

Zonta 2008 International Convention Executive Summary Report

General Statistics

■1875 Zontians/134 Guests in Attendance

■Credentials Report:

	Sun AM	Sun PM	Mon	Tues
International Board	11	11	11	11
Past International Presidents	5	5	5	5
District Governors	30	31	31	31
Delegate / Proxy Votes	1227	1258	1277	1252
Total Number of Votes	1273	1305	1324	1299

Final Credentials Report

Total number of clubs in ZI	1232	
Clubs Represented by Delegates	743	60%
Clubs Represented by Proxy	404	33%
Clubs not represented	85	7%

Election Results

2008-2010 Executives: ■President Elect – Dianne Curtis ■Vice President – Lynn McKenzie ■Treasurer/Secretary – Gloria Stootman Wristen	International Directors 2009-2012 ■Sonja Honig Schough ■Beryl McMillan ■Kirsi Nickels
International Directors 2008-2010 ■Ingeborg Geyer ■Lynn R. Goodhue ■Heddy Tangen Steffensen ■Maria Victoria P. Vergel de Dios	International Nominating Committee ■Sharon Miles – North, Central, South America ■Anu Hamalainen – Europe ■Josephine Kolapo Obedina – Africa ■Patricia I. Lawson – Australia/New Zealand ■Olivia Ferry – Asia ■Members At Large ■Mary Benoit ■Sally F. Rankin ■Ronda Walker ■Irene Wiese von Ofen

ZI Convention By-Laws Results

Proposed 2008-2010 Dues Increase:

■The ZI Board recommends a US \$15 dues increase retroactive to June 1, 2008

■**Amended Motion** : \$15 dues increase beginning June 1, 2009

■Motion at conference to request donations from members of \$15 each to help support the ZI 08/09 budget needs.

■Budget for 2008-2009 already lean

■Delegates voted to keep PR Committee and add Advocacy Committee = More Costs for ZI

■Need to protect our reserves

▪ **Result – \$15 dues increase – Passed – 74.81%; \$15 Voluntary Dues Donation – Passed – 72.24%**

Proposed Scheduled Dues Increase:

■The ZI Board recommends a US \$1 increase at the beginning of each biennium, effective with June 1 2010 billing until amended at a future convention

▪ **Result – withdrawn by ZI Board**

Officers, Directors – Election/Term of Office:

■Proposed Change: Eliminate Staggered Terms. Adding the word “term” to the bylaws is to clarify that if there is a need to fill a vacancy on the Board mid-way through a term, the person who fills the vacancy would not be prohibited from running for office the next biennium.

- **Result – Passed – 98.1%**

Size of the ZI Nominating Committee:

■Proposed Change: Reduce membership from 9 to 7 and designating all members as ‘at large’

- **Result – motion postponed indefinitely**

Elimination of PR and Communication Committee:

■Rationale: It is the responsibility of the ZI Board to communicate and promote the objects of ZI with other organizations, associations, agencies and/or other entities; knowledge of how to communicate in various countries is best known in districts and clubs.

- **Result – Failed – PR too important not to have a PR committee – 65.1% did not receive 2/3 majority**

Split Status of Women Service Committee into two committees:

■Proposal: Change Status of Women Service Committee to just Service Committee – main focus would be on international service projects

■Create Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee to recommend actions to improve the Status of Women and to promote legislative awareness, advocacy and equal rights

- **Result – Service Committee – Passed – 88.07%; LAA Committee – Passed – 95.98%**

District Nomination Committees:

■Proposal: Allow individual districts to enlarge the Nomination Committee to more than three if needed.

- **Result – Failed – 60.34% did not receive 2/3 majority**

Membership:

■Transfer Privileges will permit a member who moves to the geographical location of another Zonta club to transfer membership to that club, provided required dues have been paid.

■Classified Members to be invited to membership may include candidates, who may not be actively engaged, but have experience in a recognized business/profession in a decision-making capacity.

- **Result – Transfer Privileges – Passed – 70.07%; Classified Member – Passed – 70.69%**

All Other Membership Proposals Failed – either redundant or covered by the two above.

Resolutions – Bylaws and Rules of Procedure:

■Proposal: Further define what a resolution is and give the Resolution Committee the power not to report a proposed resolution that does not meet the criteria of ZI.

- **Result – Failed – consensus was that this would give too much power to the committee – 57.84%**

Chairman versus Chair – Language:

Rationale: Aligns with Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th edition (2000). In English, Chairman has a gender bias – two proposals.

- **Result – Failed – 1st - 71.65%; 2nd – 77.35%**

■Proposal: Honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

ZI’s reaffirmation of support of this landmark achievement and renewal of our shared commitment to advancing the status of women and promoting the human rights of women throughout the globe via our global and local service and advocacy activities.

- **Result – Passed – 97.51%**