

ZONTA



INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 28

Sonia Albanese Carotti

Governor 2012 – 2014



Area 02: Germany (Hessen, Rheinland-Pfalz,
Saarland) / Czech Republic

Area 03: Italy (North, Centre, South) / Turkey

Area 04: Switzerland (German speaking)
Principality of Liechtenstein

Zonta International District 28 Conference

Winterthur, October 25 -27, 2013

Rathaus Winterthur, Gemeinderatssaal

MINUTES

Saturday, October 26, 2013 – Business Session 1

TOPIC 1 - Call to Order and Welcome by the Governor

The Governor Sonia Albanese, calls the District Conference to order under the motto “Human Rights of Women”, heartily welcomes the Major of Winterthur Michael Künzle, the International Director and liason Elizabeth Woodgate, the Delegates, the delegate from District 30 Therese Billancourt, the Guests and the Board and wishes all a successful conference.

TOPIC 2 - Welcome of the Major of Winterthur

The Major of Winterthur expresses his gratitude for being invited to the District 28 Conference. Michael Künzle thanks all Zontians for their vast engagement to help advancing the status of women worldwide and especially for working on human rights of women. He informs us that according to recent statistics, Winterthur women are the happiest in the country. Winterthur is a cultural city, rich in Museums, arts, music festivals and opera performances. It is also a green city offering a good quality of life. The major wishes us all a successful conference and thanks us for visiting Winterthur.

TOPIC 3 –Poem

Elena Federici ZIF Ambassador Area 03 and Meike Reiken Webmaster read the poem “*To the women of my life*” composed by Elena Federici in honour of the District Conference.

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TOPIC 4 – Introduction of the Head Table and Conference Appointments

The Governor introduces the “Head Table”:

International Director and Liaison, Elizabeth Woodgate

Governor, Sonia Albanese Carotti

Lt. Governor, Helena Bühler-Krticka

Treasurer, Therese Rychener

Area 02 Director, Magdalena Weidenfeller

Area 03 Director, Maura Manghi

Area 04 Director, represented by Vice AD Petra Wiesli

Secretary, Fernanda Gallo Freschi

Parliamentarian Bylaws & Resolutions, Fulvia Coli

Chair Awards J.M.K., JWPA, Odette Bellin

Chair Awards Amelia Earhart, Flavia Monaco

Chair Nominations and Credentials, Valeria del Balzo

Nomination and Credentials, Wirtrud Walther

United Nations, Regula Dannecker

Foundation Ambassador Germany, Dietlind Stürz

Foundation Ambassador Italy, Elena Federici Ballini

Foundation Ambassador Switzerland, Anne Gerhards

Chair Legislation, Awareness & Advocacy, Area 02-04: Anita Schnetzer-Spranger and Area 03:

Patrizia Vola de Pasquale

IT/Webmasters, Meike Rieken and Loredana Brunetti

Public Relations: Gabriella Fumarola

Centurion, Massimiliana Martini

Tellers: Claudia Mastrangeli (Zc Roma Parioli) and Helen Hintermeister (Zonta Club Schaffausen)

Timekeeper: Governor and as replacement Parliamentarian Fulvia Coli

TOPIC 5 – International Representative’s Welcome

International Director Elizabeth Woodgate greets the audience and wishes all a successful conference also on behalf of our International President Lynn McKenzie. This is the last of the 32 District Conferences held throughout the world.

The ID shows appreciation for the work done by D28 with the educational awards that contribute also to enhance Zonta visibility: our District is seventh in ZIF ranking.

TOPIC 6 - Registration Report

District Board	6
Other District Officers	16
International Representatives	2
Past Governors	3
Delegates and Alternates	43
Other registered Zontians	24
Guests	55
Total registered	146

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TOPIC 7 – Roll Call of Clubs

All Clubs in Area 02 are present or represented, except ZC Bad Vilbel-Karben and ZC Wiesbaden-Rheingau.

All Clubs in Area 03 are present or represented except ZC Potenza.

All Clubs in Area 04 are present.

TOPIC 8 – 1st Report of Credentials Chair

Area 02	23 Delegates, 3 proxies, 3 double votes,	29 votes
Area 03	10 Delegates, 9 proxies, 1 double vote	20 votes
Area 04	12 Delegates	12 votes
Board Members		6 votes
Total		67 votes

TOPIC 9 – Presentation of the Conference Standing Rules and Adoption

The Parliamentarian, Fulvia Coli, presents the Standing Rules (see DC documents page 15 to 21). They are unanimously adopted.

TOPIC 10 – Approval of Agenda

The Agenda is unanimously accepted (see DC documents page 15), with the addition of a presentation on Governance by ID and Liason Elizabeth Woodgate to topic 21.

TOPIC 11 – Proposed Motions and Amendments

The Parliamentarian Fulvia Coli informs that there are no proposed amendments to the International Bylaws, and the rules of procedure.

Coffee break 10:45-11:15

TOPIC 12 – Report of Governor

The Governor opens her speech with reflections about the motto of the conference “Respect of human rights of women”, that should be applied in everyday life, and reminds us that Zonta promotes itself as the organization of choice for those individuals committed to advancing the status of women through service and advocacy, which embraces Articles 1-16 of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

So far, 67% of Area 02, 45% of Area 03, and 50% of Area 04 Clubs respectively have implemented projects within the frame of Zonta Says No Campaign.

Sonia recalls the start off the campaign with the video „Suis Generis“ that she premiered in Tampere during the 5th Interdistrict Seminar.



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In her oral report the Governor focuses on the District goals for 2012-14 and reflects on the achievements and on the business which still needs our attention.

Membership in our District had a decrease of 2%: with 1580 members at the moment, we are the seventh district by number of club affiliates at the moment. She promotes the opening of new clubs in the Mediterranean area.

The Governor congratulates the academic awards chairs for their excellent achievements both in terms of number of applicants and awards assigned. She also congratulates the ZIF Ambassadors: as of July 31, 2013 D.28 was 7th in ranking with total donations of 116, 536.66 dollars and the single contribute per member of 74.66 dollars.

Sonia recalls the past calendar and informs about the future appointments of our District, and concludes her report by thanking the District Board and Chairs for constructive meetings and discussions and for their friendship and all Zontians for their engagement in Zonta and for promoting Zonta's mission.

The complete written report is enclosed in the DC documents (page 22 and following).

TOPIC 13 – Financial Report of the Treasurer 2010-2012

Daniela Monaco, Treasurer 2010-2012, reads and comments the Financial Report which is also enclosed in the DC documents (page 28).

Auditor's Report

The report established by the Auditors, Beatrice Grob Ludin, ZC Luzern Landschaft Chan Ho Schrafl-Luu, ZC Zuerich ZC is read (see DC documents page 32).

The Audited Financial statement is unanimously approved.

TOPIC 14 – Financial Report of the Treasurer 2012-2014

Therese Rychener reads and explains the Budget 2012-2014 (see DC documents page 33). She answers some questions asked by the delegates.

TOPIC 15-16 – District Budget 2014-2016

Therese Rychener proceeds explaining the Budget proposal 2014-2016 (see DC documents page 36).

She points out that the Governor put 2,000€ in the budget for next biennium as reimbursement for the Historians (topic 15). She also underlines that the budget has taken into consideration a stable number of members in the District. A decrease in membership would result in a future increase of the District fees.

Other new items in the budget are related to translation and reimbursements to AE awardees. Costs for translations are necessary as long as there is not a common language. Hopefully this is a moment of transition and in the future these costs will be saved. The treasurer thanks ZC Cremona who recently offered hospitality to the Area 03 AE fellows.

The budget is voted unanimously except for the treasurer who abstains.

TOPIC 17 – Report of Nominating Committee Chair

Valeria Del Balzo, NC Chair, thanks the Nominating Committee members for their help and addresses special thanks to all the members who are willing to be candidate for the next biennium (see DC documents slate of candidates page 37).

TOPIC 18 – Candidates from the Floor

The following nominations of candidates are proposed from the floor :

- ZC Engiadina candidates Zusanne Von Bluementhal - ZC Chur for NC
- ZC Parma candidates Mary De Lange - ZC Milano S.A. for NC
- ZC Palermo nominates Domenica Cutrupi – ZC Taranto for NC
- Helena Bühler-Krticka nominates Anne Gerhards - ZC Vaduz for NC

The Governor asks Zusanne Von Bluementhal to present curricula to the NC as soon as possible, then accepts all candidates from the floor.

TOPIC 19 – Presentation of the Candidates

All candidates give a brief speech with the exception of Luisa Balboni – ZC Milano S.A. (Auditor) who is not present and whose presentation is read by the Area Director.

The candidates from the floor Zusanne Von Bluementhal and Anne Gerhards present themselves as well. Mary De Lange and Domenica Cutrupi are absent, therefore the Area Director reads their presentation.

Governor:	Helena Bühler, ZC Luzern Landschaft
Lt. Governor:	Dietlind Stuerz, ZC ZC Burg Staufenberg-Gießen
Treasurer:	Therese Rychener, ZC Basel
Auditor:	Luisa Balboni, ZC Milano S.A. Christine Dersch, ZC Marburg Laura Santagata, ZC Bologna
Nominating Committee:	Fiona Ruff – ZC Bad Soden- Kronberg Zusanne Von Bluementhal *- ZC Chur Mary De Lange* - ZC Milano S.A. Domenica Cutrupi* – ZC Taranto Anne Gerhards* - ZC Vaduz

() denotes candidate from the floor*

TOPIC 20 – Voting Instructions

The NC Chair 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 the candidates from the floor is projected for the convenience of the delegates.



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Elections 12:30- 13:00

Lunch Break and Marketplace from 1.00 pm to 14:00 pm

Saturday, October 26, 2013 – Business Session 2

The Governor opens the afternoon business session after the lunch break.

TOPIC 21 – Zonta International President’s Message

ZI President Lynn McKenzie’s 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. She shares information on Zonta says No campaign, and a variety of achievements made possible by the club donations to the Foundation. She speaks especially about Rwanda, Liberia, Samoa projects, as well as scholarships and awards. Lynn McKenzie end her speech inviting us to celebrate our achievements next year at the Convention in Orlando.

The video is introduced by International Director Elizabeth Woodgate.

TOPIC 21 bis – Pillars Of Governance

International Director Elizabeth Woodgate gives a lecture on Governance .

The highest decision-making level in Zonta ist the Convention.

Our governing documents include the articles of incorporation define that us legally, the bylaws that define what Zonta does and how we do it and are revised yearly . They contain the rights and duties of members.

Elizabeth explains the difference between policies/manual and bylaws.

She proceeds talking about the Membership Dialogues, and gives some highlights of the results, inviting us to send comments to zonta.org.

TOPIC 22 – Presentation: Zonta in the Council of Europe

CoE Committee Chairman Karin Nordmeyer summarizes the actions taken by the Council of Europe in the current and next biennium to end violence on women, focusing in particular on the Istanbul Convention (see DC documents page 39).

TOPIC 23 – Report of District Officers

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

Lt Governor	Helena Bühler-Krticka	(see DC documents page 43)
Area 02	Magdalena Weidenfeller	(see DC documents page 45)
Area 03	Maura Manghi	(see DC documents page 48)
Area 04	Petra Wiesli	(see DC documents page 50)
Chair for Public Relations	Gabriella Fumarola	(see DC documents page 54)
Chairs for LAA	Anita Schnetzer-Spranger	(see DC documents page 56)
	Patrizia Vola	(see DC documents page 59)
United Nations	Regula Dannecker	(see DC documents page 62)

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TOPIC 24 –Report on District Website, Social media and Area 03 Website

IT Webmasters Loredana Brunetti and Meike Rieken give a report (see DC documents page 63) on the improvements to the District website, the creation of Area 03 website, and the FB pages. They also report about the creation of the database for the online application to the DC, that will be available also for future conferences.

Coffee break 16:00-16:30

TOPIC 25 Roll Call of clubs

With respect to the morning session, only Palermo is missing, therefore there are 65 votes at the moment (Palermo has 2 votes).

TOPIC 26 – 2st Report of Credentials Chair

Area 02	23 Delegates, 3 proxies, 3 double votes,	29 votes
Area 03	9 Delegates, 9 proxies	18 votes
Area 04	12 Delegates	12 votes
Board Members		6 votes
Total		65 votes

TOP 27 – Report of ZIF Ambassadors

The Governor proceeds to invite the Ambassadors for their reports:

ZIF Ambassador Area 02 Dietlind Stuerz (see DC documents page 65)

(At 16:45 Palermo- double vote- is back, the votes are again 67.)

ZIF Ambassador Area 03 Elena Federici Ballini (see DC documents page 66)

ZIF Ambassador Area 04 Anne Gerhards (see DC documents page 67)

TOP 28 – AE Chair Report and presentation of AE Fellow 2013

Flavia Monaco (see DC documents 69) proudly reports on the 3 AE fellowships awarded to young women in our District: Meike Neuland, Nay Mezennar and Daniela Pedrini (see curricula in DC documents page 71), and introduces AE fellow Meike Neuland. The other 2 AE fellows were awarded at Area 03 meeting in Cremona on October 6, 2013.

Meike who gives a speech, showing gratitude for her award, and telling us about her studies and her life. She was born in Bern and studied in Karlsruhe, then joined Erasmus program in several countries. She will buy a laptop with part of the award.

The Governor awards Meike, who is congratulated by the audience.

TOPIC 29 – YWPA Chair Report and Presentation of District Winners

Odette Bellin reports on the winners of YWPA award 2012 and 2013(see DC documents page 73), and is proud to announce that Lena Althen, our awardee 2013, was international winner as well.

Odette is proud to present Lena Althen from Wiesbaden, a 16 years old girl with an outstanding curriculum in public service, who gives a speech.

The Governor awards Lena, and also presents her with a book “FRAUEN BEWEGEN DIE WELT” (*Women move the world forward*).

Odette then introduces Leonie Gossner, who gives a speech (see DC documents page 76) and is recognized by the Governor.

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

TOPIC 30 – JMK Chair Report and Presentation of District Scholarship Winner

Odette Bellin also introduces the JMK Scholarship District Winner Annkathrin Klein.

She is working on her Master at St. Andrews College, where also the awardee of UK district studies.

Annkathrin is eager to join Zonta in the future, especially to work on LAA. She is proud to be here with us and thanks everyone

Annkathrin Klein is honored with the JMK District Award by Governor Sonia.

All YWPA and YMK winners are being congratulated and applauded by the participants.

TOPIC 31 – Report by Centurion:

Massimiliana Martini (see DC documents page 80), reads the recently approved rules of procedure of the newly formed Union of Italian Clubs called Zontitalia. The foundation of Zontitalia took six years to become a reality, and Massimiliana congratulates all the Italian Zontians who made this possible.

TOPIC 32 – Report on Elections and Presentation of Elected Board 2012-2014

NC-Chair Valeria Del Balzo presents the election results. 67 votes were given, 61 were valid.

RESULTS: VOTES RECEIVED¹:

Governor: *Helena Buehler* 61 votes*

LT Governor: *Dietlind Stuerz* 61 votes*

Treasurer: *Therese Rychener* 61 votes*

Nominations committee:

- *Fiona Ruff* 58 votes*
- *Susanne Von Blumenthal* 42 votes*
- *Anne Gerhards* 35 votes*
- *Mary De Lange* 29 votes
- *Domenica Cutrupi* 28 votes

Auditors:

- *Christine Dersch* 40 votes*
- *Luisa Balboni* 39 votes*
- *Laura Santagata* 36 votes

(* denotes elected officers)

¹ elected Chairman of the NC-Committee is Fiona Ruff.



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The Governor congratulates the elected new Board for the biennium 2014-16 and thanks the 2012-2014 board with a yellow rose. Photos of the current and future boards are taken. This is a very inspiring moment for all the Zontians attending the DC.

TOPIC 33 – Next District Conference – Presentation and Vote

ZC Hanau is presented by club president Gisela Memtzer and AD Magdalena Wiedenfeller as the candidate hosting club for the DC in 2015, and a video of the location, defined as the “Winterthur of Hessen”, is played.

Hanau is elected as the next DC location with 63 votes.

TOPIC 34 – Wrap Up

Sonia thanks all participants of the DC for coming to Winterthur, for their active participation. She also thanks the Organising Committee, the Parliamentarian and the Secretary for their efficient work. She looks forward to meeting all tonight at the Gala Dinner which will take place at the Casino Theater Winterthur.

The Saturday business sessions are closed at 6:00 pm



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Sunday, October 27, 2013 Memorial Service – Altes Stadthaus Festsaal

A very inspiring memorial service is held to honor all Zontians who passed away in the biennium.

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TOPIC 35 – Invitation to Orlando Convention

The Governor and the Liason ID Elizabeth Woodgate illustrate in details the program of the next Convention to be held in Orlando, Florida, from June 27 to July 1, 2014, and underline the importance for all Zontians to attend the Convention, in order to be inspired by the international spirit of Zonta (see DC documents page 94). **Anita presents the varoious topics of the workshops that will be held at the Convention.** All are invited to attend, and our liason hopes to meet us again in Orlando.

TOPIC 36 – Closure of the Conference “Women’s rights in Switzerland: yesterday - today - tomorrow”

Keynote speaker Verena Müller reports on outstanding Swiss women and Zontians who contributed to the most significant milestones in the history of women in Switzerland, showing the show the talents and cunningness Zontians used to defy legal and social conditions. The speech was held in German. Later ZC Liestal provided a translation.

After the speech the Governor Sonia Albanese adjourned the Conference at 11:00 a.m.

Governor

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Secretary

Fernanda Gallo Freschi

Attachments:

DC Book of Documents
International President’s video
Pillars of Governance by ID Elizabeth Woodgate
YWPA winner Lena Althen’s speech (*missing in DC book*)
Verena Müller’s closing speech.