



Appendix 8

Zonta International Conventions

The highest authority of Zonta International is the annual convention. The purpose of the convention has been described in the Bylaws in almost the same words since 1919.

In 1980, the wording was: “Zonta International shall hold a biennial Convention for the purpose of determining the policies of Zonta International, of receiving reports of officers and committees, of electing officers and the Nominating Committee, and for any other business that may arise”.

In 1990, this was expanded to read:

Zonta International shall hold a biennial Convention to present an informative, motivational, and educational program; ; elect the International Officers and Directors and members of the International Nominating Committee; receive reports; vote on proposed amendments to the Bylaws; vote on resolutions and goals that establish the International Service Projects and program, and give general direction of Zonta International; and for any other business that may properly come before the Convention assembly (Zonta International Bylaws 1990, Article IX).

The current purpose of the convention, as described in Article X Section 1 of the 2018 Governing Documents, is identical except for the addition of “shall determine the policies of Zonta International” as the second purpose.

The right to vote is a privilege for Zonta International Board members, Past International Presidents and club delegates. Each club is entitled to a delegate. From 1931, clubs with a membership which exceeded 50 members were entitled to one additional vote. This number was changed to 40 in 1982 and to 30 in 2014.

A club unable to send a delegate to convention may now be represented by proxy. For a period, clubs were allowed only one proxy vote, but are now entitled to their total votes by proxy.

The table below lists the year and location of each convention. Those held outside North America are highlighted.

1919	Buffalo, New York, USA	1958	New York, New York, USA
1921	Syracuse, New York, USA	1960	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
1922	Buffalo, New York, USA	1962	New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
1923	Elmira, New York, USA	1964	San Francisco, California, USA
1924	Buffalo, New York, USA	1966	Miami Beach, Florida, USA
1925	Toledo, Ohio, USA	1968	Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
1926	Rochester, New York, USA	1970	Chicago, Illinois, USA
1927	Washington, D.C., USA	1972	Portland, Oregon, USA
1928	Erie, Pennsylvania, USA	1974	Boston, Massachusetts, USA
1930	Seattle, Washington, USA	1976	Wiesbaden, (West) Germany
1931	Cleveland, Ohio, USA	1978	Denver, Colorado, USA
1932	St. Louis, Missouri, USA	1980	Washington, D.C., USA
1933	Chicago, Illinois, USA	1982	San Diego, California, USA
1934	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	1984	Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
1935	Riverside, California, USA	1986	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
1936	Swampscott, Massachusetts, USA	1988	Helsinki, Finland
1937	Niagara Falls, New York, USA	1990	Dallas, Texas, USA
1938	Banff, Alberta, Canada	1992	Hong Kong
1939	White Sulphur Springs, Virginia, USA	1994	Detroit, Michigan, USA
1940	Estes Park, Colorado, USA	1996	St. Louis, Missouri, USA
1941	Memphis, Tennessee, USA	1998	Paris, France
1942	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	2000	Oahu, Hawaii, USA
1943	Lake Placid, New York, USA	2002	Gothenburg, Sweden
1944	Chicago, Illinois, USA	2004	New York, New York, USA
1945	Chicago, Illinois, USA *	2006	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
1946	Swampscott, Massachusetts, USA	2008	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
1947	Mackinac Island, Michigan, USA	2010	San Antonio, Texas, USA
1948	Pasadena, California, USA	2012	Torino, Italy
1949	Quebec City, Quebec, Canada	2014	Orlando, Florida, USA
1950	Miami Beach, Florida, USA	2016	Nice, France
1951	Chicago, Illinois, USA	2018	Yokohama, Japan
1952	Houston, Texas, USA **	2020	Chicago, Illinois, USA
1954	Cincinnati, Ohio, USA	2022	Hamburg, Germany (planned)
1956	Sun Valley, Idaho, USA		

*Due to travel restrictions, no International convention was held in 1945. Only Zonta International Board members met in Chicago, Illinois, USA. All other business, including elections and resolutions, was conducted by mail.

**As of 1952, Zonta International conventions were held biennially instead of annually.