

## Questions & Answers regarding e-clubs.

What is a Zonta e-club?

A Zonta e-club is a Zonta club that conducts its Zonta business and holds meetings on the Internet.

Members are encouraged to have at least one face-to-face meeting per year with members of other Zonta clubs, e.g. at the District Conference or Convention.

What is the purpose of a Zonta e-club?

The purpose of a Zonta e-club is the same as the one of Zonta clubs: "Advancing the status of women worldwide"

What are the rights and responsibilities of a Zonta e-club?

An e-club has all the rights and responsibilities as any other Zonta club.

Is a Zonta e-club just a "virtual" club?

No. Zonta e-clubs are real clubs that simply use the Internet as a tool to manage the club and projects.

How to establish a Zonta e-club?

The procedure is described in the OMC and club manuals

<http://www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Manuals.aspx>

Do e-clubs require special club bylaws?

As with any other club, e-club bylaws shall be in alignment with the Bylaws of Zonta International.

Does the e-club belong to a District?

Yes, each e-club belongs to a District.

Can an e-club be established in a country not belonging to the Zonta countries yet?

No. If there is a wish of establishing an e-club in a country not belonging to the Zonta countries yet, the country needs to be approved by the International Board previous to the establishment of the e-club. The procedure is described in the OMC Manual.

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Can a Zonta e-club admit a new member from a country where Zonta does not exist?

Yes. A Zonta e-club can only be chartered in a Zonta Country.

However, prospective members from all countries, including countries where Zonta does not exist, can become members of an existing e-club.

How important is Zonta district involvement in the establishment of a new e-club?

Zonta District involvement in design, planning, establishment and ongoing quality assurance is essential. An e-club is a finite resource. This means that it is critically important that the Zonta District recognizes that a Zonta e-club is a valuable asset, requiring the investment of intelligent planning and careful attention to detail.

What is the Zonta International naming policy for Zonta e-clubs?

The Naming Clubs Policy link: <http://www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Policies.aspx>

What is the URL naming protocol for a Zonta e-club?

As with any other Zonta club, the typical method is [www.Zontaeclubxx.org](http://www.Zontaeclubxx.org) the xx being the Zonta District number, and the number of the Zonta e-club. Example:

<http://www.Zontadistrict07e-club1.org>

Who can be member of a Zonta e-club?

As for any other club, the membership of the e-clubs shall be limited to classified members, Past International Presidents and Honorary members.

What membership composition will aid the success of a new Zonta e-club?

In the first year, it is recommended that at least 40% of the total membership is Zontians or former Zontians. The optimal composition of the Board of a new Zonta e-club in its first year of operation is 60% Zontians or former Zontians.

What is the procedure for a Zontian to join a new e-club as Charter member?

A Zontian joining a new Zonta e-club as a Charter Member must resign membership in her/his existing Zonta club by the time the new e-club is admitted to ZI.

Service & Advocacy in e-clubs

Like other clubs, e-clubs promote Zonta's goals and work to advance the status of women through service and advocacy. Activities at local level can be carried out individually or by a group that lives in relatively close proximity to each other and need to be approved by the club.

Can a member of a Zonta e-club visit other Zonta clubs for fellowship and make-ups?

Yes. A member of an e-club is a Zontian and is therefore entitled to participate in any other club or at any e-club.

Can a member of a club visit e-clubs?

Yes. Upon request any interested member could be invited to participate in an e-club meeting. Access to a platform can be provided by sharing a pass code or whatever is needed.

What are the benefits of membership in a Zonta e-club?

The key benefits of e-clubs membership are no different than those of other clubs:

- Meet interesting, involved professionals who seek to help women reach their potential.
- Have the opportunity to be part of a powerful network without being forced to physically attend all meetings.
- Work together, through service and advocacy, towards the objectives of Zonta.
- Socialize and network locally, nationally and internationally with business and professional people working in many different fields.
- Experience international fellowship.
- Accept leadership roles that promote personal growth and self-confidence in a friendly, supportive atmosphere.
- Participate actively in committees, meetings and interesting discussions.