



Chapter 18

North American Governors (1920–1949)¹

At the constituting meeting in Buffalo in 1919, it was decided to group clubs into Districts with a District Chairman and a Board.

1920

Northern Pennsylvania, western New York and Ohio	Bonnieta P. Beckers, Zonta Club of Erie, Pennsylvania
Central and eastern New York	Helen K. Gilles, Zonta Club of Utica, New York
Michigan	Marion M. Laing, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
Southern New York and eastern Pennsylvania	Elizabeth Robinson (no club name on record)

In April 1920, the confederation officers created three districts, each with a district chairman as leader:

- The Northern New York District
- The Southern New York District
- The Western District.

1922 (May)

Northern District	Carrie Oyer, Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York
Southern District	Jean Estay, Zonta Club of Elmira, New York
Western District	Henrietta Rosenthal, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan

1923 (March)

Northern District	Elfeda Beach, Zonta Club of Binghamton, New York
Southern District	Mary Cahill, Zonta Club of Watertown, New York
Western District	Mary Janes, Zonta Club of Toledo, Ohio

1923 (May)

Northern District	Frances Brixus, Zonta Club of, Binghamton, New York
Southern District	Mary Cahill, Zonta Club of Watertown, New York
Western District	Mary Janes, Zonta Club of Toledo, Ohio

¹ Research compiled by Eva Nielsen

West Coast District Clara Herrick, Zonta Club of Los Angeles, California²

1924

Eastern District Sara Patterson, Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York
Southern District Ruth Sawyer Durand, Zonta Club of, Ithaca, New York
Western District Helen Schluraff, Zonta Club of Erie, Pennsylvania
West Coast District Clara Herrick, Zonta Club of Los Angeles, California

1925

District A Effie Edwards, Zonta Club of Utica, New York
District B Jane Bartlett, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
District C Helen Schluraff (temporary), Zonta Club of Erie, Pennsylvania
District D Anne McElhinney, Zonta Club of Cleveland, Ohio
District E Clara Herrick, Zonta Club of Los Angeles, California

1926

District A Katherine Sears, Zonta Club of Glens Falls, New York
District B Helen Innes, Zonta Club of New York City, New York
District C Nell Walrad, Zonta Club of Jamestown, New York
District D Hazel Kremer, Zonta Club of Ann Arbor, Michigan
District E Clara Herrick, Zonta Club of Los Angeles, California

1927

District A Anne Parsons, Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York
District B Maty Dunham, Zonta Club of Watkins-Montour Falls, New York
District C Nell Walrad, Zonta Club of Jamestown, New York
District D Margaret Elle Ross, Zonta Club of St. Louis, Missouri
District E Maud Parker, Zonta Club of Seattle, Washington

1928–29

District A Emma Schofield, Zonta Club of Boston, Massachusetts
District B Helen Mallory, Zonta Club of Elmira, New York,
District C May C. Sickman, Zonta Club of Buffalo, New York,
District D Louise Grace, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
District E Mary Jane Dent, Zonta Club Seattle, Washington³

1929–30

District A Mary G. N. McPherson, Zonta Club of Schenectady, New York
District B Lida B. Earhart, Zonta Club of Washington D.C.
District C Eleanor Taylor, Zonta Club of Lockport, New York
District D Zula McBerty, Zonta Club of Warren, Ohio
District E Mary Jane Dent, Zonta Club of Seattle, Washington

1930–31

District I Dora Neun, Zonta Club of Rochester, New York
District II Dorothy Shank, Zonta Club of Cleveland, Ohio
District VI Mar Davenport, Zonta Club of Spokane, Washington
District VII Maxine Robertson, Zonta Club of Los Angeles, California ⁴

² *District IX History 1923-1954* by Past Governors Mayme Bonham and Blodwin R. Hunt

³ Term of office started 1927.

⁴ Term of office started 1929.

In 1931, the Zonta International Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2 stated: "There shall be one district chairman for each district, who shall be elected at a district conference...there shall be a Vice-Chairman elected at the same time".

1931–32

District I	Cora MacKenzie, Zonta Club of Cambridge, Massachusetts
District II	Samuel Scott, Zonta Club of St. Louis, Missouri
District VI	Mar A. Davenport, Zonta Club of Spokane, Washington
District VII	Maxine Robertson, Zonta Club of Los Angeles, California

1932–33

District I	J. Winnifred Hughes, Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York
District II	Henriette E. Rosenthal, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
District VI	Edna Maybury, Zonta Club of Olympia, Washington
District VII	Lura Coop, Zonta Club of Pasadena, California

1933–34

District I	Beatrice Latourneau, Massachusetts (club and town unknown)
District II	Keith Preston, Zonta Club of Evanston, Illinois
District VI	Edna Maybury, Zonta Club of Olympia, Washington
District VII	Lura Loop, Zonta Club of Pasadena, California

1934–35

District I	Margarete Schmitz (club and town not known)
District II	Etta Preston, Zonta Club of Evanston, Illinois
District III	Ethel Woodworth, Zonta Club of Rochester, New York
District VI	Ora McIntyre (club and town unknown)
District VII	Mayme E. Bonham, Zonta Club of Riverside, California

1935–36

District I	Theresa R. Anderson (club and town unknown)
District II	Ellen M. Anderson, Zonta Club of St. Paul, Minnesota
District III	Helen Z. M. Rodgers, Zonta Club of Buffalo, New York
District VI	Doris L. Bell (club and town unknown)
District VII	Mayme E. Bonham, Zonta Club of Riverside, California

1936–37

District I	Emma Morris Tighe, Zonta Club of Boston, Massachusetts
District II	Ellen Anderson, Zonta Club of St. Paul, Minnesota
District III	Gladys Bogue, Zonta Club of Kenmore, New York
District VI	Evelyn Burgan, Zonta Club of Spokane, Washington
District VII	Lena Davidson, Zonta Club of Glendale, California

1937–38

District I	Information not found
District II	Information not found
District III	Information not found
District VI	Information not found
District VII	Lena Davidson, Zonta Club of Glendale, California

1938 (November)–39

District I	Alta May Knapp, Zonta Club of Utica, New York
District II	Cornelia Broadbent, Zonta Club of Lansing, Michigan

District III Jessie Ekins, Zonta Club of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada
District VI Ann M. Johnston, Zonta Club of Seattle, Washington
District VII Elise Carlson, Zonta Club of Santa Barbara, California

1939–40

District I Alta May Knapp, Zonta Club of Utica, New York
District II Celeste Blesse, Zonta Club of St. Louis, Missouri
District III Jessie Ekins, Zonta Club of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada
District VI Genevieve Turnipseed, Zonta Club of Eugene, Oregon
District VII Mildred Murphy, Zonta Club of Fontana, California

1940 (December)–41

District I No information found
District II Celeste T. Blesse, Zonta Club of St. Louis, Missouri
District III Asenath Johnson, Zonta Club of Lawrence, New York
District V Edith C. Schneider, Zonta Club of San Antonio, Texas
District VI Dulcina Brown, Zonta Club of Portland, Oregon
District VII Fleda Smith, Zonta Club of Berkeley, California

1941–42

District I Isabel C. Gratto, Zonta Club of Arlington, Massachusetts
District II Helen I. Beach, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
District III Asenath Johnson, Zonta Club of Long Island, New York
District V Bess B. Judd, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
District VI Anne E. Langlow, Zonta Club of Tacoma, Washington
District VII Blodwin R. Hunt, Zonta Club of Riverside, California

1942–43

District I Martha E. Carris, Zonta Club of Auburn, New York
District II Helen I. Beach, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
District III Isabella I. Brugge, Zonta Club of Jamestown, New York
District V Mabel G. Bennett, Zonta Club of Fort Worth, Texas
District VI Marie I. Fitzgerald, Zonta Club of Spokane, Washington
District VII Georgia Boucher, Zonta Club of Fresno, California

1943–44

District I Martha E. Carris, Zonta Club of Auburn, New York
District II Helen E. Beach, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
District III Isabella E. Brugge, Zonta Club of Jamestown, New York
District V Mabel G. Bennett, Zonta Club of Fort Worth, Texas
District VI Marie I. Fitzgerald, Zonta Club of Spokane, Washington
District VII Georgia Boucher, Zonta Club of Fresno, California

1944–45⁵

District I Lillian F. Schlick, Zonta Club of Elmira, New York
District II Anne V. Zinser, Zonta Club of Chicago, Illinois
District III Carolyn B. Dissosway, Zonta Club of Long Island, New York
District IV Marion Frye, Zonta Club of St. Paul, Minnesota
District V Edith Schneider Lloyd, Zonta Club of San Antonio, Texas
District VI Helen N. Yockey, Zonta Club of Salem, Oregon
District VII Elizabeth Gist Dozier, Zonta Club of San Fernando, California

⁵ *The Zontian* Feb. 1945

1945–46⁶

District I	Lillian F. Schlick, Zonta Club of Elmira, New York
District II	Ruth Streitz, Zonta Club of Columbus, Ohio
District III	Carolyn B. Dissosway, Zonta Club of Long Island, New York
District IV	Marion Frye, Zonta Club of St. Paul, Minnesota
District V	Edith Schneider Lloyd, Zonta Club of San Antonio, Texas
District VI	Helen N. Yockey, Zonta Club of Salem, Oregon
District VII	Elizabeth Gist Dozier, Zonta Club of San Fernando, California

1946–47

District I	Evelyn E. Stokes, Zonta Club of Boston, Massachusetts
District II	Ruth Streitz, Zonta Club of Columbus, Ohio
District III	Agnes Wesselman, Zonta Club of Buffalo, New York
District IV	Helen Anderson, Zonta Club of Denver, Colorado
District V	Ruth Jackson, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
District VI	Lydia S. Derrick, Zonta Club of Olympia, Washington
District VII	Hazel Grant King, Zonta Club of Pasadena, California
District VIII	Mary Wood Davis, Zonta Club of Memphis, Tennessee

1947–48

District I	Evelyn E. Stokes, Zonta Club of Boston, Massachusetts
District II	Ruth Streitz, Zonta Club of Columbus, Ohio
District III	Mabel Strider, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
District IV	Ellen Fairclough, Zonta Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
District V	Grace Beck, Zonta Club of Toledo, Ohio
District VI	Meta Steinfort, Zonta Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
District VII	Helen Anderson, Zonta Club of Denver, Colorado
District VIII	Hazel Cook, Zonta Club of Portland, Oregon
District IX	Hazel Grant King, Zonta Club of Pasadena, California
District X	Ruth Jackson, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
District XI	Gladys Sheftall, Zonta Club of Jacksonville, Florida

1948–1949 (April)

District I	Frances M. Clark, Zonta Club of New London, Connecticut
District II	Pauline Fyler, Zonta Club of Schenectady, New York
District III	Mabel Strider, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
District IV	Ellen Fairclough, Zonta Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
District V	Grace Beck, Zonta Club of Toledo, Ohio
District VI	Meta Steinfort, Zonta Club Milwaukee, Wisconsin
District VII	Dorothea Raduch, Zonta Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota
District VIII	Della Stephenson, Zonta Club of Everett, Washington
District IX	Amy E. Kreuckel, Zonta Club of Berkeley, California
District X	Bonne M. Enlow, Zonta Club of Fort Worth, Texas
District XI	Gladys Sheftall, Zonta Club of Jacksonville, Florida

1949–50

District I	Francis Clarke, Zonta Club of New London, Connecticut
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	Helen Barlett, Zonta Club of Flint II, Michigan
District VI	Marjorie. J. Gib, Zonta Club of Madison, Wisconsin

⁶ Source: *The Zontian*, September 1945

District VII	Dorothea Radusch, Zonta Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota
District VIII	Delia Stephenson, Zonta Club of Everett, Washington
District IX	Any Krueckel, Zonta Club Berkeley, California
District X	Bonne M. Enlow, Zonta Club of Fort Worth, Texas
District XI	Edna B. van Acker, Zonta Club of Miami, Florida