

## **Zonta District 4: Campaign Policy**

### **Campaigning Policy:**

Campaigning will align with the Zonta International Rules of Procedure on Circularization and the Zonta International campaigning Policy.

1. No campaigning of any sort, other than the wearing of the official candidate's identifier by the candidate at conference, shall be allowed.

### **2. Allowed activities:**

a. Following issuance of the official slate by the District Nominating Committee, Zontians attending Zonta functions may be introduced as candidates, with no other information being provided about the candidates. At no time may either the candidate or any other Zontian publicly request votes for the candidate.

b. Candidates may attend any Zonta function. At the request of the presiding officer, the candidate may participate as a speaker or presenter.

c. If asked, only oral endorsements, based on personal knowledge and experience, may be made by other Zontians.

### **3. Disallowed activities:**

a. Speeches requesting votes will not be allowed, except during an official candidate's speech made as part of the business session at the Conference.

b. No current or past officer or director of Zonta International or current or past officer of the District shall seek to influence members to vote for or against a particular candidate through either verbal or written means.

c. No gifts, trinkets, buttons or other promotional material (such as flyers, brochures or resumes including social media) shall be distributed on behalf of any candidate for campaign purposes either before or during the Conference, other than material provided by the District Nominating Committee.

### **4. Consequences of the Policy Violation**

a. If a perceived policy violation is observed by a District Board member, or if a written complaint is sent to the Governor within 3 months of a perceived violation by a District member, then a formal investigation will be carried out by the Board, led by the Governor.

b. If a violation is identified and proven through the investigation, consequences could include, but might not be limited to, a private letter of concern or reprimand; or a cancellation of the candidate's nomination (if the violation is noted before the election); or a calling for a new vote for the position affected (if the violation is noted after the election)

c. In addition, if further disciplinary action is required, the District Board will follow the Zonta International By-laws, policies and procedures.