

**59<sup>th</sup> District 4 Conference  
St. Catharines, Ontario  
September 26-27, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**Friday, September 26, 2025**

**First Business Session**

**Call to order** – Attendees were asked to be seated

**Land acknowledgement** – Julie Brown, Conference Co-chair, presented the Land Acknowledgement

*We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional lands shared by the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples. We express our sincere appreciation to them as stewards of this land, which is Protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement's principles: to take only what is needed, to leave enough for others, and always keep the dish clean. Today, many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities from across Turtle Island continue to reside and work within this territory. As September 30th approaches, it is our responsibility to reflect on our commitments under the Truth and Reconciliation framework, and as Zontians, support Calls to Action. In particular, we recognize Action 41, in which Canada is called upon to collaborate with Aboriginal organizations to investigate the high rates of missing and harmed Aboriginal women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, including examining the possible impact of residential schools.*

**Procession** – The procession of flag bearers and the Board were marched in by the Strong Water Signers.

**Welcome** – Governor Jane Newman welcomed attendees and special guests to the 59<sup>th</sup> District 4 Conference

**Posting of the Colours** – The flag of **Canada**, the host country of our conference, carried by Valeria Gonzalez-Sukhai, Co-president Golden Z Club of McMaster University Hamilton Ontario.

The flag of the United States of America, our District 4 International sister country, carried by Janice Durmis, Past D4 Governor.

The flag of Philippines, the home of our Zonta International Representative, Lia Bautista carried by Sheena Poole, Past D4 Governor.

Our District 4 flag is carried by Avreet Pooni, Co-president Golden Z Club of MacMaster University Hamilton Ontario.

**Singing of the National Anthems** - Erica D'Amore, soloist, sang the Canadian and US Anthems. The Philippine Anthem was played.

**Conference Invocation** – presented by Marion Reeves

*Within the chambers of our being resides a wellspring of untapped potential, a reservoir of strength that knows no bounds. May we, with unswerving resolve, recognize our capacity to create change – both within the tapestries of our personal lives and in the world beyond. Let empowerment become the anthem that propels us towards a brighter, more compassionate future. Let us acknowledge, with unwavering conviction, the intricate interconnectedness of all lives, and may we strive to alleviate suffering while nurturing the fertile ground of understanding wherever our journey takes us. Let us strive in all things to Build a Better world for Women and Girls.*

Governor Jane Newman introduced past International Directors and Governors, including:  
Past International Directors & Past Governor: Kathleen Douglass,  
Past Governor & Current International Zonta Convention Chair(Vancouver 2026), Lori Robinson,  
Past Governors: Sheena Poole, Janice Durmis (also the D4 Foundation Ambassador), and Sandra Cronk.

She also recognized members of International Committees:  
Tanya Tagwerker, Zonta Club of Guelph, Canada, Zonta Says No Working Committee.  
Holly Anderson, International AE Committee.  
Nancy Peacock, Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Finance Committee.

Governor Jane Newman introduced our Zonta guests and board members, including:

- Governor – Jane Newman
- Parliamentarian – Kris Fletcher
- Secretary – Marnie Piggot
- International District 4 Board Liaison Lia Bautista
- Julie Brown – Conference Co-Chair
- Area 1 – Cindy Weir
- Area 2 – Debbie Fields
- Area 3 – Peggy McGee-Smith
- Area 4 – Heidi Salva
- Area 5 – Rosanna (Rosie) Papalia
- Treasurer – Jill Colburn

Our Zonta International President Salla Tuomien prepared a video welcome to the Zontians attending conferences around the world.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/94o7je9i2clrtoqdx8gn/PresidentMessageDistrictConferenceVideo.mp4?rlkey=t9m5l571m324dg5v9k6fvexdu&e=1&st=mjfoc8hi&dl=0>

Mayor Terry Guglini brought greetings from Thorold.

**Correspondence** – There was no correspondence to report by the Secretary.

**Conference Standing Rules of Order** – Kris Fletcher highlighted the Conference Standing Rules of Order, including the QR codes listed on the table tent cards (Call to Conference, Program, Amendments to Bylaws and ROP, Standing Rules of Order). Kris Fletcher reminded delegates the timeline for motions from the floor and discussion. She reminded delegates that a motion will generally carry with a majority of eligible voters. There are circumstances where more than a majority is required (dues, budget etc.). If more than a majority is required, this will be announced by the presiding officer/Governor.

**Attendance** – Julie Brown, Conference Co-chair, acted as secretary during Marnie Piggot's absence and took roll call.

7 District Officers

22 Delegates

12 Proxies

41 Total Voting Delegates

**Credentials Report** – Joan Westcott presented the credentials report:

7 District Officers,

22 Delegates,

12 Proxies

41 Total voting delegates

Governor Jane Newman called for the Credentials Report to be accepted as presented.

**MOTION – Move to accept the Credentials report as presented. Moved by Kaitlin Thompson Zonta Club of Kitchener- Waterloo. Seconded by Kristin Gordon from Zonta Club of Batavia Genesse County. MOTION CARRIED**

**Registration Report** – Brenda Graham, from the Kitchener-Waterloo Club, presented the Registration Report:

# registered: 73

# first timers: 13

# Golden Z Club members 2

Kris Fletcher introduced the appointees for the 59<sup>th</sup> conference.

**Registration Chair** – Brenda Graham (ZC Kitchener Waterloo) and assisted by Kristin Gordon

**Credentials Committee** – Joan Westcott, (ZC Kitchener – Waterloo) assisted by Donna Monaco

**Timekeepers** – Parliamentarian Kris Fletcher from (Kitchener-Waterloo Club) Valerie Meyer, Zonta Club of Kitchener Waterloo, Donna Monaco, Zonta Club of Grand Island

**Tellers (3)** – Muriel Omand Naylor (KW), Valeria Gonzalez- Sukai (Golden Z)

**Technical leader** – Kathryn Bunyan McClendon Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York

**Escort for our Zonta International Representative** – Faria Latif

**Website/registration set up** – Sheena Poole

**Registration setup (Canadian members)** – Sandra Cronk

**Zonta Club of St. Catharines Liaison** – Kathy Smith

**Memorial recognition coordinator** – Lindsay Edwards

**Treasurer** - Jill Colburn

**Secretary to the committee** – Marnie Piggot

**Presentation of the Conference Program** – Kris Fletcher reviewed the Conference Program, which was sent via e-mail from the District on September 20, 2025.

Governor Jane Newman asked to have a motion to accept the conference program as presented.

**MOTION – Move to accept the program as the official program of the business for this Conference by Jeanne Phillips from the Zonta Club of Kenmore. Moved by Holly Puglio from the Zonta Club of Bradford, seconded. MOTION CARRIED**

Governor Jane Newman called for a motion to adopt the Standing Rules of Order as presented:

**MOTION – Move to adopt the Standing Rules of Order as presented. Moved by Kathleen Douglas from the Zonta Club of Brampton Caledon. Seconded by Peggy McGee Smith, Area 3 Director. MOTION CARRIED**

Governor Jane Newman, called for approval of the minutes of the 58th D4 conference held in Niagara Falls, Ontario in September 2023.

**MOTION – Move to accept the minutes from the 58th District 4 Conference. Moved by Dorianne Cushman from the Zonta Club of Guelph. Seconded by Renee Geraci from the Zonta Club of Buffalo. MOTION CARRIED.**

Governor Jane Newman recommended that the minutes of this conference be distributed to the D4 Board for approval prior to being emailed to all clubs and included in the Conference report.

**MOTION – Move to accept that the minutes of this conference be distributed to the D4 Board for approval prior to being emailed. Moved by Heidi Salva, Area 4 Director. Seconded by Marion Reeve, from the Zonta club of Central York. MOTION CARRIED.**

Governor Jane Newman introduced Lia Bautista, International Representative. Lia, ZI director is a member of the Zonta club of Greater Rizal1, in the Phillipines which is District 17. Lia has been a member since 2003 and has served as governor, Lt. governor, district treasurer, committee chair, area director and vice area director. Her past positions have enabled her to connect with Zontians and encourage their involvement at club, district & international levels. Lia is a managing director at Twins Realty & Properties Corporation. She believes a better world for women and girls means a better world for all. By focusing on membership, advocacy, governance, involvement and service, she hopes to strengthen Zonta's brand, raise awareness, guide proper administration, educate members and empower women. Lia believes in the power of "magis" which means "more" in English, because doing more for women creates a better world for all. International Representative Lia Bautista shared Zonta International's Strategic Plan and Core Values. Convention 2026 theme: Spirit, Sustainability, Standing Up for Human Rights

**ZI Foundation & D4 Giving** – D4 Foundation Ambassadors, Past Governors Janice Durmis, and Sheena Poole presented information about ZI Foundation & D4 Giving. This is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ZFW. Goal is for each member to donate \$40 in recognition.

**Nominating Committee Report** – Nancy Peacock presented the election results for the 2026-2028 District 4 Board and Nominating Committee.

Governor: Faira Latif

Lt. Governor: Rosie Papalia

Treasurer: Jill Coburn

A1D: Kris Fletcher

A2D: Trish Mongeon

A3D: no candidate

A4D: Angela LaPaglia

A5D: Eileen Healy

Nominating Committee: Marnie Piggot, Heidi Salva, Cheryl Gruber (Chair)

Governor Jane Newman declared the first Business Session of the 59th District 4 Conference closed.

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

**Second Business Session**

Governor Jane Newman called the second business session of the 59<sup>th</sup> District 4 Conference to order.

District Secretary, Marnie Piggot, took roll call:

8 District Officers

23 Delegates

12 Proxies

43 Total Voting Delegates

Governor Jane Newman called on Joan Westcott to present the credentials report:

8 District Officers,

23 Delegates

0 Alternates Substituting for Delegates

12 Proxies

43 Total voting delegates

Governor Jane Newman called for a motion to adopt the credentials report

**MOTION—Moved to accept the Credentials Report as presented. Moved by Wendy Clawson from the Zonta Club of Warren. Seconded by Nita McCown from the Zonta Club of Toronto. MOTION CARRIED.**

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**Celebration of Life** - Governor Jane Newman advised that Lindsey Edwards of the Zonta Club of Batavia-Genesee County prepared the Celebration of Life profiles and accompanying slides for today's event. This information is also available in your conference program and on the display boards near the Foundation Table. Please join me in celebrating the lives of these Zontians.

**Inspire & Energize Ice Breaker** - Governor Jane Newman called on Kris Fletcher, Conference Co-Chair to explain the Ice Breaker. Kris presented a slide with a list of Questions and asked members to find a member they don't know and ask each other the questions. Once the first-round time is up please move on to another member to go through the questions again.

Questions noted on the slide were:

- Who are you? Name and Club Name
- How many years in Zonta?

- Why did you join? Why do you stay?
- What has inspired you in your club, district or international?
- What was your most successful service or fundraising project (dollars on impact in community)?

**Nominating Committee:** Nancy Peacock presented the 2026-2028 Nominating Committee and 2026-2028 Board. The addition of an Area 3 Director, nominated at the Conference, was also presented as Fran Stewart, Zonta Club Cross Border, and confirmed by the 2024-2026 District 4 Board.

**Financial Statements as of May 31, 2024 and 2022 and Accountant's Compilation Report:** Governor Jane Newman called upon District 4 Treasurer Jill Colburn, Zonta Club of Jamestown, to present the District 4 Biennial Financial Statements as of May 31, 2024 and 2022 and Accountant's Compilation Report. This report was circulated with the Conference program and can also be found on the D4 Website.

Treasurer Jill Colburn presented slides to highlight information from the Biennial Financial Statements and Accountant's Compilation Report.

After the presentation, Governor Jane Newman, called for approval of the Biennial Financial Statements as of May 31, 2024 and 2022 and Accountant's Compilation Report.

**MOTION—Moved to approve the District 4 Biennial Financial Statements as of May 31, 2024 and 2022 and Accountant's Compilation Report as presented. Moved by Jill Colburn, District 4 Treasurer. Seconded by Bonnie Abrams from the Zonta Club of Rochester. MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 4 2026-2028 Budget:**

Governor Jane Newman called upon District 4 Treasurer Jill Colburn to present the Proposed District 4 2026-2028 Budget. This report was distributed in the Conference Program and can also be found on the D4 website.

Treasurer Jill Colburn presented slides to on the budget and rationale for the amounts proposed in the 2026-2028 Budget.

After the presentation, Governor Jane Newman, called for approval of the District 4 2026-2028 Budget as presented. The Budget motion requires a 2/3 majority for approval of the motion.

**MOTION—Moved to approve the 2026-2028 Budget as presented. Moved by Jill Colburn, District 4 Treasurer. Seconded by Faria Latif, Lt. Governor and member of the Zonta Club of Toronto.**

Diane Balaban, Zonta Cross Border Club, asked the Treasurer to clarify that the amount for the Zonta Foundation for Women was for District 4 only. Treasurer Jill Colburn confirmed yes, it is.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Dues for the 2026-2028 biennium:**

Governor Jane Newman called upon District 4 Treasurer Jill Colburn to present the dues for the 4 2026-2028 biennium. The Dues motion requires a 2/3 majority for approval of the motion.

District 4 Treasurer Jill Colburn advised the D4 Board is not recommending any changes to the existing dues for the 2026-2028 biennium.

### **MOTION— I, Jill Colburn, Treasurer D4 and member of the Zonta Club Jamestown move to approve the membership dues as follows:**

- **Zonta District 4 Full year Dues: \$23.00 per capita dues based upon the number of members in the club on June 1st. (June – May), composed of \$20 District Dues; \$3.00 assessment for Conference.**
- **Zonta District 4 half-year dues (December to May): \$10.00 District Dues and \$3.00 Conference Assessment, for a total of \$13.00 for 6 months. Members who join in the second six months of the fiscal year pay one-half the district dues for that year and 100% of assessment for conference.**

**Seconded by Michelle Cole, member of the Zonta Club of Olean. MOTION CARRIED.**

Governor Jane Newman thanked Treasurer Jill Colburn for all the work she has done for the District. Jill continued to build on the system of electronic dues submission and club reporting. With Jill's help we continue to have a clear means of handling District 4 funds and ensure full transparency for all District 4 members.

### **District 4 Incorporation:**

Governor Jane Newman asked Treasurer Jill Colburn to provide members with an update in Incorporation of the District.

Treasurer Jill Colburn advised that the D4 Board approved the incorporation of D4 in the previous biennium. Jill has worked with approved legal counsel to implement incorporating District 4 in NY state. Governor has signed the documents that will be submitted next week to complete the incorporation. There will be a nominal filing fee annually.

Sheena Poole, Zonta Club Cross Border Club asked the following questions:

Has the filing fee per year been included in the budget presented?

The Treasurer replied that the cost to incorporate for this biennium can be absorbed in the Administration budget line and the \$9 annual filing fee has been included in the 2026-2028 budget.

Sheena Poole asked further questions concerning the cost-prohibitive request from ZI for D4 clubs to sign a Club Affiliation Agreement. As president of the Zonta Cross Border Club, my club and I wish to understand:

1. Why has there been no information session from ZI or our district about the agreement and its necessity?
2. What are the repercussions of not signing the agreement?
3. What is the timeframe allowed between signing the agreement and officially incorporating the club?
4. What are the repercussions for signing the agreement and not incorporating?

Sheena noted her club has chosen not to sign the affiliation agreement and are awaiting information from ZI regarding the implications of signing. Nancy Peacock, Zonta Club Cross Border Club, further noted that incorporation of the club changes their status with the US IRS. Diane Balaban, Zonta Club Cross Border, was also asked by a club president who had signed and returned the agreement to look into implications of signing.

Governor Jane Newman and Zonta International Representative, Lia Bautista asked that these questions be submitted to them in writing to follow up with Zonta International to be able to provide a response to the questions.

Governor Jane Newman thanked Treasurer Jill Colburn for working on the Incorporation project.

#### **Core Values and Code of Conduct:**

Governor Jane Newman called on Faria Latif, Lt. Governor and member of the Zonta Club of Toronto to present on the Zonta International Core Values and Code of Conduct.

Faria Latif, Lt. Governor, presented on the Core Values and Code of Conduct including the following highlights from the presentation:

- District 4 has gained a good increase in membership. Applause to clubs for your efforts.
- Struggling with retention so that is where we need to focus.
- Core Values include Community, Friendship, Equity & Inclusion, and Respect & Integrity.

Governor Jane Newman thanked Faria Latif, Lt. Governor for the presentation.

#### **District 4 Strategic Plan:**

Governor Jane Newman presented the District 4 Strategic Plan is being developed by the District 4 Board and Committee Chairs to align with the Zonta International Strategic Plan. Next steps for the plan are proposed to consider:

- Where do we want to be?
- Consider ZI four goals (Credible and visible voice; Club Success; Leadership and Sustainability and Engagement of Audience and Allies)
- Sample action plan to be provided to each committee
- Committee Chairs will be asked to complete and submit a proposed action plan

#### **Feedback forms and Break:**

Governor Jane Newman reminded attendees that in your welcome package is a feedback form. Please complete the form or complete the form online.

Delegates / alternates and voting members of the Board you will not need to register at the credentials desk before resuming this business session after Break.

Governor Jane Newman declared the second Business Session of the 59th District 4 Conference recessed for a 10-minute break until 10:40 am.

### **Session 2 Resumed 10:40 am**

Governor Jane Newman asked attendees to please be seated to resume the Second Business Session.

### **Amendments to Zonta International By-laws and District By-laws**

Governor Jane Newman asked that amendments to the Zonta International By-laws now be reviewed.

If approved, these amendments will need to be forwarded to Zonta International within 30 days following the Conference so they can be dealt with the Zonta International Convention in July 2026. We will deal with these items one at a time.

Governor Jane Newman asked District 4 Parliamentarian, Kris Fletcher and member of the Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo, to provide some reminders about the procedures associated with these matters.

Kris Fletcher provided the following reminders about the standing rules of order approved yesterday.

- Each By-law change will be treated as a separate item.
- Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker and ten (10) minutes for each subject. Time may be extended at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- No voting member shall speak a second time until everyone who wishes to speak has spoken once. No voting member may speak more than twice on the same question without permission of the assembly (2/3 vote required).
- After voting members have spoken, any registered non-voting member may participate in discussion by being recognized by the chair and following the same procedure as required for a voting member. This process will only be allowed if time remains on the subject.
- There are microphones on the floor. For the purposes of debate if you are in favour of the motion please go to the microphone on my right-hand side (your left) of the head table. If you are opposed, please go to the microphone on my left-hand side (your right).

Governor Jane Newman called upon District 4 Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Chair Kathleen Douglass and member of the Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon to present amendments to the Zonta International By-laws that have been presented in our Call to Conference, and available on our District 4 Members' Website.

Kathleen Douglass presented slides with the proposed amendments to the Zonta International By-laws. There are two proposals, and they will be dealt with one at a time.

<b>Zonta International</b>	<b>Zonta International</b>
<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<p><b>Article IV Members</b></p> <p>SECTION 3. Supporting Members. A supporting member holds direct membership at the international level.</p> <p>(a) Eligibility. New members must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Hold experience in a recognized business or profession.</li> <li>(2) Express a commitment to upholding the mission, objects and vision of Zonta International.</li> <li>(3) Comply with the rules and policies of Zonta International.</li> </ul> <p>(b) Rights. A supporting member may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Participate, without voting rights, in Zonta International Convention, events and programs.</li> <li>(2) <b>Serve on international level committees of Zonta International</b></li> </ul>	<p>Delete Article IV Members, Section 3 (b) Subsection (2)</p> <p>SECTION 3. Supporting Members. A supporting member holds direct membership at the international level.</p> <p>(a) Eligibility. New members must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Hold experience in a recognized business or profession.</li> <li>(2) Express a commitment to upholding the mission, objects and vision of Zonta International.</li> <li>(3) Comply with the rules and policies of Zonta International.</li> </ul> <p>(b) Rights. A supporting member may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Participate, without voting rights, in Zonta International Convention, events and programs.</li> <li>(2) <del>Serve on international level committees of Zonta International</del></li> </ul>
<p><b>RATIONALE</b></p> <p>A supporting member does not pay district or club dues. Supporting members cannot vote. They should be ineligible to serve on an international committee who has a vote within the committee making decisions for Zonta International.</p> <p>Supporting members are taking a position on an international committee for members who pay international, district and club dues and have a vote.</p> <p><b>Supported and Recommended by the D4 Board</b></p>	

Governor Jane Newman called for a motion and recognized Beth Jermaine from the Zonta club Jamestown.

**Motion: I, Beth Jermaine from the Zonta club Jamestown, motion that District 4 recommend to Zonta International the deletion of Article IV Members, Section 3 (b)**

**Subsection (2), “Serve on international level committees of Zonta International” from the Zonta International By-laws. I, Barbara Fedy from the Zonta club Owen Sound, second the motion.**

Governor Jane Newman asked if there was any discussion on the motion moved and seconded. Seeing no discussion the vote proceeded.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Kathleen Douglass next presented the proposed amendment to change Zonta International By-laws to eliminate references to e-clubs.

<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<p><b>2. Zonta International By-laws</b> <b>Article XIV Districts</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 1.</b> Definition and Purpose. A district is a group of Zonta clubs and <b>e-clubs</b> within a geographical territory or territories, as determined by the Zonta International Board.</p>	<p><b>Delete Reference to e-club</b> <b>Article XIV Districts</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 1.</b> Definition and Purpose. A district is a group of Zonta clubs <del>and e-clubs</del> within geographical territory or territories, as determined by the Zonta International Board</p>
<p><b>Article XIV District</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 3.</b> Members. Each Zonta club and each <b>e-club</b> within the established boundaries of a district shall be a member of that district.</p>	<p><b>Delete Reference to e-club</b> <b>Article XIV District</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 3.</b> Members. Each Zonta club and each <del>e-club</del> within the established boundaries of a district shall be a member of that district.</p>
<p><b>Article III</b> <b>Policy</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 1.</b> Nonpartisan and Nonsectarian. Zonta International, its districts and its clubs* shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian.</p> <p>*All references to Zonta clubs or clubs include <b>e-clubs</b>, unless otherwise indicated.</p>	<p><b>Delete * and reference to e-clubs</b> <b>Article III</b> <b>Policy</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 1.</b> Nonpartisan and Nonsectarian. Zonta International, its districts and its clubs* shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian.</p> <p><del>*All references to Zonta clubs or clubs include <b>e-clubs</b>, unless otherwise indicated.</del></p>
<p>There should be no difference between club and e-club name. Remove the name e-club from Zonta International bylaws.</p>	

**RATIONALE**

The Zonta International bylaws state “clubs may hold their meetings through the use of electronic communication.”

There should not be a differentiation between clubs and e-clubs.

- Clubs all over the world meet online for their general and board meetings without having to acknowledge they are a hybrid club.
- Club and e-clubs have the same Zonta International and District bylaws, therefore, should all be called clubs.

E-Clubs have an inherent bias against them.

- E-clubs are chartered as an online club.
- E-Clubs meet in person and conduct business, Service. Advocacy, social in person.
- Globally, people are not familiar with the words e-club or online club.

**Supported and recommended by the D4 Board**

Governor Jane Newman called for a motion on the recommended change to the Zonta International By-laws to eliminate references to e-clubs and recognized Rosie Papalia, Area 5 Director from the Zonta Club of Jamestown.

**Motion: I, Rosie Papalia, Area 5 Director from the Zonta Club of Jamestown, motion that District 4 recommend to Zonta International the deletion of references to e-clubs in Article XIV Districts, Section1, Article XIV Districts, Section 3 and in Article III, Policy, in recognition that e-clubs are clubs. I, Sara Morse, from the Zonta club Niagara Falls, Canada, second the motion.**

Governor Jane Newman asked if there was any discussion on the motion moved and seconded.

Governor Jane Newman recognized Lori Robinson, Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon. Lori Robinson gave her support for proceeding with the motion as many clubs meet electronically. The vote on the motion proceeded.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Governor Jane Newman asked Kathleen Douglass to present the proposal to amend the District 4 By-laws. Discussion time can be extended to 20 minutes if required.

Kathleen Douglass presented the proposal to amend the District 4 By-laws with respect to Supporting Members.

<b>3.District 4 By-law Changes</b>	
<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>Article XIV</b>	<b>Article XIV</b>

<p><b>Zonta International Supporting Members</b></p> <p>District 4 shall allow Supporting Members of Zonta International to attend District Conference, area meetings and other events, as a guest. Supporting members shall not have voting rights and cannot participate in the business sessions of conference.</p> <p>.</p>	<p><b>Zonta International Supporting Members</b></p> <p>Delete and substitute with the following.</p> <p>Supporting members hold direct membership with Zonta International and are not considered members of District 4. Therefore, supporting members will hold the same status and privileges at District 4 functions as non-district members or guests.</p>
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**RATIONALE**

Supporting members do not pay District 4 and club dues. They have no voting rights, and they cannot participate in business sessions of conference.

Clubs have delegates to vote at ZI Convention, district conference and at the club level.

Zonta International members pay club and district dues. They are assessed a fee for conference in District 4.

Supporting members are not a member of District 4 and do not have the right to participate in business sessions of conference where voting is done and information concerning the district is discussed.

Information provided in business sessions of the D4 Convention or international committees is proprietary to Zonta and should not be disclosed to non-members. Confidentiality should be maintained to protect our interests.

**Reference to Governing Documents**  
**Zonta International**

Section IV Section 3 **Supporting Members** – A supporting member holds direct membership at the International Level.

(b) Rights a supporting member may:

- (1) Participate without voting rights in Zonta International Convention, events, and programs
- (2) Serves on International Committees of Zonta International

**District**

Article XIV Section 3, **Member** – Each Zonta Club and each e-club within the established boundaries of a district shall be a member of the district.

## **The D4 Board does not support this proposal**

### **Rationale:**

The existing By-law clause clearly identifies that supporting members have no voting rights and cannot participate in the business sessions. It does allow attendance.

The proposed amendment restricts attendance at business meetings.

The D4 Board does not support this proposed amendment for the following reasons:

- When there is a business session, Zonta International information and District 4 information is often intermingled.
- Membership in Zonta is declining and we need members. We do not know why Supporting Members have left their club. Supporting members who attend District 4 meetings are still interested in Zonta. These members should be encouraged to become full members again. Not allowing them to attend business sessions may alienate Supporting Members further.
- Zonta International restricts supporting members from voting at Convention but allows them to attend business sessions. The current D4 By-laws are reflective of this approach.
- The International Representative does not pay district dues. The proposed clause also raises concerns about the International Representative's ability to attend business sessions. This is inappropriate
- The proposed amendment does not deal with Summits/area meetings

Governor Jane Newman reminded delegates that the amendment of the D4 By-laws require at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the conference voting members present and voting at any conference.

Governor Jane Newman called for a motion on the proposed amendment and recognized Roxy Rapedius from the Zonta Cross Border Club.

**Motion: I, Roxy Rapedius of the Zonta Cross Border Club, make the following motion: That District 4 By-laws be amended by deleting the existing clause from Article XIV, Zonta International Supporting Members and substituting with the following "Supporting members hold direct membership with Zonta International and are not considered members of District 4. Therefore, supporting members will hold the same status and privileges at District 4 functions as non-district members or guests." I, Faria Latif, Lieutenant Governor, from the Zonta club Toronto, second the motion.**

Discussion on the motion proceeded listed under Con or Pro regarding the motion and not necessarily the order of discussion:

## **Con**

- Faria Latif, Lt. Governor, from the Zonta Club of Toronto stated she supported keeping the by-law as is to assist with member retention.
- Rosie Papalia, Area 5 Director from the Zonta Club of Jamestown stated she did not support the motion as in person meetings promote leadership and participation in the business portion of meetings.
- Lori Robinson, Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon is not in favour of the motion as we need to embrace ZI members and spirit of Zonta, the collusion of ideas and expansion of growth. The existing bylaw may bring new members into the club and it opens discussion to engage like minded individuals.
- Tanya Tagwerker, Zonta Club of Guelph commented we invite potential new members to club to learn about club in their decision to join and fear club membership may suffer if bylaw is revised.
- Faria Latif, Lt. Governor further clarified that when the time is right the supporting member can choose to become a full member.
- Katlin Thompson, Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo noted we want to engage everyone and asked does this motion extend to Z club members? Zonta International Representative Lia Bautista advised they can attend but cannot vote. They are classified as youth members and not included in credentialing.
- Bethany O'Hagan, Zonta Club of Jamestown advised if there was a concern with a Supporting Member can you just not share information with them. The Governor cannot exclude them at Conference for one item.
- Cindy Weir, Area 1 Director from the Zonta Club of Owen Sound stated she is opposed to motion. The business at the District Conference is not so highly confidential to have concerns with Supporting Members having access to the information.
- Jane Newman, Governor from the Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo noted Supporting Members can attend the ZI convention with financial information presented.

## **Pro**

- Roxy Rapedius, Zonta Cross Border Club noted that guests attend meetings can hear non-business issue or non-proprietary items as a risk management tool for confidentiality.
- Janice Durmis, Zonta Cross Border Club stated we do not know who the Supporting Members are. Business is confidential and separate. As a supporting member of ZI they do not pay dues to club or district. They have the opportunity to participate in Summits and Conference.
- Sheena Pool, Zonta Cross Border Club advised their club recommended this change to the bylaw and time is needed to fully flesh out. Sheena suggested we have multiple opportunities for guests to experience a club. This bylaw is for protection of your club and your membership.
- Katherine Bunyan-MacLennan, Zonta Cross Border Club stated she has been a member for 18 years and made a commitment to ZI. A supporting member is not a full committed member of a club so they should not be able to attend business sessions.

During the above discussion, Governor Jane Newman extended the debate for a further 10 minutes. Kathleen Douglass provided a point of clarification, that the motion only relates to the District Conference. The vote proceeded upon completion of the discussion.

All in favour, raise your green cards: 10 votes

All opposed raise your red cards: 33 votes

**MOTION LOST.**

**Standing Rules of Procedure Amendments:**

Governor Jane Newman declared we will now procedure to the proposed amendments for the District Standing Rules of Procedure. Kathleen Douglass advised the District 4 Board is proposing an amendment to D4 Rules of Procedure with respect to Supporting Members.

<b>Standing Rules of Procedure – Proposed by the District 4 Board</b>	
<b>Section B) District Conference</b>	
<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
	<b>Add a new clause Section B) Item 15</b>
<b>No clause exists</b>	Supporting Members will be assessed additional fees when registering for the District Conference. Additional fees will include the Conference assessment fee for the District and any other reasonable administrative costs
<b>Supported by the D4 Board - Rationale:</b>	
The Board agrees that Supporting Members do not pay District Dues or Conference assessments. District members are assessed a conference assessment fee and District Dues. According to the District 4 By-laws, Supporting Members can attend the District Conference but cannot participate or vote. The Board recommends that Supporting Members should pay as a minimum the Conference assessment fee with their registration.	

Kathleen Douglass, Chair recognized Cindy Weir, Area 1 Director from the Zonta Club of Owen Sound,

**Motion: I Cindy Weir, Area 1 Director from the Zonta Club of Owen Club, move that a new clause be added to the District 4 Rules of Procedure, Section B District Conference, Item 15 that reads as follows:**

**“Supporting Members will be assessed additional fees when registering for the District Conference. Additional fees will include the Conference assessment fee for the District and any other reasonable administrative costs regarding conference assessments” . I**

**Debbie Field, Area 2 Director from the Zonta Club Hamilton 1, second the motion.**

Governor Jane Newman noted the motion has been moved and seconded that a new clause that a new clause be added to the District 4 Rules of Procedure, Section B District Conference, Item 15 that reads as follows: “Supporting Members will be assessed additional fees when registering for the District Conference. Additional fees will include the Conference assessment fee for the District and any other reasonable administrative costs regarding conference assessments”. Seeing no discussion, the vote proceeded.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Kathleen Douglass asked to now present the changes to the D4 Standing Rules. There are several proposed amendments to the Standing Rules of Procedure that have been recommended by the Nominating Committee and are supported by the Board. None of these have significant impact on the nominees and clarify process.

Item	Current	Proposed
<b>D</b>	<b>Nominating Committee</b>	
	<p>The Chair of the District Nominating Committee shall request, prior to January 31<sup>st</sup> of each odd numbered year, suggestions from each club for nominees for each position to be filled by election at the succeeding Conference. Nomination forms shall be submitted for each name suggested. The deadline for Nomination forms from clubs shall be March 15<sup>th</sup> of the odd year.</p>	<p><b>Delete existing wording and substitute with the following.</b>            By March 15<sup>th</sup> of each odd numbered year of the biennium, the Nominating Committee shall contact Club Presidents for the purpose of identifying nominees for each District position to be filled by election for the succeeding biennium. The Committee may also conduct outreach activities to District members for solicitation of potential candidates for nomination.            The Deadline for nomination form submissions is <b>June 5.</b></p>
	<p><b>Change:</b> Date changes and inclusion of outreach activities beyond Club Presidents.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b>            Potential nominees and club presidents who may serve as club nominees may have recently entered respective positions in their clubs and previous dates do not provide sufficient time to identify and gain knowledge of potential candidate’s knowledge, skills and abilities.</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p>The committee shall screen the suggested nominees based on the recorded qualifications, and on the committee’s own knowledge and judgment. The individual suggested nominee must not be approached and asked to serve on an elected position until the nominating</p>	<p><b>Delete existing wording and substitute with the following:</b>            The committee shall screen nominees based on qualifications recorded on the Nomination form and must meet qualifications for the position nominated as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. Nominees who meet</p>

	<p>committee has had the opportunity to review and recommend the individual to stand for election. Once the individual has been approved by the nominating committee they will then be approached and asked to serve either by the nominating committee or the nominating club.</p>	<p>qualifications for the position nominated with their consent will have their name placed on the Slate of Candidates. Nominees that did not meet qualification requirements will be notified.</p>
	<p><b>Changes:</b> the methodology used.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Streamlines the process</p>	
<b>Item</b>	Current	Proposed
2.	<p>The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of one or more candidates for the District Nominating Committee. No name shall be listed without the member's consent to serve, if elected.</p> <p>No member of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for nomination at any club or district level of Zonta International while serving on the committee.</p>	<p>The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of one or more candidates for the District Nominating Committee. No name shall be listed without the member's consent to serve, if elected.</p> <p><b>Delete the following</b> <del>No member of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for nomination at any club or district level of Zonta International while serving on the committee.</del></p> <p><b>Substitute with the following:</b> No member of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for nomination at the District level while serving on the District Nominating Committee.</p>
	<p><b>Change:</b> Slate of Candidates is addressed in item D1. Removes prohibition of member of the Nominating Committee eligibility to be nominated for a club level position.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This is a District prohibition, not specific to international bylaws for Districts. Also not included in bylaws. Some clubs are small, and elimination may pose an issue to ensure availability of club officers.</p>	

3	The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to each District Officer and each club in the District at least sixty (60) day before voting commences. The Report should be received in time so all required information and documentation regarding the election can be sent in “Call to Conference”	<p><b>Delete existing wording and substitute with the following.</b></p> <p>The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to each District Officer and Club in the District at least sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of voting or a date to be determined by the Governor to ensure inclusion into the “Call for Conference”</p>
<p><b>Change:</b> Includes a TBD established by Governor to ensure inclusion in Call to Conference.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Allows flexibility</p>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
4	Additional nominations may be made to the District Nominating Committee. If voting is to be held in person at the conference, additional nominations must be received by a date determined by the District Board and outlined in the Call to Conference, the deadline for additional nominations and the date voting commences must be clearly identified in the “Call to Conference”	<p><b>Delete existing wording and substitute with the following.</b></p> <p>Additional nominations may be made after the June 1st deadline. The deadline for the receipt of additional nomination will be determined by the Governor and specified in the Call to Conference. When making a decision on the date, the Governor will consider the type of voting/election e.g. online preconference voting/election or in person conference voting/election. .</p>
<p><b>Change &amp; Rationale:</b> Clarifies the language.</p>		
5.	The District Board will determine the time and location, whether prior to or during the District 4 Conference, of the nominated candidates’ speeches and election.	No Change Proposed
6.	The Area Directors shall be elected by the Clubs in the area	<p><b>Delete existing wording and substitute with the following.</b></p> <p>Area Directors are elected exclusively by the Clubs situated within the designated area.</p>

	<b>Change &amp; Rationale:</b> Clarifies the language.	
7.	The Nominating Committee is elected by plurality vote; all other offices are by majority vote. For office requiring a majority vote, if there is a tie vote or one where no candidate receives a clear majority of votes cast, only the two (2) candidates receiving the largest number of votes will remain on the second ballot for a run-off vote. Run-off voting would continue until a candidate achieves a clear majority.	<p><b>Delete existing wording and substitute with the following:</b></p> <p>The Nominating Committee is elected by plurality vote. All other offices are elected by a majority vote.</p> <p>For positions elected by majority vote;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If there is a tie vote or no candidate has the majority vote, only the two (2) candidates who received the largest number of votes will remain on the ballot for a second ballot for a run-off vote.</li> <li>• Run-off will continue until one candidate receives a majority vote.</li> </ul>

**Change & Rationale:** Clarifies language

Item	Current	Proposed
8.	Campaigning Policy	
3.	<p>Disallowed activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speeches requesting votes will not be allowed, except during an official candidate’s speech made as part of the business session at the Conference.</li> <li>No current or past officer or director of Zonta International or current of past officer of the District shall seek to influence members to vote for or against a particular candidate through either verbal or written means.</li> <li>No gifts, trinkets, buttons or promotional material (such as flyers, brochures or resumes including social media) shall be distributed on</li> </ol>	<p><b>Add the underlined portion delete the strike through portion</b></p> <p>Disallowed activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speeches requesting votes will not be allowed, except during an official candidate’s speech made as part of the business session at the Conference <u>or at designated meeting in conjunction with electronic voting.</u></li> <li>No current or past officer or director of Zonta International or current of past officer of the District shall seek to influence members to vote for or against a particular candidate. <del>through either verbal or written means.</del></li> <li>No gifts, trinkets, buttons or promotional material (such as</li> </ol>

	<p>behalf of any candidate for campaign purposes either before or during the Conference other than material provided by the District Nominating Committee.</p>	<p>flyers, brochures or resumes including social media) shall be distributed on behalf of any candidate for campaign purposes either before or during the Conference <u>or electronic voting</u> other than material provided by the District Nominating Committee.</p>
<p><b>Changes and Rationale</b> Includes reference to electronic voting. Provides greater clarity</p>		

Governor Jane Newman called for a motion on the proposed amendments to the District 4 Standing Rules of Procedure and recognized Heidi Travagline from the Zonta Club of Grand Island.

**Motion: I Heidi Travagline, from the Zonta Club of Grand Island, move to adopt the amendments to the District 4 Rules of Procedure Section D Nominating Committee Subsections D, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, & 7 and Section 8 Campaign Policy Sub Section 3) a, b, c, as presented. I, Alice Tyler, from the Zonta Club of Hamilton 1, second the motion.**

Governor Jane Newman called for discussion on the motion that has been moved and seconded that the changes to the District 4 Rules of Procedure Section D subsection 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and Section 8 Campaign Policy Subsection 3), a, b, c, be accepted. There is no change to item 5 so it is not included. Seeing no discussion, the vote was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Governor Jane Newman thanked Kathleen Douglass for presenting the amendments on the by-laws and standing rules of procedure.

**Area Director Reports and Awards:**

Governor Jane Newman called on the Area Directors to Present their awards to their clubs.

**Cindy Weir, Area 1 Director** presented the following awards:

- Guelph – Grace and Heart Award by achieving a high level of activity in their community with a tight knit membership. Small and mighty.
- Kitchener-Waterloo – Dedication Award for having helped 90,000 women and babies come into this world through having held 30 birthing kit assembly days.
- Owen Sound – Fearlessness Award for attempting and succeeding in starting a new annual fundraiser which has added substantially to their contributions back to their community.

- Woodstock – Commitment Award along with congratulations on the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their charter. This longevity shows a huge commitment to their community and to Zonta International.

**Debbie Field, Area 2 Director** presented the following awards:

- Brampton-Caledon – Engagement with Audience and Allies (celebrated 50 years of service, fundraisers, support 5 Golden Z clubs and partnered with like-minded agencies).
- Central-York – Exploring New Opportunities (Became a twin to a Zonta Club in Italy and hosted an IWD event).
- Hamilton 1 – Credible and Visible Voice (participated in a workshop on human trafficking for the 16 Days of Activism, birthing kit assembly and support of Golden Z club at McMaster University).
- Toronto – Credible and Visible Voice (Toronto members Nita McCown and Holly Anderson recognized with King Charles medal for their work in the community including birthing kits and hygiene kits to the Elizabeth Fry Society).

**Peggy McGee-Smith, Area 3 Director** presented the following awards:

- Cross Border Canada / USA eclub – Unique way to present Zonta.
- Kenmore - Risk Management, the club is growing and well run.
- Grand Island – New Member Recruitment and support to A3 Director.
- St. Catharines – New Member Recruitment.
- Lockport – New Member Recruitment and community work in Lockport.

**Heidi Salva, Area 4 Director** presented the following awards:

- Geneva - Great Communications and Newsletters.
- Batavia-Genesee County - Best innovative fundraiser at Batavia Downs.
- Cheektowaga-Lancaster – New Member Recruitment (brought on most new members in Area).

**Rosie Papalia, Area 5 Director** presented the following awards:

- Olean – Fundraising Efforts (Bingo tournament, ticket raffles, adopted a student from Africa, worked with a safe house to fund scholarships).
- Erie – Spirit (recruiting new members to keep doors open, preparing for new event, persistence in carrying on Zonta spirit).
- Bradford – Community Events (support other local service agencies).
- Jamestown – Advocacy (new events that increased awareness in the community eg. participated in health expo, peoples march in city, 16 days of activism).

#### **Young Women in Leadership Award:**

Governor Jane Newman presented the 2025 District 4 and ZI Young Women in Leadership Award to Valeria Gonzalez-Sukhai submitted by the Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 and asked Valeria if she could give brief remarks.

Valeria Gonzalez-Sukhai thanked the Hamilton I Club and District 4 for the Young Women in Leadership Award and spoke briefly about what the award meant to her.

**District Awards:**

Governor Jane Newman presented the following District 4 Awards:

**Membership:**

Olean – 11 new members

Kitchener-Waterloo – 7 new members

**Advocacy:**

St. Catharines and Niagara Falls – lighting up Niagara Fall orange for 16 Days of Activism

Governor Jane Newman advised that no further voting is anticipated for the 3<sup>rd</sup> business session and therefore we will not require that delegates visit credentials before returning. The meeting will start promptly at 1:15

I declare the second business session closed 12:10 pm.

**Third Business Session**

Governor Jane Newman called the Third Business Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> District 4 Conference to order.

The Governor asked Cheryl Gruber to present information on the proposed District 4 Service Project.

Cheryl presented a PowerPoint Presentation for the D4 project on behalf of Jennifer Bliss, D4 Service Committee Chair called:

**I Support the Girls**

This is a network of affiliates to collect essentials items for homeless women and women in shelters (eg. Bras, underwear, menstrual products / ASH Kits- Aid, Safety and Hygiene).

Women often forgo these items in place of food priorities.

How it works - Local affiliates, five countries, collect and distribute to network of local shelters and centres.

**16 Days of Activism – Lighting the Peace Bridge:**

Governor Jane Newman called upon Heidi Travagline to provide us with information regarding the “orange-ing” of the Peace Bridge.

Heidi Travagline, Zonta Club of Grand Island spoke she was in the process of writing a letter to the Peace Bridge authorities asking for orange lights on the Peace Bridge. They have been ‘orange-ing’ the local trees for the last three years and residents and businesses are asking about so it is raising awareness to end violence against women and girls.

**Workshops:**

Governor Jane Newman called upon Kris Fletcher and Julie Brown to explain the logistics for workshops.

**Workshops – Session 1 (1:40-2:30 pm)**

Building Allies, Stronger Together - Brock Ballroom Room  
Mentoring – Why Me? Why Not? - Decew Room – across the Hall

10-minute transition break – 2:30 – 2:40 pm

**Workshops - Session 2 (2:40-3:30 pm)**

But We’ve Always Done It This Way - Brock Ballroom Room  
Sustainability isn’t just about recycling - Decew Room – across the Hall

Each Facilitator will ask attendees to complete the Feedback Poll by using the forms received or on table.

Governor Jane Newman declared the third business session of the 59th District 4 conference suspended for a break and workshops to resume at 3:40 pm.

**Third Business Session Resumed**

Governor Jane Newman called the Third Business session of the 59th District 4 Conference to order. There is no voting for this session so attendance will not be called. I call on Joan Westcott to present the final Conference Credentials report.

Joan Westcott provided the following report:

**Final Credential Report**

Total Number of Clubs in District 4	30
Clubs represented by delegates	19
Clubs represented by proxies	11
Clubs not represented	0

**Zonta Foundation for Women Update:**

Governor Jane Newman called upon Janice Durmis, District 4 Foundation Ambassador to make final announcements with respect to the giving to the Zonta Foundation for Women.

Janice Durmis provided the following update on donations received by the Foundation this biennium and at the Conference:

Total received this biennium to date - \$75,259

Total received at the Conference - \$6,480 and winners of the competition were Area 3 - \$1,230 (Area 5 - \$1,100, Area 1 - \$960, Area 2 - \$510, Area 4 - \$180)

**Final Announcements:**

Governor Jane Newman made the following final announcements:

**Summit Information** -The following dates have been determined for the 2026 Spring Summits

- Area 1 & 2 Summit: no date set
- Area 3 & 4 Summit: April 18, 2026 Grand Island
- Area 5 - April 25, 2026 Double Tree by Hilton, Jamestown

**Call to Conference 2027:**

Faria Latif, Governor elect was called upon regarding the 2027 Conference. Faria advised that the Conference would be held in Southwestern / Niagara Region, Ontario area.

**Club Events:**

- Toronto – October 37<sup>th</sup> annual car rally
- Batavia Genessee – 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas vendor festival November 8 & 9 Batavia downs (105 vendors)
- Grand Island – Oct 15 self-defence and guest speakers
- Rochester – Bills watch party Nov 15
- Reminder to promote club events in the D4 Newsletter by emailing District 4 Communications at [communications@zontadistrict4.org](mailto:communications@zontadistrict4.org)

**Zonta International Convention Vancouver July 2026:**

Governor Jane Newman called upon Lori Robinson, Convention Chair to provide an update on the Convention.

Lori Robinson provided the following updates:

- 40 years ago the ZI Convention was last in Canada held in Toronto
- Wellness wakeups are being planned (walking groups high or low impact); chair yoga (low impact); breakout sessions (advocacy, sustainability and speaking up); Zonta Says NOW walk
- Start booking your Convention hotel rooms for July 10 (Convention hotel is the Hyatt); ZI first block of rooms now at \$460 Canadian A second block of rooms are reserved but at higher rate. There are also rooms reserved at Delta which is a 10 minute walk from the Hyatt. Email Lori Robinson about excursions before and after the Convention at [lorirobinsonzontabc@gmail.com](mailto:lorirobinsonzontabc@gmail.com)
- Zonta store has 13 tables. The limited spaces are traditionally open for the host country and host district. D4 Canadian clubs may want to share tables. if the tables are not fully taken they will be opened up to all districts.

**Conference Evaluations:**

Kris and Julie, Conference Co-Chairs reminded attendees to complete the Feedback Forms to be included in the draw.

The Feedback draw winners are:

- Virginia Vickers, Muriel Omand-Naylor, Stacey Kress

The First timers Draw winners (\$100) are:

- Area 1 Susan Benner; Area 2 Sandra Kielhower; Area 3 Heidi Travaligne; Area 4 Heidi Salva; Area 5 Mary Cooke

Sandra Cronk advised the fundraiser blanket winner is Eileen Healy.

**Closing Remarks:**

Governor Jane Newman reminded those staying tonight for the Shaw Festival Event. Please meet here in the Brock Ballroom for dinner **commencing at 5:15pm**. We are carpooling and you should have received information regarding the carpooling in your registration package. We will be leaving for the theatre at **6:15** sharp. Please see Kris or Julie if you are unsure who you are riding with.

**Retire the Colours:**

Governor Jane Newman called upon Sandra Cronk, Kathleen Douglas, Faria Latif, Lt. Governor and incoming Governor and Area 5 Director and incoming Lt. Governor Rosie Papalia to retire the flags.

Governor Jane Newman declared, I hereby conclude the end of the Third Business Session and the 59th District 4 Conference 2025 4:30 pm.