

2014-2016 Liaison Points, Board meetings highlights & other updates July – August 2014

9th of September 2014

Zonta International Board Meeting – 3 July 2014

Board members received training and general orientation to their role on both the Zonta and Zonta International Foundation Boards.

President Landeira Oestergaard introduced the following dates for reports and International Board meetings (still subject to change):

Year	District Committee report	International Committee report	Executive Committee report	Board meeting	Location
2014				2 nd – 3 rd July	Orlando
2014				19 th – 22 nd September	Copenhagen, Denmark ¹
2015	January 11 th	January 25 th	January 31 st	February 8 th – 12 th	Bruges, Belgium ²
**2015	May 17 th	May 31 st	June 7 th	June 14 th – 17 th	Minnesota, Minneapolis ³
**2015	October 11 th	October 25 th	November 1 st	Nov. 6 th – 8 th	Chicago, USA ⁴
**2016	January 10 th	January 24 th	January 24 th	Feb. 4 th – 7 th	Chicago, USA
2016	May 5 th	June 5 th ⁵	June 5 th	June 27 th – 30 th	Nice, France

* Material received after the due-date will **NOT** be considered during the board meeting

** These dates may be adjusted

- ¹ The Governors & Lt. Governors will hold a workshop in Copenhagen to discuss district boundaries in Europe under the leadership of the Chariman and the European members of the membership committee. The results will be presented to the Board during the Board meeting.
- ² This board meeting will be after the European Inter-district seminar (6th – 8th of February in Bruges, Belgium) to allow board members and the executive director to participate in the seminar (for board members at their own expenses) while the travel cost is minimized.
- ³ This board meeting will be in Minnesota, Minneapolis just after the North American Inter-district seminar to allow board members and the executive director to participate in the seminar (for board members at their own expenses) while the travel cost is minimized.
- ⁴ This board meeting needs to be held after all the District conferences are finished and the Board members have had time to write not only their reports but also all the District conference reports are ready. But also in connection with the Service Club leaders meeting.
- ⁵ This final report from the Int. committee members will be the “achievements report” for the biennium. Therefore more time is given to the int. committee chairmen. The work needs to be finished in time to make the printing for the Convention.

President Landeira Oestergaard presented the Board with a proposed 2014-2016 Strategic Plan noting the plan should be in alignment with the Biennial Goals that were approved with a 100% vote at the 2014 Orlando Convention. A Task Force will complete further work on the plan and it will be discussed and approved at the September board meeting and included in the 2014 Governing Documents book being published in October.

The Board confirmed the 2014-2016 budget that had previously been approved by the 2012-2014 ZI Board.

The Centennial Endowment Campaign was discussed. Board members will receive more background information so that an informed discussion can take place at the next Board meeting.



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The review process of manuals was initiated. Board members were assigned specific ZI and ZIF manuals to review, specifically making updates related to Convention approved changes for Bylaws, Resolutions and Rules of Procedures. Zonta leaders will be notified as updated manuals are released for distribution in the coming months.

Special Board Meeting - 25 July 2014

1. Zonta International

A special Board meeting was called to approve specific committees as well as continue work on select items at the start of the biennium.

The Board approved re-establishment of the following committees:

- Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs
- Centennial Anniversary
- ZI Investment
- Council of Europe as a subcommittee of the UN Committee

The Board approved the following new committees:

- Leadership Development
- Translations

The Board reviewed special requests for extension of dues payments for some clubs who wished to remain active but could not achieve the payment deadline. The result was 14 clubs were granted an extension and notified of the conditions of the extension. The Membership Department will follow up with these clubs. Additionally, Board members were requested to have firm communication with their liaison districts regarding adherence to the 1 June deadline for payment of international dues.

2. Zonta International Foundation

A special Board meeting was called to provide updates on select topics for the Foundation Board. These topics will continue to be reviewed in further detail at the September 2014 Board meeting and updates will be provided at that time.

Special Board Meeting - 29 August 2014

1. Zonta International

A second special Board meeting was called to review and provide updates on a few select items.

It was noted that the updated Bylaws, Resolutions and Rules of Procedure had been posted on Zonta.org.

The UN Committee is working on the NGO CSW meeting in Geneva, 3-5 November 2014 as well as preliminary plans for the CSW 2015 in New York are underway. More information on these events will be placed on Zonta.org. Members need to know that these events are open to everyone if they have the time, resources and desire to attend.



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Some items were reviewed from the Advocacy Committee. The Board did approve that the committee will distribute information to districts and clubs offering Women Empowerment Principles as a platform for advocacy. More information will be distributed to Zonta leaders as the committee works through this item.

The Board approved a recommendation from the Young Women in Public Affairs Committee to update the manual and application to better clarify criteria.

The Board reviewed and discussed additional items from various areas including the International Service Committee's business plan, Zonta's regions, Convention, leadership development and the plans for the new website and more. More details will be available on these items and more after the September Board meeting.

2. Zonta International Foundation

A special Board meeting was called to provide updates on select topics.

Significant work has taken place to get the 2014-2016 service projects underway. Three of the five Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) have been signed with agency partners.

A draft document has been created for how Zonta Districts and Clubs can support the Voices Against Violence with WAGGGS. We are waiting on approval from UN Women but when this information is available it will be distributed.

President Maria Jose Oestergaard has appointed past International President (PIP) Olivia Ferry to the ZIF Development Committee. The updated list of committee members is in the Zonta web.

The Zonta International Foundation Manual was updated and approved pending on minor editing but then will be distributed to Zonta leadership.

Other updates

Teleconferences have been held with all Governors and the multiple updates communicated have also been provided in writing to all Governors.

A cleaning process of the current website is on going along with the work on the new website.

The last 2 MOU's have been signed just completing the signature process for the International Service and ZISVAW projects and programs.

Next Board meeting will be held in Copenhagen from the 19th to the 22nd of September. Liaison Points and Board meeting highlights are expected to be ready no later than October 3rd.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Oestergaard'.

Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard
ZI & ZIF President 2014-2016