



Title: Advocacy Report May 2019

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Date: April 27, 2018

To: The Zonta International District 4 Board

Purpose of the report (please mark as many as applicable):

For Information

For Discussion

For decision

Facts (Information)

This section can contain activities since the last report, factual information to be brought to the Board regarding issues from Clubs or from Committees, other matters.

If the report is a follow-up to a previous report, refer to the date, title, and decisions of the previous report.

Initiative	Specific Actions	Highlights/Challenges
<p>Selection of District 4 Centennial Award Winner for Canada</p>	<p>In March an email was sent out to solicit nominees from clubs. Seven (7) nominees were put forward by eight (8) clubs.</p> <p>Biographies were collected and collated and a document was emailed to all presidents and Area Directors to review and have clubs select their choice of successful candidate.</p> <p>At the beginning of the week of the Area Meeting in Cambridge, short 50-word synopses about why a candidate was selected were emailed to clubs.</p> <p>At the Area Meeting, one biographies and synopses package was placed on each table for review.</p> <p>Only the synopses were read by the presenter and nominating clubs were asked to indicate themselves as the synopsis for each nominee was read so that other members could speak to them over lunch, if desired.</p> <p>The vote took place during the last ten minutes of lunch, with time allotted in the afternoon for a run-off vote, if necessary. Representatives of each club came forward to mark a ballot.</p>	<p>Getting responses from clubs for nominees required a couple of reminder emails</p> <p>There was some confusion about the 50-word synopsis, which was a requirement in the US, but not for the Canadian vote. As one club completed the synopsis, which helped to clarify why they selected their candidate it was felt that this would be beneficial for all clubs to do. This was an overall successful procedure.</p> <p>The winner was Timea Nagy. The next step will be to contact Timea about the award.</p>

	Results of the vote were as follows, with 11 of 13 clubs voting (KW and Hamilton had two votes). Nominating club in parentheses: Timea Nagy (KW): 6 Beverley Jacobs (Hamilton): 3 Karen Farbridge (Guelph): 1 Erick Vidal (Oakville): 1 Linda Willis (Stratford): 1 Shirley John (Owen Sound): 0	
Selection of Canadian Centennial Award Winner	In May, candidates for the country award will be solicited from clubs for consideration.	There is some confusion about the selection process for a Canadian winner. We will meet as a committee and discuss the best method of selection in May.
Encouraging sharing of best practice and information across Canada	The committee has been acting as a conduit to share information regarding advocacy projects among clubs in our district and Canada. Such as the discussion about child marriage. For example, the ZC of Halifax shared information regarding child marriage statistics in Canada that will be shared on the D4 website for our clubs to review.	The ZC of Halifax and Ottawa are very active and responsive, but we haven't had as much response from the clubs in the west, so we will continue to engage them.
Connecting clubs across Canada	Ongoing conversations between the presidents in the Canada group through email, which Connie established and has been very positively received by the presidents. Connie will send the link to the FaceBook group Canadian Members of Zonta International.	Again, some clubs are more active on the Facebook Group, so we will work to engage more clubs there as well.
Working with policy makers to address the issue of child marriage	We haven't had further communication at this time with cabinet minister Maryam Monsef (Minister of Status of Women), but we hope to continue to develop this relationship.	Connie will continue to follow up with Minister Monsef.
Comments		

Motion
This section includes the motion (s) if any for the Board to discuss and vote on.

none

<p>Rationale This section includes the rationale of the motion</p>	<p>none</p>
<p>Evaluation (Discussion) As board member, and voice of Clubs and committees, express the pros and cons of the motion (s) presented.</p> <p>Please be clear about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The challenge the proposal addresses • Stakeholders who will benefit and how • Added value to Zonta 	<p>none</p>
<p>Supporting Documentation List any attachments to be considered as part of this report.</p>	