



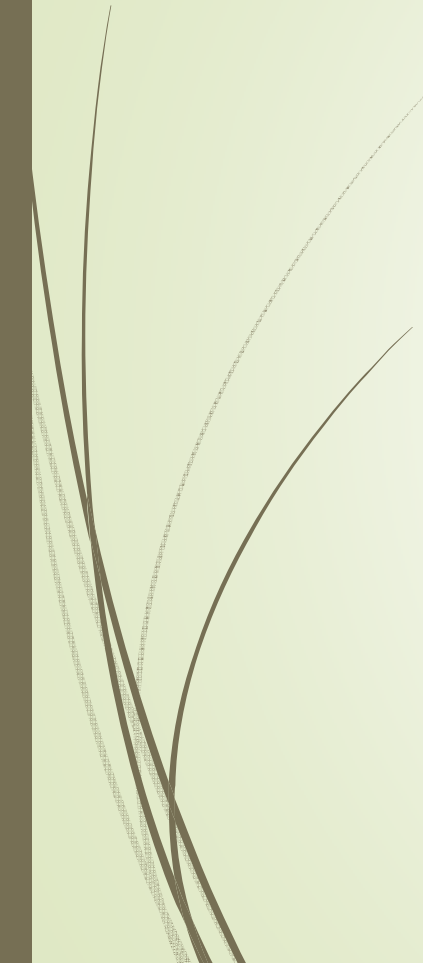
# Exploring membership options with e-clubs

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## What is an e-club?

- ▶ It's a Zonta Club
  - ▶ It's members hold meetings
  - ▶ It's members do service
  - ▶ It's members support the mission of Zonta International
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## An e-club is not....

- ▶ A way to be a member of Zonta but not do anything
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History



# Robert's Rules of Order

"Except as authorized *in the bylaws*, the business of an organization or board can be validly transacted only at a regular or properly called *meeting*. . .

*Electronic meetings*—that is, at meeting at which rather than all participating members being physically present in one room or area as in traditional (or "face-to-face") meetings, some or all of them communicate with the others through electronic means such as the Internet or by telephone. A group that holds such alternative meetings does not lose its character as a deliberative body . . .so long as the meetings provide, at a minimum, conditions of opportunity for simultaneous aural communication among all participating members equivalent to those of meetings held in one room or area. Under such conditions, an electronic meeting that is properly authorized in the bylaws is treated as though it were a meeting at which all the members who are participating are actually present."

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11<sup>th</sup> edition, page 97



## So, what does that mean?

- ▶ To have a legal meeting other than an in-person meeting requires authorization in the bylaws.
- ▶ Meeting should allow for “simultaneous aural communication among all participating members equivalent to those meetings held in one room or area.”



# Meeting Notice

Notice of electronic meetings must include description of how to participate (e.g. call in number and code)  
Additional rules for electronic meetings are recommended in the 11th edition. Some of the subjects that could be covered in the rules include:

- ▶ Method of establishment and maintenance of a quorum
- ▶ Method of seeking recognition
- ▶ Handling of interrupting motions
- ▶ Method to submit motions in writing
- ▶ Method for taking and verifying votes.



# Committee Meetings

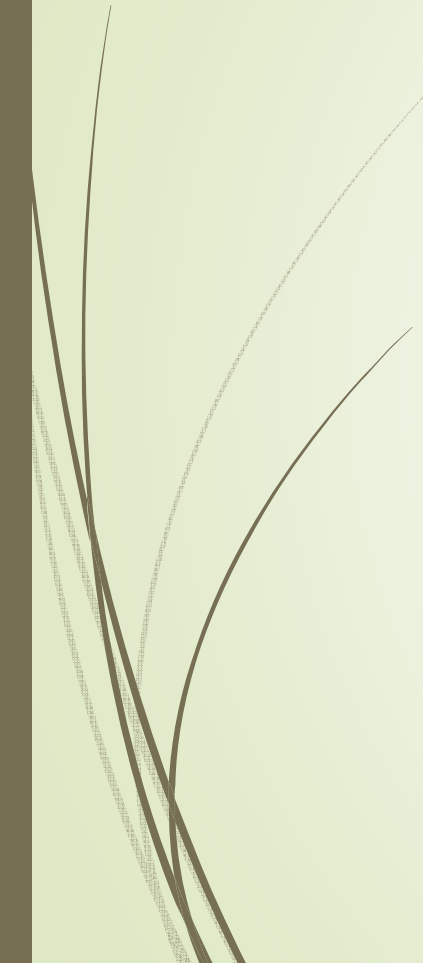
## Committee meetings

- Because electronic meetings for committees may be authorized, the provision in the 10th edition that a committee may work by correspondence is eliminated in the 11th edition.
- Committees that are established in the bylaws (usually standing committees) can hold electronic meetings if authorized to do so in the bylaws.
- Committees not established in the bylaws may be authorized to meet electronically in the organization's standing rules or in the motion that established the committee.





# Meetings

- ▶ Conference calls
  - ▶ Webinars
  - ▶ On-line meeting software
  - ▶ Chat rooms
  - ▶ Face-to-Face
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## Current e-clubs

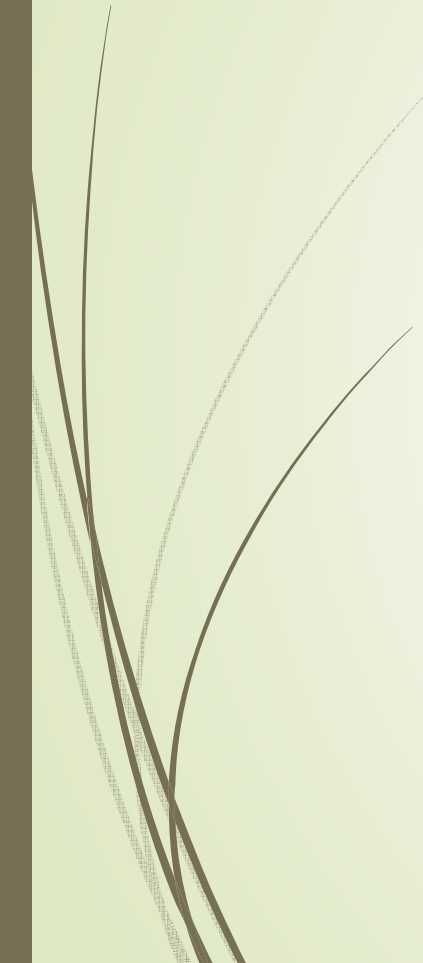
- ▶ Zonta e-club of Uruguay-1 (#19)
- ▶ Zonta e-club of USA-1 (#1914)



# Membership



## Benefits of a Zonta e-club

- Meet interesting, involved people who share the common goal of improving the lives of women
  - Enjoy the opportunity to be part of a powerful network with the convenience of attending meetings electronically in the comfort of your chosen location
  - Build friendships and network locally, nationally and internationally with a wide variety of people from many different professions
  - Accept leadership roles that promote personal growth and self-confidence
  - Participate in lively and interesting discussions that impact the world
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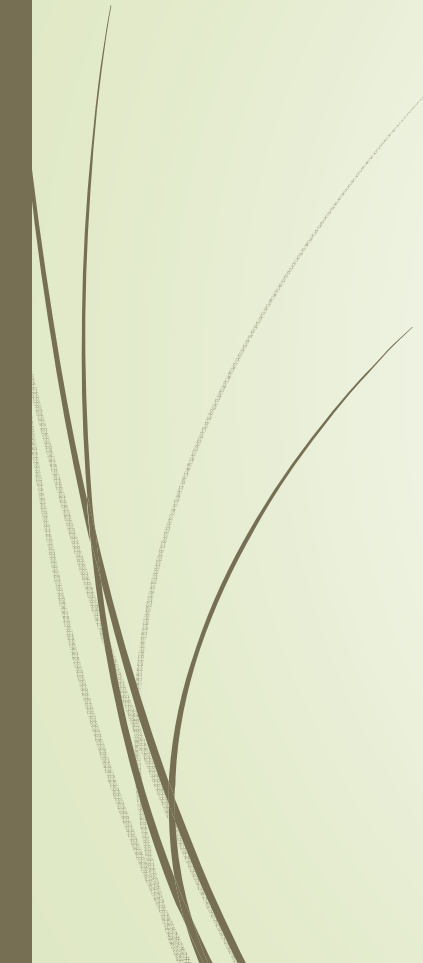


## Perfect for members who are ....

- ▶ Busy
- ▶ Commutes
- ▶ Travel
- ▶ Locationally challenged



## Members from Non-Zonta Countries

- ▶ Zonta e-clubs are conducted from, and under the laws of, the United States of America. Club activities may include the promotion of women's rights and the promotion of other civil rights and freedoms. A member joining an e-club should determine for herself, before joining, whether participation in the Zonta e-club or its activities is legal in her country of residence or could otherwise cause problems with political or police authorities.
  - ▶ Any individual concerned that joining or participating in a Zonta e-club may cause problems with legal, governmental or other authorities should refrain from joining.
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# Service and Advocacy



What's next?





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