

Minutes

Saturday, 14 October Business Session 1

1. Welcome by the Governor

Governor Dietlind Stuerz calls the District Conference under the motto: *Zonta Unlimited*. She heartily welcomes our District Liaison Judy Kautz, International YWPA-Chair Florence Fischer-Herber, PID and Chair of Council of Europe Anita Schnetzer-Spranger, Past Governor and IMC Helena Bühler, the delegates, the guests and the board and wishes all a successful conference.

Special greetings go even to the delegates from ZC Istanbul and ZC Prague.

The Governor introduces the “Head Table”:

- Secretary, Meike Rieken, ZC Darmstadt
- Lt. Governor and Conference Chair, Fernanda Gallo Freschi, ZC Milano Sant’Ambrogio
- Parliamentarian, Angelika Lange, ZC Burg Staufenberg-Giessen
- International Liason Judy Kautz

Some Board members sit in the front seat rows because of the restricted place at the “Head Table”:

- Area 02 Director, Christine Dersch, ZC Marburg
- Area 03 Director, Gabriella Fumarola, ZC Taranto
- Area 04 Director, Annamarie Schelling, ZC Basel
- Treasurer C. Mastrangeli, ZC Roma Parioli III

In the front row seats are the extended board:

- Chair Nominations and Credentials and Centennial Anniversary C.: Julia Woelke v. Werthern, ZC Bad Soden-Kronberg
- Chair Awards J.M.K., YWPA, Odette Bellin, ZC Bad Bergzabern
- Advocacy: Anita Schnetzer-Spranger, ZC Mainz and Anna Brondino, ZC Venezia
- Foundation ZIF Ambassadors: Renate von Koeller, ZC Frankfurt II Rhein-Main and Emanuela Tanzi, ZC Parma
- Nominations and Credentials: Daniela Monaco, ZC Roma Parioli III and Danaé v. Orelli, ZC Basel
- IT/Webmaster: Loredana Brunetti, ZC Roma Parioli III and Kathrin Laubacher, ZC Liestal
- Historian and IT/Webmaster: Wiltrud Walther, ZC Frankfurt
- Centurion Helena Bühler, ZC Luzern Landschaft

2. Welcome by International Liason Judy Kautz:

Judy welcomes us and asks us “Isn’t it a great day to be a Zontian?”. She states that is a great honor and pleasure for her to be at Milan and that she is impressed by the huge number of participants.

Then Judy introduces the Zonta International Vision and Mission with a focus on the 17 UN sustainable development goals, especially goal #5 about women’s rights. She asks us to promote goal #5 with all our energy.

3. Call to order

Governor Dietlind remarks that all documents for the DC were sent by email to all presidents and the board on 10 August 2017.

Included were:

- Preliminary Agenda
- District Financial report 2014-2016
- Budget 2016 -2018 and District dues
- District Rules of Procedure
- Candidates for the District Board 2018-2020
- Liability clause
- Informations about credentials and proxy

4. Presentation of Agenda (see pages 8 to 9 in book)

5. Registration Report and Credentials

Fernanda Gallo Freschi proudly presents the number of 155 registrations and 110 Zonta participants at the conference.

6. Roll call of Clubs

- Clubs in Area 02 are present or represented by Proxies with 42 votes
- Clubs in Area 03 are present or represented by Proxies with 20 votes
- Clubs in Area 04 are present or represented by Proxies with 15 votes
- The Board has 6 votes.

In total 83 votes

7. Voting Instructions and Tellers

NC-Chair Julia Woelke v. Werthern explains the instruction to vote.

The following Zontians were elected as Tellers: Evelyn Goubeaud (Area 02), Daniela Monaco (Area 03) and Therese Rychener (Area 04).

8. Conference Standing Rules and Adoption (see page 10 in book)

The Parliamentarian, Angelika Lange, presents the Standing Rules. They are unanimously adopted.

9. Approval of Agenda (see pages 8 to 9 in book)

The agenda is unanimously approved.

10. Report of Governor (see page 17-18 in book)

The governor starts with the successes of the Biennium and mentions first the increase of membership with 2 new clubs (Roma Capitolium and Seligenstadt) and now one week ago: "e-club Italy". Thanks for SOM chair Fernanda. Another potential ZC Brno is in the course of formation.

It was great to visit all three areas several times. Charter and anniversary celebrations gave her the opportunity to recognize the engagement and encouragement of the presidents and their clubs.

She specially mentions ZC Engiadina/Switzerland and the hard challenges to meet in fall and in winter.

But not everything works successful: the implementation of an independent district bank account in Switzerland failed. But the idea is pursued.

Thanks to the team, to all chairs and ambassadors for their voluntary work.

Special thanks to Meike, the secretary, who had so much work.

Thanks to Int. Rep. Judy for her support and commitment.

Special thanks to Fernanda for her friendship and all her work in her double role as Membership chair and Conference chairman.

11. Report of ZIF Ambassador Chair Renate v. Koeller

(see page pages 43 – 47 in book and presentation attached).

With the support of the Ambassador A03 E. Tanzi and despite some technical difficulties with some slides Renate presents her report.

She mentions that they will collect money at the foundation booth and sell stuff during this conference at the ZIF market place all day. Renate gives us advices to better study the checklist 'Guide for clubs and districts to choose their local service projects' in the book.

Coffee break 10.20 – 10.50

Memorial Service 11:00 – 11.30

12. Roll call of clubs

- Clubs in Area 02 are present or represented by Proxies with 42 votes
- Clubs in Area 03 are present or represented by Proxies with 19 votes
- Clubs in Area 04 are present or represented by Proxies with 15 votes
- The Board has 6 votes.

In total 82 votes

13. Report of Treasurer 2014 - 2016

(see page 19 in book and presentation attached).

Therese Rychener reads and gives some explanations to the Financial Report.

She mentions that the falling membership numbers have a noticeable effect.

An extra compliment she gives to the organization team of the District Conference in Hanau, which has remained well in the budget.

14. Auditor's Report (see page 20 in book)

The report established by the Auditors, Christine Dersch and Luisa Balboni is read by Christine Dersch.

The audited financial statement is unanimously approved.

15. Financial Outlook and Budget 2018 - 2020

(see pages 21 – 22 in book and presentation attached).

Treasurer Claudia Mastrangeli explains the budget of the first year in this Biennium and the budget proposal 2018-2020.

Claudia starts with the membership development including the e-club, who is paying fees to the district too and she mentions 6 member who joined ZC Palermo Triscele 12th October. So, they are still not included in the shown numbers.

Claudia gives some further explanations to the problems with the district bank account and she thanks Therese very much for her support and her work beyond her Biennium.

A discussion about spending money for public relations takes place.

- Problem of a District-wide PR versus the area-like peculiarities
- Effectiveness and usability of social media
- Support of the area or club PR by the district by
 - Material and information for the ZontaSaysNo campaign
 - Targeted campaigns to increase the visibility and prominence of Zonta
 - Translations of information material
- IMC(Europe) Helena Bühler offers to provide translations for materials of the ZI 'Global Membership Drive Tools'. We shall tell her, what we need most.

- For explanations of the social media Dietlind refers to the experts Ursula Kostal, ZC Vaduz, and Katrin Lowitz, ZC Frankfurt II.
- Loredana Brunetti, D Webmaster, urges all to send contributions for the D website.

The discussion is stopped by Angelika Lange, the parliamentarian, after 20 minutes with the reference to point 7 of the Standing Rules.

16. Adoption of budget and dues

The budget was adopted with two abstentions.

17. District Bylaws

There are no proposed amendments to the District Bylaws.

18. Report of Nominating Committee Chair

Julia Woelke von Werthern, NC Chair, introduces the Nominating Committee members: Danae von Orelli, ZC Basel and Daniela Monaco, ZC Roma Parioli III.

She further introduces the candidates as listed in the book (page 23)

19. Candidates from the Floor

The following candidate is proposed from the floor:

Anna Basile, ZC Martina Franca, presents herself as candidate for the Nominating Committee, she is supported from one seconders from Anna Tamborra Fascilla, ZC Barletta.

20. Presentation of the Candidates (see book 25-33)

All candidates give a brief speech with the exception of the four candidates, who are not present and whose presentation are done by the mentioned Zontians below:

Governor: Fernanda Gallo Freschi, ZC Milano Sant’Ambrogio

Lt. Governor: Annemarie Loosli-Locher, ZC Schaffhausen

Treasurer: Claudia Mastrangeli, ZC Roma Parioli III

Auditor: Caroline Willeke, ZC Frankfurt

→ presented by Wiltrud Walter, ZC Frankfurt

Carmela Buonanno, ZC Matera

→ presented by Silvia Nutini, ZC Parma

Nom. Committee: Loredana Brunetti ZC Roma Parioli III
Eileen von Goldacker, ZC Basel
→ presented by Danaé von Orelli, ZC Basel,
Ingeborg Mack, ZC Wetzlar
→ presented by Julia Woelke von Werthern,
ZC Bad Soden-Kronberg
Gisela Mentzer, ZC Hanau
Nicoletta Salviato, ZC Palermo Zyz
Anna Basile, ZC Martina Franca, from the floor

21. Election Instructions

The NC Chair Julia Woelke von Werthern thanks all the delegates for their presentations and gives detailed instructions to the delegates on how to fill in the voting ballot and other instructions for the elections that will be held during the lunch break. A slide with the names of all candidates is projected for the convenience of the delegates.

Elections 12.40- 13.10

Lunch Break and Marketplace 13.00 to 14:00

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The Governor opens the afternoon business session after the lunch break with a short view of the agenda and reminds us that after the 3rd Session will be the conference photo.

22. Zonta International President's Message

ZI President Sonja Hoenig Schough has sent a video with her best wishes for a productive and inspiring conference, and shows gratefulness for the continuous time and talent we dedicate to Zonta. Among other things, she recommends to look at the new ZI website and of course to be prepared to attend the next Convention in Yokohama.

Here you find the whole video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/quer1hx8hcqn137/DistrictConferenceMessage2017.mp4?dl=0>

23. Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign (see page 52 to 55 and the links beyond)

Anita Schnetzer-Spranger, member of the ZI CAEC Committee introduces the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign, an intensive fundraising effort focusing on Zonta's 100

birthday. Anita emphasized that Zonta's Centennial is not only an opportunity to celebrate our achievements but also an opportunity to reflect on Zonta's future and to secure Zonta's projects and programs to empower women and girls of future generations. The motto is "Giving now for the future".

Please refer to the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign Presentation on the ZI website under <https://membership.zonta.org/tools/DistrictConferenceToolkit>

After Anita's speech the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign Video is shown https://www.dropbox.com/s/gszxh0sz4hah6hg/German_CAECFilm_August2017.mp4?dl=0

Anita answers questions regarding tax deductibility. This is possible if donations are made through the club's foundation to ZIF. The donator will get a tax certificate by the club and an individual recognition by ZIF. ZIF will advise through this procedure.

A German endowment fund is not possible as this would require a separate legal entity of Zonta in Germany. Zonta as an organization is too small to establish another legal entity in another country."

24. Report of District Officers (see pages 36 - 50)

The District officers and Chairs present the highlights of their biennium.

Membership Fernanda Gallo Freschi

Fernanda gives a short information about the new founded clubs and current member numbers.

She then switched to an extra event: a little charter celebration of the e-club Italy takes place. The e-club has been chartered 29 September 2017. Dietlind asks the present members of the e-club to come forward. Judy, Fernanda and Dietlind congratulate and give the Zonta pin and a yellow rose to each of them and congratulate.

After lots of photos have been taken the president of the e-club, Daniela Pedrine, thanks Fernanda for the invitation to the District conference which gave them a much better impression of Zonta.

Dietlind thanks Fernanda for this very special membership report and warmly welcomes the e-club member in the Zonta community.

Area 02 Christine Dersch

Christine mentions a correction to her printed report: the next Area conference takes place in Mainz.

Area 02 will soon have 30 clubs with wide over 800 members. Nonetheless, after several discussions on the area conferences it has been decided to NOT divide the Area into two.

Christine announces the 2nd Alumnae Meeting in Frankfurt 20/21 April 2018.

Please refer to her report on page 37 in book.

Area 03 Gabriella Fumarola

In addition to the printed report Gabriella states that a District conference is always the chance to carry the enthusiasm and the ideas into the clubs.

Please refer to her report on pages 38-39 in book.

Area 04 Annamarie Schelling

Annamarie emphasizes once again Eileen and her goal of supporting the presidents and gives some explanations to the printed report. "Part of our Area (work) targets are a stronger exchange with the other Areas in our district and the simplification of our processes."

Please refer to their report on pages 40-42 in book.

Advocacy Anita Schnetzer-Spranger and Anna Brondino

Anita refers to the printed report in the book (pages 48-50). She takes the opportunity to call our attention to the Zonta Says NO-Campaign 2017. This year clubs have the option to focus on the CoE Istanbul Convention (topic: to fight VAW) or the CoE Anti-Trafficking Convention (topic: to fight trafficking in human beings) as a concrete advocacy tool. For both conventions we find detailed PowerPoint presentations on the ZI website:

<https://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Council-of-Europe-Tools>

and the zontasaysno.com website under advocacy tools.

Anna mentions that advocacy in Italy is still absolutely necessary respecting the low numbers of women in leadership and the high rate of rapes (11%) with an absolute low rate of punishment (5%).

She promotes fundraising for the victims of the earthquake, which is still needed. The film with the women of Amatrice was in such a bad quality that is stopped and substituted by an overview about the situation and about the group of women in that region given by Anna.

Please refer to her report on page 51 in book.

Dietlind mentions the solidarity fund in the district budget. This fond is specially for natural catastrophes like earthquakes.

CAC Julia Woelke von Werthern

CAC = Centennial Anniversary Coordinator

Please refer to her report on page 54 in book.

Historian Wiltrud Walther

In addition to her report (on page 56 in book) Wiltrud mentions that the archiving of the club's information in the future has to become better. Therefore, ZI will give guidelines and suggestions for e-archiving tools.

Coffee break and photo session 16:00-16:30

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25. Roll Call of clubs

Area 02	42 Votes
Area 03	16 Votes
Area 04	15 Votes
Board	6 Votes
Totally	79 Votes

26. Chair Report and presentation of ZIF awardees (see page 57 to 58 in book)

Odette Bellin reports on the fellowships awarded to young women in our District (see attached presentation).

She then introduces Scintilla Benevolo (YWPA 2017) who is not only winner of District 28 YWPA award but even one of the 10 winners of the ZI award.

Scintilla Benevolo presents herself in an enthusiastic and inspiring speech. She compares the fight for women rights with train ride – she had always the fear of being too late and missing the train which motivated her. She was so motivated that last year together with a friend she collected 5.000 € for a school in Gambia which enabled 14 women to take up school education.

Scintilla is being congratulated by Florence Fischer-Herber, member of the International YWPA –Committee, she gives the new created pin of ZI to Scintilla and asks her to wear it wherever she goes. Dietlind hands over the international and Odette the district certificate..

Dietlind mentions another AE – Fellow, Christine Klei-Wichmann who was recommended by ZC Saarlouis/D28 but has been presented by the university of Aachen which belongs to district 29

Marilena di Carlo is the awardee of AE-Fellowship 2016 and member of the e-club. She presents herself and her very interesting and complex studies about the visit of the planets (study work), her doctoral thesis and she shows pictures of her workplace (only woman in the large office). The AE award was very helpful for Marilena to visit several interesting expert conferences. In the meantime, since winning the award, she finished her doctoral thesis und works now in Glasgow in a space project. She is very proud to be member of the e-club which is also a possibility for her to give something back to other young women.

Both award winners are being congratulated and applauded by the participants in a highly emotional atmosphere of Zontian pride.

27. Report on Elections and Presentation of Elected Board 2018-2020

NC-Chair Julia Woelke von Werthern presents the election results. 82 votes were given and 4 votes were not valid., reason: ballot was not filled correctly. So we have 78 votes

RESULTS:

VOTES RECEIVED:

Governor:	Fernanda Freschi Gallo	75 *
LT Governor:	Annemarie Loosli-Locher	74 *
Treasurer:	Claudia Mastrangeli	70 *
Nominating committee:		
	Eileen von Goldacker	57 *
	Gisela Mentzer	57 *
	Nicoletta Salviato	44 *
	Loredana Brunetti	29
	Ingeborg Mack	19
	Anna Basile	12
Auditors:	Caroline Willeke	74 *
	Carmela Buonanno	44 *

(* denotes elected officers)

Because of the equality of votes at the nominating committee the chair is not yet defined. It is left to the two winners themselves to decide, who will be the NC chair.

The Governor congratulates the elected new Board for the biennium 2018-2020 and asks the old and the new Board to come forward for a photo session.

Dietlind thanks all the participants for their discipline despite the wonderful weather outside.

28. Next District Conference

Danaé von Orelli proposes the city of Basel as a place for the next District Conference in 2019. The presentation of the video on Basel failed because of technical problems.

For the whole film please refer to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFenBWPxK8w>.

Some of the advantages are: there are two clubs in Basel, they speak German, French, Italian and English. Basel is located in the center of Europe, it is easy to reach by train, car and plane (international airport).

Because of the centennial celebration the District Conference will be a little earlier in the year, it is planned for 22/23/24 June 2019.

29. ZIF Booth

Renate and Emanuela are satisfied with the result of 1.150 € which were donated to the Zonta International Foundation during the DC.

Follow-Up: After the conference, the e-club Italy gave other 50 €, so that the donations in total are 1.200 €. This donation is attributed to District 28.

Thank you all.

30. Wrap-Up

Governor Dietlind thanks all participants of the DC for coming to Milan.

The Saturday business sessions are closed at 5:06 pm.

Governor Dietlind Stuerz



Secretary Meike Rieken



Attachments:

- Report of ZIF Ambassador Chair Renate v. Koeller
- Report of Treasurer 2014-2016
- Financial Outlook and Budget 2018-2020
- Report on Awards of Chair Odette Bellin

- For Message from IP Sonja Hoenig Schouch please go to <https://www.dropbox.com/s/guer1hx8hcg137/DistrictConferenceMessage2017.mp4?dl=0>
- For the Film of ZIF Ambassadors: please go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fb6yaY4BYgs>
- For the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign Presentation please refer to the ZI website under <https://membership.zonta.org/tools/DistrictConferenceToolkit>
- For the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign Video please go to https://www.dropbox.com/s/gsxxh0sz4hah6hg/German_CAECFilm_August2017.mp4?dl=0

Friday Seminar and World Café:

- Friday Workshop Agenda
- Information about Technology and Zonta deutsch
- Information about Technology and Zonta engl
- Zonta Worldcafe Table 3 Report Key benefits of a newsletter
- Zonta Worldcafe Table 4 Results Criteria of interesting club meeting
- Zonta Worldcafe Table 5 About Zonta Fundraising Criteria
- Zonta Worldcafe Table 5 Questionnaire (only Questions)
- For the information on how to form an eclub (Table 1) please go to <https://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Membership-Tools> ECLUB