



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING
following the D4 CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE
Sunday, September 29, 2019

Governor Bonnie Clesse thanked all for coming and asked for feedback from the group. Each Board member introduced herself as she spoke. Some of the comments included the importance of getting the attendees up and moving once-in-awhile. Many Board members agreed that our speakers were some of the best we have had. A question arose regarding the possibility of doing at least part of the Conference electronically. But, it appears that only 2% of Zontians open the Zonta Magazine online. Also, there are Zontians in the District who may not have access to email.

Governor Bonnie asked Zonta International Director Judy Gorton to critique the 56th D4 Conference. Judy was impressed with the size of the D4 group and the number of Committees. She felt that everyone was doing great work, and using their imaginations to fundraise. She suggested that at times we may need to rethink our service projects, and ask ourselves if these projects are really helping women and girls. We also need to be sure our service projects are aligned to Zonta's mission, and keep reviewing the work the Club does.

Judy feels that we need to encourage people to attend Workshops, Conferences, and Conventions so that they can see the big picture. We need to get new members involved right away.

Vice Area Directors - Judy feels that they are very important in Australia because of the distance between clubs. Board members asked about the need/value of having Vice Area Directors. We just started doing this, so we don't know specifically the roles and responsibilities of Vice Directors. It can work well or badly. And, it's not succession planning if a Vice Director does not move into the Area Director's position.

Protocol - The ZI President is looking at ways to simplify these processes to make the meetings more interesting. There was a question about the possibility of moving Consent Agendas to the District level. Kris Fletcher, D4 Parliamentarian, spoke of the need to have enough detailed information to present to people ahead of time (eg. 60 days before a meeting). Questions arose, such as: How can we simplify the whole nomination process? Can we make some of the processes less formal? We were reminded that we also need to explain to our members why and what we are doing.

ZI Director Judy was impressed with the friendship, fellowship, and openness she observed at the Conference. She felt that people were engaged and enthusiastic. 20% of D4 members attended the Conference and Judy felt that was a reasonable number. Judy congratulated all on a great Conference!

Governor Bonnie adjourned the meeting at 1:25 PM and wished everyone safe travels home.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Chiumento, Secretary
District 4