

Answers to Zonta Bylaws Quiz

Using the Zonta Club Sample Bylaws in the Club Manual (page 138-146), answer the following questions and for each cite location in the bylaws:

1. How many members must approve club bylaws?
A 2/3 vote of the members present and voting must approve the bylaws. (in Introduction)
2. Where are the objects of Zonta listed? In Article II, Objects.
3. Zonta is “Nonpartisan and Nonsectarian”. What does this mean?
Nonsectarian; Nonsectarian means “not confined to or affiliated with any specific religion or group adhering to a distinctive doctrine or to a leader”. Nonpartisan means “not controlled or influenced by, or supporting, any single political party”. (Article III, Policy, Section 1) Note that the definitions are from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.
4. What rights does an Honorary Member have?
“An Honorary Member shall be entitled to all membership privileges of the Club except those of: (1) holding an elective office or directorship; (2) making motions and voting; or (3) representing the Club as a delegate or alternate.” (Article IV, Membership, Section 1 (c)).
5. Who has to approve a candidate for membership in the club?
The Club Board, by either a majority or two-thirds. (Article IV, Membership, Section 2 (c))
6. How long does classified membership last?
For life after 5 years’ of membership. (Article IV, Membership, Section 4 (a))
7. When is the Annual Meeting held? What is its purpose?
The Annual Meeting is held in March, April, or May for the purpose of receiving reports, board installation/election, and other business. (Article V, Section 2.)
8. When is a Special Meeting called?
A special meeting may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request from 5 club members. (Article V, Section 3)
9. What is a quorum for a Zonta club?
Either one fourth or one third of the members. (Article V, Section 4)
Note that a majority of the club board members constitutes a quorum for a board meeting. (Article VI, Section 3.)
10. What can the Club Board do? What can it NOT do?
The Club Board can act upon routine questions, make recommendations to the Club, receive committee reports, and perform duties required by ZI, club bylaws and rules of procedure, but shall not determine policy, authorize projects and donations, or adopt the budget. (Article VI, Section 2)
11. What is the qualification for club officers?
Officers shall have experience in a decision-making capacity. The president must have been a member of the board for at least one year, except in new clubs. (Article VII, Section 2)
12. If the Club President resigns, who takes her place, the Vice President or the President-Elect?
The Vice President will perform the duties of the President. The President-Elect becomes President at the conclusion of her term as President-Elect. (Article VII, Section 8, (b) and (c))
13. When is the Nominating Committee elected?
The Nominating Committee may be elected at the club election meeting, in December or January. (Article VIII, Section 1)

14. What are the club standing committees? Who appoints the chairs?
Standing committees shall be: Finance, OMC, PR & communications, Status of Women Service, and United Nations. (Article IX, Section 1 (a))
The club president will appoint the chairs, subject to approval by the board. (Article IX, Section 2).
15. What is needed to start the process to expel or suspend a member?
To start the process of suspension or expulsion, a complaint in writing must be made to the club board against the member who has acted in a way to injure the good name of Zonta or to hamper its work. (Article XI). Note that the verbiage in this article is taken directly from the ZI Bylaws.

How many did you get right?

14-15 Outstanding!! You know how to use your manual.

12-13 Very good!

10-11 Good work!

Less than 10 Did you need more time?