

Lori Robinson Questions: Nominating Committee 9/5/2018

Standing for leadership positions in Zonta:

One of the great things about Zonta is the opportunity to learn new skills in a supportive environment. In today's work place, more and more people are "one woman shows" in that they have to do all the jobs that the project needs with fewer resources.

Advancement in Zonta permits one to try out their wings in a different environment than their workplace and to gain experience in obtaining the cooperation of others to accomplish their goals – whether it is fundraising, choosing the right people for a committee, or bringing together those whose skills are complementary to the job at hand.

Being asked to stand for an office in Zonta is a privilege and an honor as it indicates that other Zontians consider you as worthy of moving forward in the organization and of having the necessary skills to accomplish the task.

Area Director – this is a great position to solidify your knowledge of Zonta as each club in your area has a different set of concerns to which you can provide input. In a way, it is likened to being a grandmother – you visit the grandchildren and praise their accomplishments, provide advice, then let the parents resolve the problem. It also provides you with a better understanding of the relationship between the clubs, area and the district.

Lt. Governor/Governor – Being governor is the most challenging job in the District. Being President seems hardly enough training to step into the Governor position. However, the D4 board provides a better support system than at the club level in that the board members have a more diverse level of Zonta experience. It is even better when the Lt. Governor has complementary skills and strengths with the Governor. This position allows one to strengthen the membership and unite them in accomplishing the objectives of Zonta and adding your "flavor" to the process.

Board Positions/International Board and International Committees – Experience at the District level is important as it provides a look at the "bigger" picture of Zonta, especially if the district includes different countries and customs as these can affect how Zonta functions within these environments. Understanding how Zonta functions at the International level means that one has to be receptive to thinking outside one's local culture and being willing to see things from another point of view.

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Area 4 Director, 1996-1998

Lt. Governor, 1998-2000

Governor, 2000-2002

International Director, 2003-2005