt. Governor 2000-2002; D9 Governor 2002-2004; D9 Foundation Ambassador 2004-2008.

International: International Director 2012-2014; International Nominating Committee 2016-2018; International Development Committee Chair 2018-2020

Activities outside Zonta:

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position:

If elected, how do you intend to improve the efforts of the committee to encourage leadership with our membership? Talk with members at Area and District functions; submit articles to the D9 newsletter about the benefits of accepting leadership positions.

CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Linda Vee Weiland
Zonta Club of Oahu



Member of Zonta since: 2006

Profession: Associate Professor of the Practice, College of Aviation, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Current positions in Zonta: Member

Club: Club President

District: Area Director, District Leadership Committee

International: N/A

Activities outside Zonta: I serve on committees at ERAU and in global organizations. Currently, I serve as the ERAU Faculty Senate Secretary and have served in the past as a COA Senator, a reviewer for aviation journals globally to include Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) and have been on several Transportation Research Board (TRB) Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) panels. I work with high schools and colleges around the world in robotics, and STEM endeavors. I am involved with Women in Aviation International (WAI) ERAU Worldwide Virtual Chapter. I also work with the Aeronautical Society of South Africa, which is part of the Royal Aeronautical Society, Girls Fly Programme Africa, and the Southern African Institute for Industrial Engineering (SAIIE).

Skills and knowledge you bring to this position:

If elected, how do you intend to improve the efforts of the committee to encourage leadership with our membership? As a member of the Nominating Committee, I will work to assist the Chair of the Committee in providing a qualified slate of candidates for election that understand the Mission, Vision and Goals of Zonta International officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee. I believe my experience and leadership style in and out of Zonta as a proactive member in society shows I am dedicated to women's rights and have advocated for equality, education and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence. I have done this for years on a global basis.