Zonta International District 28

District conference 2025 Bologna, 26 – 28 Sep

Presentations of Candidates 2026-2028 by Nominating Committee

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Election process for District 28 Board

Candidates to the District Board 2026 – 2028 are kindly asked to follow these steps:

1. Nomination process

- Submit the nomination form, duly signed by the candidate and a Zontian seconding the nomination
- A **motivation statement incl. short CV** of approx. 250 words (with picture)

These documents had to be submitted to the Nomination Committee by 31 May 2025.

2. Presentation at the Conference

- Personal presentation (3 minutes for Governor and Lt. Governor, 2 minutes for Treasurer, Auditors and candidates for Nomination Committee)
- Time limits will be strictly enforced.
- The presentation must be held in either Italian or German. Simultaneous translation is provided at the Conference.
- Candidates may freely choose how to present themselves. However, PowerPoint presentations are not allowed.



Elections: Excerpt from Zonta District Manual

General Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee The committee members:

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- Present to each district officer and club at least sixty days before the district conference at which the election is to be held, a report listing one or more candidates who meet the prerequisites for each district position to be filled and at least five candidates for the District Nominating Committee.
- Report at the district conference at which the election for district office is held.



Elections: Excerpt from Rules of Procedure D28

The chair of the district nominating committee shall request suggestions from each club for nominees for each position to be filled by election at the succeeding conference. This request shall be placed at least 6 months prior to 31 M a y of each odd-numbered year. Personal data forms, including a consent to serve if elected, shall be submitted for each name that is suggested. The deadline for suggestions from each club shall be ninety (90) days prior to the conference. The committee shall screen the suggested nominees based on the recorded qualifications and on the committee's own knowledge and judgment. The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of one or more candidates for each district office that is to be filled at that election and of at least five nominees for the district nominating committee. No name shall be listed without the member's consent to serve if elected. No member of the nominating committee shall be eligible for nomination at any level of Zonta International while serving on the committee. At least sixty (60) days before the conference at which the election is to be held, the nominating committee shall send its report to each district officer and to each club in the district. At the conference, additional nominations may be made from the floor immediately after the report of the nominating committee, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained

Call for Nomination

- Sep.-Dec. 2024 Call for Nomination sent to Area Directors and Presidents of District 28
- 30 April 2025 Deadline for submitting Nomination Form
- May 2025 Reviewing Documents and preparing Slate of Candidates
- 15 June 2025 Slate of candidates submitted to District Governor
- 30 June 2025 Slate of Candidates published on the District website



Elections: Standing Rules

Standing Rules District Conference 2025:

 A delegate presenting a candidate from the floor for an elected office will be limited to presenting the name and Zonta club of the candidate. A seconder is needed.



Slate of Candidates for District Office for Biennium 2026 – 2028



Candidate Name	Running for Position of	Area	Member of ZC	Years in Zonta
Zelinda Legge	Governor	3	Roma 1	20
Meike Rieken	Lt. Governor	2	Darmstadt	32
Uorschla Rupp	Treasurer	4	Engiadina	14
Dominique-Chantal Pontani	Auditor	2	Wiesbaden	13
Isabella Boselli	Auditor	3	Bologna due Torri	9
Antonietta Pavese	Auditor	3	Potenza	1
Renate Mack	Nominating Committee	2	Frankfurt am Main	9
Francesca Mastrovito	Nominating Committee	3	Cosenza	18
Suzanne von Blumenthal	Nominating Committee	4	Chur	25
Ursula Kostal	Nominating Committee	4	Vaduz	20

Additional Nominations from the floor

- Nominations for Offices may be made from the floor.
- Candidates nominated from the floor have to be qualified.
 That means they have to fulfill the following requirements:
 - "Each elected officer shall be a classified member of a club, shall have served at least two years in an elected club office and/or have been a district committee chairman. The governor, lieutenant governor shall have served at least one year as club president. An elected officer shall hold no other elective position at district level."(Art. XIII, Sec. 6 (a) Bylaws of ZI)
 - No member shall be proposed without that member's consent to serve if elected



Voting of District Board Members

Office	Name	Area
Governor • One candidate		
Lt. Governor • One candidate		
Treasurer • One candidate		
Auditor • Three candidates		
Nominating Com. • Four candidates		



Presentations - Time slot

- Governor: 3 minutes
- Lt. Governor: 3 minutes
- Treasurer: 2 minutes
- Auditor: 1 minute each
- Nominating Committee: 2 minutes each





Governor

Zelinda Legge

ZC Roma 1





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Meike Rieken

ZC Darmstadt





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