



May 11, 2013 – District 4 Board Meeting

Nominating Committee Report

The District 4 nominating committee has had eight meetings since August 10, 2012 via Skype coupled with numerous contacts by email. We adopted the role of an autonomous committee, as advised by the ZI Nominations Committee. The committee diligently followed the process and requirements outlined in the Zonta International (ZI) By-laws, the ZI District Manual, and the District 4 Rules of Procedure. As encouraged by Zonta International at the Torino convention, every effort was made to provide for an election where club delegates have a choice of candidates.

As part of our efforts of ensuring a smooth, inclusive and diligent process of keeping the board and clubs abreast of our activities the following steps occurred:

- In October 2012 and February 2013 we sent a letter to all clubs and the Board outlining the nominating committee's goals & process and invited suggested nominees. The letter included a description of the roles and the nomination form.
- The nomination form was revised to better capture a profile of the person's qualification.
- A "Benefits of Serving" flyer was created and sent to clubs in February.
- In mid April an acceptance letter was sent to all candidates accepted by the committee outlining next steps and the **ZI campaign policy was included. A copy has also been attached to this report**

Our initial goal was to offer, as much as viable, a slate of at least two candidates for each role. We achieved this goal in almost all of the board elected positions. The committee was also required to have a minimum of five candidates for the three Nominating Committee positions as stated in the ZI By-laws. We accomplished this goal. The 2014 -2016 slate will be presented at our upcoming May 11, 2013 meeting. The committee did an extensive search in all six areas in our District. In almost every case where a potential candidate had to decline, it was due to personal health issues, caring for aging parents, or other volunteer commitments.

Following our May 11, 2013 District 4 board meeting the slate will be posted on the District 4 website and sent to all ECP's, presidents, and Zonta District 4 members. In early June a bio and picture of each candidate will also be distributed via the same networks so that delegates will have an opportunity to truly get to know each candidate.

Recommendation for board consideration at our May 11/2013 D4 meeting:

That the Nomination Committee prepares the elections ballot for the Elections Committee

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosita Hall, Chair, Donna Ketchum-Colletta, Rosemary Pell