



Chapter 19

North American District Governors (1950–1970)¹

1949: The title district chair was replaced by the title district governor

1950: The title vice-governor was replaced by lieutenant governor:

District officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years...until their successors shall be elected and qualified. This shall apply to all district officers elected for their first term in 1950 and thereafter....District officers shall take office immediately after the conference at which they are elected (Zonta International Bylaws, Article 5).

Governors during the 1950–54 time period were as follows:

1950–51

- District I Cora Blanchard, Zonta Club of Boston, Massachusetts
- District II Mary Adams Balden, Zonta Club of Oneida, New York
- District III Emma Lochwing Conlon, Zonta Club of Patterson, New Jersey
- District IV Rachel S. Shafer, Zonta Club of Erie, Pennsylvania
- District V Audra Frances, Zonta Club of Saginaw, Michigan
- District VI Marjorie J. Gib, Zonta Club of Madison, Wisconsin
- District VII Gladys Manion, Clayton, Missouri, no club found
- District VIII Genevieve Morgan, Zonta Club of Salem, Oregon
- District IX Rosamond Harries, Zonta Club of San Bernardino, California
- District X Erin McKean, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana
- District XI Edna B. van Acker, Zonta Club of Miami, Florida

1951–52

- District I Orris C. Hoffmann, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
- District II Ruth Shaw, Zonta Club of Montreal, Quebec
- District III Helen P. Solon, Zonta Club of Trenton, New Jersey

¹ Research compiled by Eva Nielsen

- District IV Bertha M. Fox, Zonta Club of Buffalo, New York
- District V Audra Frances, Zonta Club of Saginaw, Michigan
- District VI Hilda Eidman, Zonta Club of Oak Park, Illinois
- District VII Gladys Manion, Zonta Club of St. Louis, Missouri
- District VIII Genevieve Morgan, Zonta Club of Salem, Oregon
- District IX Rosamond Harries, Zonta Club of San Bernardino, California
- District X Erin McKean, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana
- District XI Helen M. Hawks, Zonta Club of Lake Worth, Florida

1952–53

- District I Orris C. Hoffmann, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
- District II Ruth Shaw, Zonta Club of Montreal, Quebec
- District III Helen P. Solon, Zonta Club of Trenton, New Jersey
- District IV Bertha M. Fox, Zonta Club of Buffalo, New York
- District V L. Dell Henry, Zonta Club of Ann Arbor, Michigan
- District VI Hilda Eidman, Zonta Club of Oak Park, Illinois
- District VII Dorothy Fardon, Clayton, Missouri (no club found)
- District VIII Susan Wilcox, Zonta Club of Seattle, Washington
- District IX Frances Marie Brey, Zonta Club of Porterville, California
- District X Lillian Desmonde Ranz, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana
- District XI Helen M. Hawks, Zonta Club of Lake Worth, Florida

1953–54

- District I Orris C. Hoffmann, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
- District II Ninita Johns, Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York
- District III Ruth Sheldon, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
- District IV Elvira Manning, Zonta Club of Toronto, Ontario
- District V L. Dell Henry, Zonta Club of Ann Arbor, Michigan
- District VI Lillian Coleman, Zonta Club of Springfield, Illinois
- District VII Grayce Ward, Zonta Club of Duluth, Minnesota
- District VIII Susan Wilcox, Zonta Club of Seattle, Washington
- District IX Frances Marie Brey, Zonta Club of Porterville, California
- District X Lillian Desmonde Ranz, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana²
- District XI Roberta B. McNeal, Zonta Club of Birmingham, Alabama
- District XII Marguerite Mayer, Zonta Club of Denver, Colorado

1954: Zonta International Bylaws stated:

The officers of the district shall be a governor, a lieutenant governor, a secretary and a treasurer. With the exception of the secretary, these officers shall be elected at the fall district conference and shall take office at the close of the conference that elects them. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors are elected. The governor shall appoint the secretary. The term of office of the secretary shall coincide with the term of the governor who appoints her.³

² Club listed is as for 1952-53 although address records indicate she was a resident of Texas in 1953-54

³ Bylaws 1954 Article XII Section 3

Governors from 1954 to 1970 were as follows:

1954–55

- District I Dorris L. Hoffman (no town or club found)
- District II Ninita Johns, Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York
- District III Ruth Sheldon, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
- District IV Elvira Manning, Zonta Club of Toronto, Ontario
- District V Louise Brooks (no town or club found)
- District VI Lillian Coleman, Zonta Club of Springfield, Illinois
- District VII Grace Ward (no town or club found)
- District VIII Ellen Harris, Zonta Club of Vancouver, Washington
- District IX Virginia Eastlick, Zonta Club of Yuma, Arizona
- District X Lillian Desmonde Ranz, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana⁴
- District XI Roberta B. McNeal, Zonta Club of Birmingham, Alabama
- District XII Barbara Cross, Zonta Club of Converse County, Wyoming

1955–56

- District I Drusilla E. Bornheimer, Zonta Club of Portland, Maine
- District II Ninita F. Johns, Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York
- District III Ruth Sheldon, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
- District IV Hollis Terry, Zonta Club of Olean, New York
- District V Louise Brooks (no town or club found)
- District VI Lillian Coleman, Zonta Club of Springfield, Illinois
- District VII Dorothy Ayers Loudon, Zonta Club of Dickinson, North Dakota
- District VIII Ellen Harris, Zonta Club of Vancouver, Washington
- District IX Virginia Eastlick, Zonta Club of Yuma, Arizona
- District X Merle Donegan, Zonta Club of Houston, Texas
- District XI Ruth S. Knight, Zonta Club of Atlanta, Georgia
- District XII Barbara Cross, Zonta Club of Converse County, Wyoming

1956–57

- District I Helen Lee Gilbert, Zonta Club of Norwich, Connecticut
- District II Jean V. Lansing, Zonta Club of Albany, New York
- District III Florence W. Stephens, New York (no club found)
- District IV Hollis Terry, Zonta Club of Olean, New York
- District V Edna Nairn, Zonta Club of Windsor, Ontario
- District VI Rachel Swier, Zonta Club of Indianapolis, Indiana
- District VII Lillian Pettigrew, Zonta Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba
- District VIII Gladys Smith, Zonta Club of Spokane, Washington
- District IX J. Maria Pierce, Zonta Club of Pasadena, California
- District X Elizabeth Boerner, Zonta Club of San Antonio, Texas
- District XI Ruth S. Knight, Zonta Club of Atlanta, Georgia
- District XII Louise Denny, Zonta Club of Billings, South Dakota

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1957–58

- District I Helen Lee Gilbert, Zonta Club of Norwich, Connecticut
- District II Jean V. Lansing, Zonta Club of Albany, New York
- District III Florence W. Stephens, New York (no club found)
- District IV Marguerite T. Thayer, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York
- District V Edna Nairn, Zonta Club of Windsor, Ontario
- District VI Rachel Swier, Zonta Club of Indianapolis, Indiana
- District VII Lillian Pettigrew, Zonta Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba
- District VIII Gladys Smith, Zonta Club of Spokane, Washington
- District IX J. Maria Pierce, Zonta Club of Pasadena, California
- District X Elizabeth Boerner, Zonta Club of San Antonio, Texas
- District XI Winona Jordan, Zonta Club of Palm Beaches, Florida
- District XII Louise Denny, Zonta Club of Billings, South Dakota

1958–59

- District I Elizabeth K. Klages, Zonta Club of Springfield, Massachusetts
- District II Evelyn De Witt, Zonta Club of Binghamton, New York
- District III Marjorie Smith, Zonta Club of Baltimore, Maryland
- District IV Marguerite T. Thayer, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York
- District V Nan Wolcott (no town or club found)
- District VI Ellinor Freeman, Zonta Club of Evanston, Illinois
- District VII Opal Hulen, Zonta Club of Wichita, Kansas
- District VIII Elma Gockley, Zonta Club of Boise, Idaho
- District IX Claire Drew Walker, Zonta Club of Santa Barbara, California
- District X Marie Shelton, Zonta Club of Fort Worth, Texas
- District XI Winona Jordan, Zonta Club of Palm Beaches, Florida
- District XII Vivienne Worley, Zonta Club of Denver, Colorado

1959–60

- District I Elizabeth K. Klages, Zonta Club of Springfield, Massachusetts
- District II Evelyn De Witt, Zonta Club of Binghamton, New York
- District III Marjorie Smith, Zonta Club of Baltimore, Maryland
- District IV Dorothy Meggeson, Zonta Club of Toronto, Ontario
- District V Nan Wolcott (no town or club found)
- District VI Tyra Magnuson, Zonta Club of Rockford, Illinois
- District VII Opal Hulen, Zonta Club of Wichita, Kansas
- District VIII Elma Gockley, Zonta Club of Boise, Idaho
- District IX Claire Drew Walker, Zonta Club of Santa Barbara, California
- District X Marie Shelton, Zonta Club of Fort Worth, Texas
- District XI Grace Warner, Zonta Club of Montgomery, Alabama
- District XII Vivienne Worley, Zonta Club of Denver, Colorado

1960–61

- District I Frances P. Fitzgerald, Zonta Club of Manchester, New Hampshire
- District II Nettie Bubb, Zonta Club of Glens Falls, New York

- District III Tess Tinker, Zonta Club of Cresskill, New Jersey
- District IV Lucille H. Barry, Zonta Club of Rochester, New York
- District V Lila V. Watts, Zonta Club of Davidson, Michigan
- District VI Tyra Magnuson, Zonta Club of Rockford, Illinois
- District VII Genevieve Forthun, Zonta Club of Fargo, North Dakota
- District VIII Clara Nasholm, Zonta Club of Eugene, Oregon
- District IX Lavern Owens, Zonta Club of Sacramento, California
- District X Ara S. Hyde, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
- District XI Grace Warner, Zonta Club of Montgomery, Alabama
- District XII Katherine B. Philippe, Zonta Club of Black Hills, South Dakota

1961–62

- District I Frances P. Fitzgerald, Zonta Club of Manchester, New Hampshire
- District II Nettie Bubb, Zonta Club of Glens Falls, New York
- District III Tess Tinker, Zonta Club of Cresskill, New Jersey
- District IV Mary E. Smale, Zonta Club of Hamilton, Ontario
- District V Lila V. Watts, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
- District VI Greta W. Murphy, Zonta Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- District VII Genevieve Forthun, Zonta Club of Fargo, North Dakota
- District VIII Clara Nasholm, Zonta Club of Eugene, Oregon
- District IX Lavern Owens, Zonta Club of Sacramento, California
- District X Ara S. Hyde, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
- District XI Martha Lummus, Zonta Club of Greater Miami, Florida
- District XII Katherine B. Philippe, Zonta Club of Black Hills, South Dakota

1962–63

- District I Dorothy Etz, Zonta Club of Medford, Massachusetts
- District II Isabelle Sauberli, Zonta Club of Montreal, Quebec
- District III Lois Brown Ward, New York (no club found)
- District IV Mary E. Smale, Zonta Club of Hamilton, Ontario
- District V C. Maude Mills, Zonta Club of Dearborn, Michigan
- District VI Greta W. Murphy, Zonta Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- District VII Dorothy Pile, Zonta Club of Lincoln, Nebraska
- District VIII Jessie Church, Zonta Club of Calgary, Alberta
- District IX Lea Mae Lane, Zonta Club of Los Angeles, California
- District X Myrl Zimmerman, Texas (no club found)
- District XI Martha Lummus, Zonta Club of Greater Miami
- District XII Alice E. McRae, Zonta Club of Boulder, Colorado

1963–64 (*The Zontian*, Fall 1963, Vol. 43, Issue 3)

- District I Dorothy Etz, Zonta Club of Medford, Massachusetts
- District II Isabelle Sauberli, Zonta Club of Montreal, Quebec
- District III Lois Brown Ward, New York (no club found)
- District IV Anne H. Crowe, New York (no club found)
- District V C. Maude Mills, Zonta Club of Dearborn, Michigan

- District VI Elberta McFadden, Zonta Club of Columbus, Indiana
- District VII Dorothy Pile, Zonta Club of Lincoln, Nebraska
- District VIII Jessie L. P. Church, Alberta, Canada (no club found)
- District IX Lea Mae Lane, Zonta Club of Los Angeles, California
- District X Myrl Zimmerman, Texas (no club found)
- District XI Naomi N. Burch, Zonta Club of Tampa, Florida
- District XII Alice E. McRae, Zonta Club of Boulder, Colorado

1964–65

- District I Dorothea Banks, Massachusetts* (no club found)
- District II Alma P. Sherman, New York (no club found)
- District III Inez E. Wilber, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
- District IV Anne H. Crowe, New York (no club found)
- District V Eleanor Jammal, Zonta Club of Ashtabula, Ohio*
- District VI Elberta McFadden, Zonta Club of Columbus, Indiana
- District VII Esther Westman, Michigan* (no club found)
- District VIII Geraldine Ellis, Oregon* (no club found)
- District IX Waltraut A. Wilson, California* (no club found)
- District X Almeda S. Dorman, Louisiana* (no club found)
- District XI Naomi N. Burch, Zonta Club of Tampa, Florida
- District XII Isabel Warne, Zonta Club of Fort Pierre, South Dakota*

* "Eight Districts (seven American plus District XIII) greet new governors", *The Zontian*, Winter 1964–65, vol. 44, issue 4.

1965–66 (*The Zontian*, Fall 1966, Vol. 46, Issue 3)

- District I Dorothea Banks, Saxonville, Massachusetts (no club found)
- District II Laura S. Morgan, Zonta Club of Ithaca, New York
- District III Agnes Pfeifer, New Jersey (no club found)
- District IV Alice Mooradian, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York
- District V Eleanor Jammal, Zonta Club of Ashtabula, Ohio
- District VI Monta Crane, Zonta Club of Litchfield, Illinois
- District VII Esther Westman, Michigan (no club found)
- District VIII Geraldine Ellis, Zonta Club of Coos Bay, Oregon
- District IX Waltraut A. Wilson, Zonta Club of Porterville, California
- District X Almeda S. Dorman, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana
- District XI Margaret Wilkinson, Zonta Club of Memphis, Tennessee
- District XII Isabel Warne, Zonta Club of Fort Pierre, South Dakota

1966–67 (*The Zontian*, Winter 1966–67, Vol. 46, Issue 4)

- District I Doris L. Dossin, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
- District II Laura S. Morgan, Zonta Club of Ithaca, New York
- District III Agnes Pfeifer, New Jersey (no club found)
- District IV Alice Mooradian, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York
- District V Evelyn Fay, Zonta Club of Flint, Michigan

- District VI Monta Crane, Zonta Club of Litchfield, Illinois
- District VII Harriette Yeckel, Zonta Club of Kansas City, Missouri
- District VIII Virginia Coleman, Washington (no club found)
- District IX Rayma Neeb, Zonta Club of Phoenix, Arkansas
- District X Noreen Nicol, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
- District XI Margaret Wilkinson, Zonta Club of Memphis, Tennessee
- District XII Beverly J. Augustine, Lamar, Colorado (no club found)

1967–68

- District I Doris L. Dossin, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
- District II Laura S. Morgan, Zonta Club of Ithaca, New York
- District III Agnes Pfeifer, New Jersey (no club found)
- District IV Olga Cloke, Zonta Club of Toronto, Ontario
- District V Evelyn Fay, Zonta Club of Flint, Michigan
- District VI Monta Crane, Zonta Club of Litchfield, Illinois
- District VII Harriette Yeckel, Zonta Club of Kansas City, Missouri
- District VIII Virginia Coleman, Washington (no club found)
- District IX Rayma Neeb, Zonta Club of Phoenix, Arkansas
- District X Noreen Nicol, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
- District XI Fanny Austin, Zonta Club of Lake Worth I, Florida
- District XII Beverly J. Augustine, Lamar, Colorado (no club found)

1968–69 (*The Zontian*, Fall 1968, Vol. 48, Issue 3)

- District I Doris L. Dossin, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
- District II Adelaide W. Baker, Zonta Club of Rome, New York
- District III Hilda R. Jordan, Zonta Club of Baltimore, Maryland
- District IV Olga Cloke, Zonta Club of Toronto, Ontario
- District V Helen Davidson, , Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
- District VI Ruth Walker, Zonta Club of Neenah, Wisconsin
- District VII Margery Baker, Zonta Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba
- District VIII Virginia Coleman, Washington (no club found)
- District IX Leonora Gross, Zonta Club of Stockton, California
- District X Noreen Nicol, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
- District XI Fannie Austin, Zonta Club of Lake Worth, Florida
- District XII Ann R. Jackson, Zonta Club of Fort Collins, Colorado

1969–70 (*The Zontian*, Winter 1969–70, Vol. 49, Issue 4)

- District I Mary Simons, Zonta Club of Arlington, Massachusetts
- District II Elizabeth Drake, Zonta Club of Binghamton, New York
- District III M. Helen McLaughlin, New Jersey (no club found)
- District IV Ella Knight, Zonta Club of Buffalo, New York*
- District V Helen Davidson, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
- District VI Leonore Scott, Zonta Club of Frankfort, Indiana
- District VII Margery Baker, Zonta Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba
- District VIII Molly Clasbey, Zonta Club of Helena, Montana

- District IX Leonora Gross, Zonta Club of Stockton, California
- District X Jane Greer, Zonta Club of Austin, Texas
- District XI Lucille Carter, Zonta Club of Greenville, South Carolina
- District XII Ann Jackson, Zonta Club of Fort Collins, Colorado