



Chapter 12

District 08 – North America¹

Since 1920, Zonta International has grouped the clubs in districts. The following is information on the formation of District 08. As at 2019, District 08 had 15 clubs in four states in the United States and one province in Canada.

District 08 covers one million square miles from Alaska to Idaho, British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. The oldest clubs in District 08 date back to the 1920s. (See the timeline below.)

Club chartering

In British Columbia, no clubs were chartered in the 1950s, one club was chartered in 1968, none in the 1970s, one in the 1980s and two in the 1990s. No clubs have been chartered since 1993.

In Alberta, three clubs were chartered between 1953 and 2001. However, they all eventually disbanded, the last one in 2005.

In Alaska, no clubs have been chartered since 1961.

In Idaho, no clubs were chartered in the 1960s but one was chartered in 1975 and one in 1981. Two clubs were chartered in the 1990s and one in 2000. Since 2000, no clubs have been chartered.

In Oregon, only two clubs were chartered between the 1950s and 2002. Two clubs were chartered in the 21st century but disbanded shortly afterwards.

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In Washington, only six clubs were chartered from 1954 until 1998. This century saw two new clubs established. However, they disbanded after a few years.

District-wide service project

2013: The *Zonta Shelters Women* project encouraged each club to donate items to their local domestic violence shelter on the same day.

District-wide service and advocacy projects

2014–2015: For an anti-bullying project, “No Bullying” posters were printed and distributed to District 08 clubs to hand out to local elementary and middle schools.

2015–2016: The Clothesline Project was a part of the *Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women* campaign. All clubs were encouraged to participate by hanging T-shirts with the slogan “NO to violence against women and girls” on a clothesline and displaying them in prominent local locations.

District 08 club service projects²

Scholarship to Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific

- In 1977, Shirley Baker, charter president of the Zonta Club of Victoria, sat on the board of Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific when the Club hosted the District 08 Conference. A motion was introduced that the clubs in District 08 contribute funds to provide a scholarship to the College for a girl from Colombia. At that time, the international project was providing roving medical units to Colombia. The motion was received with enthusiasm. Jack Matthews, then-director of the College, spoke at the closing banquet.
- The scholarship became the first district-wide service project and at the 1978 Conference, it was reported that District 08 was the first district to have its own project.
- In 1980, Sannee McFarlane was the Zonta Club of Victoria’s president and delegate to the district conference held in Yakima. She took a Pearson College student, Noran Akgoren, with her and both addressed the conference body. Delegates voted unanimously to make this a permanent project.
- In 1990, the District Board decided that the scholarship should include applicants from Eastern Bloc countries in Europe as well as Colombia.
- In 1992, at the District Conference in Anchorage, members passed a motion that contributions from the clubs be divided 75 per cent to current scholarships and 25 per cent towards establishing an endowment fund which would eventually generate enough money to fund a scholarship in perpetuity. Later, as the Zonta Club of Victoria could fund a full scholarship through Bingo funds, all district donations went to the district endowment fund.
- Since that time, the district coordinators for Pearson College have introduced various programs a pen pal program, “goody packages” for Christmas, Halloween, Valentine’s Day and Easter, a bed and breakfast program with and for Zontians, and tours of the

² *District 08 History in Brief 2016*, including 16 club histories, updated July 2019.

College. The money collected goes toward the district's Zonta Pearson Endowment Fund.

- In 2007, the endowment fund totaled CAD\$206,914.53. Members were sincerely grateful for the large bequest from the estate of past governor, Jean King. The Zonta Club of Victoria can no longer donate Bingo dollars as the Gaming Commission rules have changed so their donations to the endowment fund must be earned by other means. The scholarship recipient in 2007 was Jelena Fomiskins from Latvia. Members wanted to grow the endowment to CAD\$400,000 to provide sufficient funds to be self-supporting.
- In 2008, the endowment received over CAD\$100,000 from the estate of the late Audrey Tappin. Audrey had been very involved with "Friends of Pearson", organizing airport greeters and other student activities as well as delivering "goody packages" for other Zonta clubs. Several Zonta members have been host families since the project began.
- As of March 2019, the total in the Zonta Pearson Endowment Fund was CAN\$515,891. This funds just over a third of a scholarship for a female student chosen by Pearson College.

Domestic Minor Sex-trafficking in the Yakima Valley

The Advocacy Committee of the Zonta Club of Yakima Valley has been working to build awareness of domestic trafficking of minors and other human trafficking issues in the Yakima Valley as an ongoing advocacy project.

ZERO (Zonta Emergency Relief Operation)

On 27 March 1964, Anchorage, Seward, Kodiak, Valdez and other Alaskan communities experienced the biggest disaster in the history of the state – the Good Friday earthquake and tsunami. J. Marie Pierce, then Zonta International President, spread the word to all clubs asking them to aid Anchorage families. Donations of money, materials, clothing, medicine and food arrived daily from around the world and continued through the autumn. Members were sent 600 lbs. of nails by the Northwest Lumberman's Association as well as a donation to Anchorage. The final destination of the nails was Afognak Island, near Kodiak, to aid in the restoration of the buildings swept away in the tsunami.

STEP

In late 2012, the Zonta Club of Grants Pass Oregon Foundation created ZONTA STEP (Safe Transitions and Empowerment Program). This project helps at-risk women and their families to secure safe housing by providing financial resources, household items and ongoing mentorship. STEP is intended to help in conjunction with local agencies. The STEP program offers new and used furniture and household items in good condition as well as limited financial assistance. Zontians are able to offer assistance and mentoring through the extensive network of Zonta members as well as partnering with local agencies. Classes on such things as financial literacy, basic cooking, and employment skills are offered.

Harvest Program at Behavioral Health Resources

Starting in 2013, the Zonta Club of South Puget Sound started partnering with the Harvest Program at Behavioral Health Resources in Olympia, Washington. This program helps young women who are in recovery from drug and/or alcohol addiction. The club supplies interactive workbooks that help these women with their reading skills while helping them with their required parenting classes. Through a generous donor, the club was also able to supply this program and the new Harvest Home with many other household items needed to

set up apartments. Harvest Home seeks to support pregnant women and mothers who are struggling with mental illness and substance-use disorder as they focus on recovery. It is currently the only residential program for women in Thurston and Mason counties. The 16-bed facility provides a safe and stable home-away-from-home for women and their children up to three years old, as well as those who do not have custody of their children.

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame is a collaborative project with the Zonta Club of Anchorage, the Alaska Women's Network, YWCA Anchorage, the Alaska Women's Political Caucus, the Anchorage Women's Commission, University of Alaska Anchorage and many interested Alaska women. Nine Zontians are known to have been inducted into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame: Bettye Davis, Dorothy Halland, Shirley Holloway, Joerene Hout, Anne Newell, Leah Peterson, Mary Louise Rasmuson and Lidia Selkregg.

District 08 club advocacy projects

In 2019, the Zonta Club of South Puget Sound held advocacy events on all 16 days during the 16 Days of Activism challenge, with the theme "Against Gender-Based Violence in the World of Work". The public were invited to join Zontians for a week-day lunch-and-learn session to hear speakers discuss the impacts of gender-based violence, including psychological and physical abuse and deprivation of resources. These were held in the Washington State Legislative Building. There were also events scheduled on each of the 16 days, including showing the film *In the Time of the Butterflies* with an introduction by Congressman Denny Heck. *In Her Shoes*, an interactive workshop where participants experience the reality of individuals affected by gender-based violence, was held at the local women's shelter. On one Saturday, Gilda Yazzi, national vice-president of NOW (National Organization of Women) talked about missing and murdered Native American women and the need to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. Finally, there was a call to action on the 70th anniversary of Human Rights Day held at the Washington State Capitol.

Timeline of district history highlights

1920: The Confederation created three districts, distinguished as the Northern, Southern and Western districts.

1923: The Zonta Club of Seattle belonged to the Western District, which was the largest district.

1924: At the Confederation Convention in May 1924, Mary E. Janes was the first of the district chairmen to be called upon to report on the accomplishments of the year and conditions in her territory. She said, in part:

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this brief report of my district. The Western District of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs is composed of 16 clubs – Buffalo, Rochester, Jamestown, Lockport, and Niagara Falls in New York State, Erie in Pennsylvania, Cleveland and Toledo, in Ohio, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Flint and Ann Arbor in Michigan, Moline and Ottawa, in Illinois, and Seattle, Washington....We have a total membership of about 750. The clubs are very active, interested in civic,

philanthropic and educational work....We are proud to have added five new clubs to our district during this year and hope to add double that number next.³

At the October 1924 Fall Conference, the redistricting plan was presented. The original three districts became five, designated as A, B, C, D and E. The redistricting committee recommended, that the temporary plan of five districts be used for the time being. The expectation was that this would gradually evolve into the permanent district organization with seven permanent districts.

With this action the Western District was divided and District VIII became a part of District E (District VIII history Part 1, p. 17)

1926: Clara Shaw Herrick, member of Zonta Club of Los Angeles and Chairman of the West Coast District from May 1923 to 1926, found things difficult. Her report to the sixth convention in Rochester, New York on May 14, 1926 was as follows:

I have no detailed report, and I will tell you why. Our nearest club is three train days away, and I write and write and write and get no report. I did get a report from the Seattle club just a day or so before I left. It was mailed to me March 30, and I don't know why I did not get it until then, but I finally got it a day or two before I left. The Dallas club I haven't heard from, except that it sent in its vote for chairman, for myself as chairman for next year. I cannot get any word, we have no conferences, we cannot have. I wish you could appreciate our problems in the West. You people are close together and have the enthusiasm and inspiration of this close contact with other clubs and you cannot imagine what this means to us. Our club in Los Angeles has practically gone to pieces, for no reason except we haven't the inspiration of contact. The Seattle club is not growing either. Three of their members had joined another club, and I understand since I have come here that the Dallas club has had twelve resignations. I have not had these reports so I could not give you a detailed report. Honolulu, I wrote to and the letter was returned. So, you see we are up against it and we must have help or die. There is splendid material in the west, loads of it.⁴

1928: District E was under the leadership of chairman Mary Jane Dent of Seattle. A portion of her report to the eighth annual convention in St. Paul, Minnesota from 14 to 16 June 1928 was as follows:

Before beginning my report for District E I feel it wise to inform you, or remind you, of the size of the district. We are bounded on the north by the North Pole; on the east by the states of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas in the southern border by Mexico, and on the west by that part of the Pacific Ocean that lies west of the Hawaiian Island, where we have our last outpost, the wonderful club of Honolulu....We have never been able to have a district conference because of the great distance between the cities until this morning when we had our first district meeting and first election of a district chairman. We now have seven clubs in the

³ District VIII History Part I. p.15

⁴ District VIII History Part I p 18

district with a membership of 219. This is an increase of over 100 members in the last year.⁵

1929: Mary Jane Dent reported more optimistically to the 1929 convention:

Last year at conference we had just seven clubs; now we have fifteen. Our total members were 250; now we have 415. We feel this is quite a remarkable report for a district so widely scattered as District E. It is everything west of the Mississippi Valley.

On 21 September, 1929, a redistricting plan was adopted, establishing seven districts including District VI comprised of Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and “that part of Canada due north”.⁶

1930: Clubs from Oregon and Washington belonged to District VI. At this time there were no clubs in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho

The district history records from the 1930 conference report that:

Marr Davenport was elected the first Chairman of District VI at the Fall Conference, held in Portland, in November 1929. At that time, the membership for the District totaled 150 in seven clubs: Everett, Olympia, Portland, Laem, Seattle, Spokane, and Tacoma, all brand new except Seattle and Tacoma.⁷

1933: Amelia Earhart visited the Pacific Northwest on a lecture tour. Both the Seattle and Portland clubs entertained her.⁸

1938: Helen Pearce of Salem, Oregon was elected International President at the convention in Banff, Alberta, Canada. At this convention, it was noted that:

District VI is in favor of a suitable memorial to Amelia Earhart, and our International President was asked to appoint a committee, having the International Service Committee Chairman as a member, this committee to report the expense of each form of proposed memorials at the convention in June.⁹

1939: There were no new clubs formed. District VI still had nine clubs in Washington and Oregon, with a total membership of 226.

District VI chairman, Ann M. Johnson, traveled over 2,500 miles from her base in Seattle to visit each club and attend district conferences. At the Spring conference at Medford, the district was strongly in favor of Zonta International deciding upon some definite service programs and was of the view that the proposed Amelia Earhart Memorial Foundation seemed to be the answer.

⁵ *District VIII History Part I*, p.19

⁶ This is the wording used in *District VIII History Part I*, p. 21. The full description of a future District 06 in the 1924 re-districting plan was: “Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and that part of Canada due north, and west of a line separating the 4th and 6th districts”.

⁷ Although this was recorded as a quote in *District VIII History Part I*, p. 21, the historical documents do not cite a source.

⁸ *District VIII History Part I*, p. 23

⁹ *District VIII History Part I*, pp. 27-28

There was considerable discussion as to whether the fund should be used to establish scholarships or be a revolving loan fund. While no action was taken on this, it was unanimously voted “that District VI recommend that Zonta International continue with the Earhart Memorial Foundation, asking that each club contribute to it USD\$1.00 per member per year”.¹⁰

1940: Just a week after the Fall Conference in Seattle, the Zonta Club of Corvallis was added to the district’s roster, giving District VI 10 clubs and a membership of 233.

1945: “During the year, District VI made a net gain in membership of 23, making [the] total for the year 284 members” (*District 8 History Part 1*, p. 37).

Considering the extension of the number of clubs, the Zonta International Board requested the re-districting committee to develop a new district plan. This plan became effective in 1947.¹¹

1947: The plan encompassed 11 districts, all in North America. District VI became District VIII comprising clubs in:

- Canada
 - British Columbia (First club chartered in 1949.)
 - Alberta (First club chartered in 1953, last club disbanded in 2005.)
- The United States
 - Idaho
 - Montana
 - Oregon
 - Washington
 - Wyoming

1948: “While we did not reach the 20 per cent growth goal per club (international objective), the district exceeded the goal, growing from 312 members in 1947 to 379 members in 1948, an increase of 21.5 per cent.”¹²

1952: The Zonta International Board decided to add a new district, District XII, to the 11 districts organized in 1947.

District XII was to comprise, among others, clubs in east Montana and Wyoming.¹³ Clubs from Wyoming and one club from Montana were moved from District VIII to District XII, as proposed by District VI to the redistricting committee in 1945 (*District 8 History, Part 1*, pp. 38-39).

“District membership passed the 500 mark for the first time with the advent of the 18-member Zonta Club of Billings. [There were] 18 clubs and 544 members on 1 September 1952”.¹⁴ Those 18 clubs were in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia.

¹⁰ *District VIII History Part I*, p. 28

¹¹ *District VIII History Part I*, p. 39

¹² *District VIII History Part I*, p. 40

¹³ See District XII history.

¹⁴ *District VIII History Part I*, p. 42

1953: Another District VIII “first” was its sponsorship of the visit to the United States of a Zontian from their friendship country, Norway.

The minutes of the Spring Conference in Seattle in April 1953 recorded this development as follows:

Mrs. Mary Thomas, of Salem, Oregon, spoke on our International Relations Project – the Zonta Friendship Project, between sister clubs in foreign countries. She said it is hoped that this will be a two-way project, working for the mutual advancement of all countries.... This was suggested as a possible District Service Project, but we were reminded of a possible rotation of countries among the district, with Oslo being our sister club only until June 1954.... [It was] moved that the district governor appoint a committee to prepare a suggested program to be referred to our Zonta clubs for the visitation by a young woman from our International Friendship Club to District VIII.

The following motion was put to the conference body:

that, as the first step toward consideration of a traveling scholarship from our friendship country, we extend an invitation to the delegate from the Zonta Club of Oslo, Norway, to visit District VIII as its guest in conjunction with the 1954 International Convention in which District VIII will assist with this project in expenses not to exceed USD\$2.00 per capita.

The motion passed and District VIII thus became the first district of Zonta International to invite a member of a club in its friendship country to be a guest in the district and at the international convention.¹⁵

1957: 26 clubs.

1960: 28 clubs.

Membership Chairman Hazel Cook said, “At the end of two years – 1 September 1958 to 1 September 1960 – we had added only 90 members, and three clubs”.

“Amelia Earhart Scholarship Program – the response to this program for each of the two years has been 100 percent for the first time in the history of District VIII and of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Program.”¹⁶

1961: The Zonta Club of Anchorage was founded with 51 members (one still active in 2016).

1962: 31 clubs. As of 1 September, number of members was 952 (District 8 history Part 2, p.3)

District VIII 1960-62 Governor Clara E. Nasholm wrote:

As a member of the International Board, a governor has a strong feeling for the international aspects of Zonta. Throughout the biennium efforts were made by the

¹⁵ *District VIII History Part I*, p. 45

¹⁶ *District VIII History Part II*, p. 2

district board to stimulate in the membership an understanding of a relationship of a club to the district and to Zonta International. This was carried out by a series of workshops in areas of the district, and by visits of board members to individual clubs (District 8 history part 2, p. 3)

1964: During the Zonta International Convention in San Francisco, California, an honor was paid to District VIII when it was presented with a special banner. At the 36th Biennial Convention it had been announced that the membership goal for the 18-month period from September 1962 to March 1964 was “10 percent more for '64”.¹⁷ Results showed that District VIII was the only one of the 14 districts to have achieved this objective. As a district objective, members had hoped to reach 1,000 for the first time in the district’s history, and it was a pleasant surprise to find that the member number of 1,021 qualified the district for this award at the international level.¹⁸

1974: 31 clubs organized in four areas designated as Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest.

1980: 31 clubs organized in four areas, designated as Area 01 (Northeast), Area 02 (Northwest), Area 03 (Southeast) and Area 04 (Southwest). For computerization purposes, areas were designated by Arabic numerals.

1990: Zonta International Board changed the designation from Roman to Arabic numerals; District VIII became District 08.

29 clubs and 1,130 members.¹⁹

2002: 30 clubs in five areas.

2004: 29 clubs in five areas.

2006: 22 clubs in four areas designated as Areas 01, 02, 04 and 05.

2008: 19 clubs in four areas.

2016: 16 clubs, organized in Areas 01, 02, 04 and 05. (There was still no Area 03.)

The clubs were located in:

- British Columbia, Canada (Area 05)
- Alaska, USA (Area 02)
- Washington, USA (Areas 02 and 05)
- Oregon, USA (Area 04)
- Idaho, USA (Area 01)

¹⁷ *District VIII History Part II*, p. 8

¹⁸ *District VIII History Part II*, p. 8

¹⁹ *The Zontian* 1990 – 1992 Program Issue.

2018: 475 members.

2019: 403 members.²⁰

Further information on clubs and activities in the district

Golden Z Clubs²¹

Corvallis campus of Oregon State University (OSU).

Coos Bay Area at Southwestern Oregon Community College (number 704, chartered 27 May 2014).

Z Clubs

Z Clubs in Anchorage were started when G. Helen Brown, a charter member of the Zonta Club of Anchorage, started the first District 08 Z Club through the “back door” with Girl Scout volunteers who had worked alongside Zontians. This is because the school district would not sanction extra-curricular activities. Chartered in 1971, the club drew girls from all Anchorage high schools. Meetings were held in homes and other places outside the school.

Brown served as District 08 Z Club chairman from 1967 to 1986 and by 1978 had become the International Z Club chairman. She wrote the manual on Z Clubs that was accepted at the Zonta International Convention in Denver that year for use in 47 countries and translation into seven languages. This manual allowed for co-ed membership.

1978 marked the year that two Anchorage clubs were chartered. The first was Dimond High School, followed by Service-Henshaw High School on 23 May 1978 with 24 members.

Dimond High School Z Club remains active²² and in 2019, the Zonta Club of Anchorage renewed dues for Dimond, Service High and South High Z Clubs . There was also a Z Club at East High School but has not been active for at least 20 years.²³

Corvallis Crescent Valley was chartered in 1999.²⁴

Marshfield (number 584), chartered 3 December 2007, and North Bend (number 782), chartered 19 September 2016, were both sponsored by the Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area.

Snohomish HS Z Club was chartered in 2006 and was sponsored by the Zonta Club of Everett. The Z Club is now inactive.²⁵

Z Club Victoria was originally chartered as the Oak Bay Z Club in March 2016. The club’s request for a change to Z Club Victoria was approved in January 2018. Pearson College

²⁰ ZI directory online.

²¹ Joan E. Knapp, District 08 Historian, June 2019.

²² *Celebrating 30+ Years of Z Clubs, District 8*, by Bonnie Ivy, District 8 Z Club Chairman 2006–2010.

²³ Pat Jarrett, Anchorage Z Club liaison 2019.

²⁴ *Celebrating 30+ Years of Z Clubs, District 8*, by Bonnie Ivy, District 8 Z Club Chairman 2006–2010.

²⁵ Ibid.

students wanted a Z Club, so they are now Z Club Victoria, but they can reach out to other colleges if they want. The club was sponsored by the Zonta Club of Victoria (*District VIII state by state*, District VIII website).

Zonta International Presidents

1938–1940: Helen Pierce of the Zonta Club of Salem in Oregon.

Zonta International Board Members

1956–1958: Ellen Harris, second Zonta International Vice President

1988–1990: Fran Soule

1996–1998: Leta Best

Members of Zonta International's International Committees

Helen Pierce, Zonta Club of Salem, Oregon

- member of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee
- first chair of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee in 1938
- served on the committee until her death in 1978
- had more direct influence on the Amelia Earhart Awards program than any other single person²⁶
- presented the original awards project to the 1938 Convention
- during her term as Awards Committee Chairman from 1956 to 1968, used her professional expertise as an English professor to clarify the award's terminology and to reiterate that the Amelia Earhart Award was for graduate and not undergraduate students. Specific changes she introduced were to replace the term "scholarship" with "fellowship" to meet the needs of a rapidly changing scientific world, and to broaden the designation "study in aeronautical engineering" to "study in aerospace science".²⁷

International Nominating Committee²⁸

- 1933–1934: Doris Bell, Zonta Club of Everett and Ann Johnston, Zonta Club of Seattle (Alternate)
- 1934–1935: Bertha Allen, Zonta Club of Seattle
- 1935–1936: Lydia Derrick, Zonta Club of Olympia
- 1936–1937: Helen Pearce, Zonta Club of Salem and Dorothy Dimock, Zonta Club of Seattle (Alternate)
- 1937–1938: Hazel Walmer, Zonta Club of Olympia and Margaret Fabrick, Zonta Club of Medford (Alternate)
- 1939–1940: Helen Yockey, Zonta Club of Salem and Thena Fultz, Zonta Club of Seattle (Alternate)
- 1940–1941: Ann Johnston, Zonta Club of Seattle and Josephine Kirtley, Zonta Club of Medford (Alternate)
- 1941–1942: Helen Yockey, Zonta Club of Salem
- 1942–1944: Bertha Allen, Zonta Club of Seattle

²⁶ Zonta International Amelia Earhart Manual, January 1984.

²⁷ Zonta International Amelia Earhart Manual, January 1984.

²⁸ The minutes from the conferences do not say if this is an elected or appointed position.

- 1944–1946: Eva Collins, Zonta Club of Eugene and Anna E. Langlow, Zonta Club of Tacoma (Alternate)
- 1946–1947: Dorothy Pearce, Zonta Club of Salem and Chrissy Miller, Zonta Club of Spokane (Alternate)
- 1947–1948: Dorothy Pearce, Zonta Club of Salem
- 1948–1950: Irean Grigsby, Zonta Club of Medford and Nora Stover, Zonta Club of Olympia (Alternate)
- 195 –1952: Leone Johnson, Zonta Club of Corvallis and Ellen Harris, Zonta Club of Vancouver (Alternate)
- 1952–1954: Maire Fitzgerald, Zonta Club of Spokane and Georia Rosencrans, Zonta Club of Eugene (Alternate)
- 1954–1956: Genevieve Morgan, Zonta Club of Salem and Jessie Church, Zonta Club of Calgary (Alternate)
- 1956–1958: Grace Wolgamott, Zonta Club of Salem
- 1958–1960: Gladys Puckett, Zonta Club of Spokane and Maymie Pierce, Zonta Club of Boise (Alternate)
- 1960–1962: Geraldine Ellis, Zonta Club of Coos Bay and Susie Pauley, Zonta Club of Shelton-Mason (Alternate)
- 2000–2002: Joan E. Knapp, Zonta Club of South Puget Sound, Washington.

International Sub-Nominating Committee²⁹

- 1964–1966: Viola Farmer from Walla Walla, Washington and Bernice Kerr from Portland, Oregon (Alternate)
- 1969–1970: Geraldine Ellis
- 1971: Molly Clasbey (Representative) and Ferne Phillips (Alternate)
- 1972: Ruth Watter and Vivian Spores
- 1973: Phoebe Noble
- 1976: Jean Fish (Chair), Frances Soule and Velma Kurbitz
- 1977: Ann Mulkey (Representative) and Ruth Watter (Alternate)
- 1987: Frances Soule (Member) and Shirley Dunn (Alternate)

Resolutions

- Clara Nasholm (1964–1966)
- Emily Ehlinger, chairman in 1974 (1974–1975)

Status of Women

- Kathryn Jacobson (1964–1966)

International Relations

- Ellen Harris, chairman (1964–1966)

Nominating Committee, Area 5

- Jessie Church (1964–1966)

²⁹ The minutes from the conferences don't say if this is an elected or appointed position.

Public Relations & Communications

- Joan E. Knapp, Zonta Club of South Puget Sound (Chairman 2000–2002)
- Bridget Baker, Zonta Club of Eugene (Chairman 2002–2004)
- Katherine Cleland, Zonta Club of Everett (Chairman 2014–2016 and member 2016–2018)

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

- Terri Turi, Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area (YWPA Committee for two biennia)

Advocacy

- Terri Turi, Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area (one term)
- Katherine Cleland, Zonta Club of Everett (USA Caucus – part of Advocacy 2018–2020)

International Leadership Development Committee

- Shelli Cutting, Zonta Club of Anchorage (2014–2016, 2016–2018 and 2018–2020)

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- Shelli Cutting, Zonta Club of Anchorage (2016–2018)

Membership

- Jessie Church (Chairman 1964–1966)
- Cindy Phillips, Zonta Club of Everett (2014–2016, 2016–2018 and 2018–2020)

Finance

- Bertha Bodine (1964–1966)
- Chris Rommel, Zonta Club of Everett

Service

- Deborah (Debbie) Arney (2012–2016)

Recipients of International Awards and Scholarships

- Amelia Earhart Fellowship
 - At the 1978 Conference in Everett, past Amelia Earhart Fellow Shirley Holmgreen, a current Boeing Executive and also a member of the Zonta Club of Seattle, was the featured speaker. The 1978 Amelia Earhart Fellow, Nellie Mognaed (France), was presented with her wings and certificate. She was studying at university in Seattle.
 - 1976: Joan Barichello, studying at University of Calgary
 - 1995–1996: Ana Marie Larson, University of Victoria and Nancy Papanikolaou, University of Calgary
 - 2004–2005: Jennifer Bell, University of Idaho
 - 2011: Airlie Chapman, University of Washington
 - 2014: Erin Kahr, Geomatics Engineering at University of Calgary
 - 2014 and 2015: Saghar Hosseinsianaki, Aeronautics and Astronautics at the University of Washington
 - 2015: Katarina Morowsky, Industrial Engineering/Aviation at Oregon State University.

Zonta International Conventions

- **1930 in Seattle, Washington:** Two clubs in District E competed for the 1930 Convention; Denver and Seattle. The Seattle club, on being given an opportunity to renew its invitation of the preceding year, held a parade of roses at the 1929 convention under the direction of the Club President Laura Hurd. The delegate from each of the Pacific Northwest clubs, except Portland and Salem, seconded Seattle's invitation and presented a rose to President Katharine Sears. As Portland and Salem were too new to rate delegates, they seconded the invitation by telegram. Laura Hurd closed by saying "Before I go, may I ask, will we see you in Seattle?" The minutes record: "applause and cries of "yes!".
- **1956 in Sun Valley, Idaho:** The 33rd Zonta International Convention was held 24–28 June 1956. All clubs of District VIII were hostesses. Susan Wilcox, then governor of District VIII, said at the Cincinnati Convention in 1954:

Sun Valley, as you probably know is a year-round pleasure resort in the great Pacific Northwest. District VIII with its usual enthusiasm is expecting to act as a hostess club, 26 clubs united for one purpose. You will all receive a hearty western welcome, and we are all going to be your hosts at this convention, over 700 of us, and probably more by that time.

Members were hopeful in anticipating 400 attendees, but over 850 Zontians and guests arrived. The biggest convention the management at Sun Valley had ever tried to handle was about 600. The staff managed to accommodate them all, "pulling the beds out from under the help". The total capacity of the Opera House, where the Convention sessions were held, was 570. Loudspeakers on the grounds made it possible for those who couldn't even find standing room in the Opera House, to hear what was going on. The dining rooms at the Challenger Inn were stretched to hold everyone at all banquets. After it was all over, District VIII was able to add USD\$2,300 to the international treasury. At the time of the convention, there were 771 members in District VIII.³⁰

- **1972 in Portland, Oregon:** Ruth Watters, District VIII Governor from 1970 to 1972, stated in Eugene, Oregon:

Little did I know, back in 1962, when at New Orleans, we made our bid for the 1972 convention, that ten years later we would host the convention with the largest attendance in Zonta history, and that I would be Governor of District VIII at the time....The success of this Convention was due to the efforts of all the clubs and member in District VIII....Portland, the City of Roses, and the Portland club, did everything for us. We were the featured attraction of the Portland Chamber of Commerce breakfast held during our stay. The news media gave us front page billing...It seems that everyone wanted to come west; overseas Zontians wanted to see this great Northwest part of America.³¹

³⁰ District VIII History Part I, p. 36

³¹ District VIII History Part II, p.15.

District Conferences

In District E there were no conferences from 1925–1927. The first District E meeting was held at the eighth annual convention in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1928. There was also an election of a District Chairman. Previous chairmen were either appointed or elected by mail ballot.³²

- 1929: Seattle, Washington, USA (First conference held 2 March)

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- Fall 1929: Portland, Oregon, USA (9 November)
- Spring 1930: Olympia, Washington, USA (15–16 March)
- Fall 1930: Spokane, Washington, USA (15–16 November)
- Spring 1931: none held
- Fall 1931: Salem, Oregon, USA (24–25 October)
- Spring 1932: Tacoma, Washington, USA (23–24 April)
- Fall 1932: Olympia, Washington, USA (8–9 October)
- Spring 1932: Tacoma, Washington, USA (23–24 April)
- Fall 1932: Portland, Oregon, USA (7–8 October)
- Spring 1934: Seattle, Washington, USA (24–25 March)
- Fall 1934: Spokane, Washington, USA (17–18 September)
- Spring 1935: Salem, Oregon, USA (13–14 April)
- Fall 1935: Olympia, Washington, USA (12–13 October)
- Spring 1936: Tacoma, Washington, USA (28–29 March)
- Fall 1936: Seattle, Washington, USA (3–4 October)
- Spring 1937: Portland, Oregon, USA (10–11 April)
- Fall 1937: Everett, Washington, USA (9–10 October)
- Spring 1938: Olympia, Washington, USA (9–10 April)
- Fall 1938: Spokane, Washington, USA September 24-25
- Spring 1939: Medford, Oregon, USA (22–23 April)
- Fall 1939: Tacoma, Washington, USA (14–15 October)
- Spring 1940: Eugene, Oregon, USA (19–21 April)
- Fall 1940: Seattle, Washington, USA (5–6 October)
- Spring 1941: Salem, Oregon, USA (19–20 April)
- Fall 1941: Portland, Oregon, USA (18–19 October)
- Spring 1942: Olympia, Washington, USA (18–19 April)
- Fall 1942: Corvallis, Oregon, USA (17–18 October)
- Spring 1942: Spokane, Washington, USA (10–11 April)
- Fall 1942: Eugene, Oregon, USA (16–17 October)
- Spring 1944: Portland, Oregon, USA (15–16 April)
- Fall 1944: Salem, Oregon, USA (21–22 October)
- 1945: No official conferences were held because of war time restrictions (minutes do not say why the two meetings held were not called conferences)
- Spring 1945: Portland, Oregon, USA (14 April). Theme: “One day, streamlined meeting”

³² District VIII History Part I.

³³ Effective 1930.

- Fall 1945: Portland, Oregon, USA (13–14 October)
- Spring 1946: Everett, Washington, USA (5–7 April)
- Fall 1946: Olympia, Washington, USA (18–19 October)
- Spring 1947: Seattle, Washington, USA (12–13 April)
- Fall 1947: Corvallis, Oregon, USA (16–17 October)
- Spring 1948: Tacoma, Washington, USA (3–4 April)
- Fall 1948: Spokane, Washington, USA (16–17 October)
- Spring 1949: Portland, Oregon, USA (Presidents' Council 21 May)
- Fall 1949: Medford, Oregon, USA (15–16 October)
- Spring 1950: Astoria, Oregon, USA (no dates)
- Fall 1950: Olympia, Washington, USA (21–22 October)
- Spring 1951: Everett, Washington, USA (21–22 April)
- Fall 1951: Salem, Oregon, USA (13–14 October)
- Spring 1952: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (18–20 April)
- Fall 1952: Eugene, Oregon, USA (11–12 October)
- Spring 1953: Seattle, Washington, USA (17–19 April)
- Fall 1953: Grants Pass, Oregon, USA (16–18 October)
- Spring 1954: McCall, Idaho, USA (23–25 April)
- Fall 1954: Aberdeen, Washington, USA (15–17 October)
- 1955: Portland, Oregon, USA (21–23 October)
- 1956: Spokane, Washington, USA (26–28 October)
- 1957: Coos Bay, Oregon, USA (3–5 October)
- 1958: Boise, Idaho, USA (23–25 October)
- 1959: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (23–24 October)
- 1960: Yakima, Washington, USA (20–21 October)
- 1961: Salem, Oregon, USA (20–22 October)
- 1962: Calgary, Alberta, Canada (11–13 October)
- 1963: Walla Walla, Washington, USA (24–26 October)
- 1964: Portland, Oregon, USA (15–17 October)
- 1965: Olympia, Washington, USA (15–17 October)
- 1966: Eugene, Oregon, USA (14–15 October)
Theme: "View from the Top"
- 1967: Anchorage, Alaska, USA (28–30 September)
Theme: "Eight Stars of Gold on a Field of Blue"
- 1968: Helena, Montana, USA (17–19 October)
Theme: "Widening Our Vistas in the Service of Mankind"
- 1969: Seattle, Washington, USA (2–4 October)
Theme: "Widening Our Vistas in the Service of Mankind"
- 1970: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (24–26 September)
Theme: "Giving Voices, Hands and Hearts in Service for Mankind"
- 1971: Medford, Oregon, USA (23–25 September)
Theme: "Giving Voices, Hands and Hearts in Service for Mankind"
- 1972: Spokane, Washington, USA (5–7 October)
Theme: "My Home is the World: My Family is Mankind"
- 1973: Boise, Idaho, USA (20–22 September)

- Theme: "My Home is the World: My Family is Mankind"
- 1974: Tumwater, Washington, USA (3–5 October)
Theme: "Service Throughout the World - The Zonta way of Life" (Host: Zonta Club of Olympia)
 - 1975: Corvallis, Oregon, USA (25–27 September)
Theme: "Service Throughout the World - The Zonta way of Life"
 - 1976: Missoula, Montana, USA (23–25 September)
Theme: "Achieving for Zonta is Achieving for Yourself"
 - 1977: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (20–22 October)
Theme: "Achieving for Zonta is Achieving for Yourself"
 - 1978: Everett, Washington, USA (21–23 September)
Theme: "The Voice of Zonta Shall Be Heard Throughout the World"
 - 1979: Coos Bay, Oregon, USA
 - 1980: Yakima Valley Club, Yakima, Washington, USA (18–20 September)
Theme: "Progress Through Communication"
 - 1981: Anchorage, Alaska, USA (17–19 September)
 - 1982: Portland, Oregon, USA (16–18 September)
Theme: "Tune Up, Tune In, Opportunity"
 - 1983: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (22–24 September)
Theme: "Dare to Be"
 - 1985: Spokane, Washington, USA (20–21 September)
 - 1987: Tumwater, Washington, USA (24–26 September)
Theme: "From the Mountains to the Sea" (Host: Zonta Club of Olympia)

September 1989: A motion to change to annual conferences was passed at the conference in Corvallis, Oregon, USA.

- 1989: Corvallis, Oregon, USA
- 1990: Portland, Oregon, USA (13–15 September)
Theme: "A Jewel of a Conference in the Gem State"
- 1991: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (3–5 October)
Theme: "Literacy is Power"
- 1992: Yakima, Washington, USA
- 1993: Anchorage, Alaska, USA (23–25 September)
Theme: "Northern Borealis: Zontians Light the World"
- 1994: Everett, Washington, USA (15–17 September)
Theme: "Make Dreams Come True"
- 1995: Pocatello, Idaho, USA (5–7 October)
Theme: "Blazing New Trails in Zonta"
- 1996: Eugene, Oregon, USA (12–14 September)
Theme: "Meeting the Challenge"
- 1997: Sea-Tac, Washington, USA (9–11 October)
Theme: "Friendship Around the World" (Host: Zonta Club of South Puget Sound)
- 1998: Boise, Idaho, USA
- 1999: Kelso, Washington, USA (23–25 September)

Theme: "Paths – Past – Present – Future: Zonta International 1919–1999" (Host: Zonta Club of Centralia-Chehalis)

- 2000: Medford, Oregon, USA (14–16 September)
Theme: "Much Ado About Zonta" (1st Governor's Seminar)
- 2001: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (13–16 September)
Theme: "A Zonta Odyssey"
- 2002: Anchorage, Alaska, USA (Governor's Seminar)
- 2003: Portland, Oregon, USA
- 2004: Sea-Tac, Washington, USA (24–26 September) (Governor's Seminar)
Theme: "KISS: Keep It Simple Sisters" (Host: Zonta Club of South Puget Sound)
- 2005: Yakima, Washington, USA (30 September–1 October)
- 2006: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (5–8 October) (Governor's Seminar)
Theme: "Touching Lives – Touching Hearts"
- 2007: Eugene, Oregon, USA (18–20 October)
Theme: "Voices, Ideas, Visions & Action" (Hands on Projects)
- 2008: Everett, Washington, USA (11–13 September)
Theme: "Dare to Dream" (Governor's Seminar)
- 2009: Walla Walla, Washington, USA (1–3 October)
- 2010: Corvallis, Oregon, USA (9–11 September) (Governor's Seminar)
Theme: "Global Voices for Women"
- 2011: Pocatello, Oregon, USA (29 September 29–2 October)
Theme: "Lighting the Way"
- 2012: Anchorage, Alaska, USA (21–23 September) (Governor's Seminar)
Theme: "Look In – Reach Out"
- 2013: Coos Bay, Oregon, USA
- 2014: Olympia, Washington, USA (September) (Governor's Seminar) (Host: Zonta Club of Olympia)
- 2015: Grants Pass, Oregon, USA (1–3 October)
Theme: "Navigating With Zonta – The Adventure Continues"
- 2016: Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada (23–24 September)
Theme: "Give Her A Choice" (Governor's Seminar)
- 2017: Yakima, Washington, USA
- 2019: Shelton, Washington, USA (24–26 September)
Theme: "Honor and Empower" (Host: Zonta Club of South Puget Sound)

District Officers

Western District

(appointed until April 1932)

1923: Chairman Mary E. Janes, Toledo, Ohio, USA

1924: Chairman Helen M. Schluraff, Erie, Pennsylvania, USA

1925–1926: Chairman Clara Shaw Herrick, Los Angeles, California, USA

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1926: Chairman Maude Parker, Seattle, Washington, USA

1926–1927: Chairman Marjorie Cowan, Seattle, Washington, USA

1927–1928: Chairman Mary Jane dent, Seattle, Washington, USA

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1929–1930: Chairman Mary Jane Dent, Seattle, Washington, USA
1931–1932: Chairman Marr Davenport, Spokane, Washington, USA
1932–1933: Chairman Edna Maybury, Olympia, Washington, USA
1933–1934: Officers Reelected.
1934–1935: Chairman Ora E. McIntyre, Salem, Oregon, USA
1935–1936: Chairman Doris Bell, Everett, Washington, USA
1936–1938 Chairman Evalyn Burgan, Spokane, Washington, USA
1938–1939: Chairman Ann Johnston, Seattle, Washington, USA
1939–1940: Chairman Genevieve Turnipseed, Eugene, Oregon, USA
1940–1941: Chairman Dulcina Brown, Portland, Oregon, USA³⁴
1941–1942: Chairman Anna E. Langlow, Tacoma, Washington, USA
1942–1944: Chairman Marie Fitzgerald, Spokane, Washington, USA
1944–1946: Chairman Helen N. Yockey, Salem, Oregon, USA
1946–1947: Chairman Lydia Derrick, Olympia, Washington, USA
1947–1948: Chairman Hazel M. Cook, Portland, Oregon, USA

District Governors

1948–1950: Chairman Delia Stephenson, Everett, Washington, USA (elected fall Conference, Spokane)
1950–1952: Governor Genevieve Morgan, Salem, Oregon, USA (first time for governor title instead of chairman)
1952–1954: Susan Wilcox Burdette, Seattle, Washington, USA
1954–1956: Ellen Harris
1956–1958: Gladys S. Puckett
1958–1960: Elma I. Gockley, Boise, Idaho
1960–1962: Clara Nasholm, Eugene, Oregon, USA
1962–1964: Jessie L.P. Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
1964–1966: Geraldine Ellis, Coos Bay Area, Oregon, USA
1966–1968: Virginia Coleman, Seattle, Washington, USA
1968–1970: Molly O. Clasbey, Helena, Montana, USA
1971: Ruth Watters
1972–1974: Emily M. Ehlinger, Spokane, Washington, USA
1974–1976: Jean Fish, Medford, Oregon, USA
1976–1978: Muriel Cowen, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
1978–1980: Jean King, Portland, Oregon, USA
1980–1982: Joyce Brurud, Great Falls, Montana, USA
1982–1984: June B. Anderson, Walla Walla, Washington, USA
1984–1986: Marian Showers, Portland, Oregon, USA
1986–1988: Frances (Fran) Soule, Spokane, Washington, USA
1988–1990: Norma Jean Housley, Idaho Falls, Idaho, USA
1990–1992: Helen Saar, Roseburg, Oregon, USA

³⁴ Later conference minutes list her with the last name of Elliott as past governor along with Virginia Fiscus. There is a Virginia Coleman listed as governor from 1966 – 1968. The conference does not give information as to their term or club.

1992–1994: Paula M. Bechtold, Coos Bay, Oregon, USA
 1994–1996: Leta Best, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
 1996–1998: Phyllis J. Fread, Roseburg, Oregon, USA
 1998–2000: Joan E. Knapp, Olympia, Washington, USA (Zonta Club of South Puget Sound)
 2000–2002: Bridget Baker, Eugene, Oregon, USA
 2002–2004: Deborah (Debbie) H. Arney, Olympia, Washington, USA (Zonta Club of South Puget Sound)
 2004–2006: Roz Mellander, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 2006–2008: Cindy L. Phillips, Everett, Washington, USA
 2008–2010: Terri Turi, North Bend, Oregon, USA (Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area)
 2010–2012: Carol Dreysse, Everett, Washington, USA
 2012–2014: Shelli Cutting, Anchorage, Alaska, USA
 2014–2016: Genelle Hanken, Coos Bay, Oregon, USA
 2016–2018: Leatta Dahlhoff, Olympia, Washington, USA (Zonta Club of Olympia)
 2018–2020: Jeanie Martin, Grants Pass, Oregon, USA

History of formation of District 08 clubs.

Canada

Alberta

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1953	0317	Zonta Club of Edmonton		1994
1978	0851	Zonta Club of Calgary		1991
2001	1695	Zonta Club of Calgary		2005

British Columbia

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1949		Zonta Club of Vancouver		1969
1968	0605	Zonta Club of Victoria, Canada	05	
1986	1153	Zonta Club of Vancouver		2006
1990	1300	Zonta Club of Port Hardy		2000
1993	1439	Zonta Club of Nanaimo	05	

United States

Alaska

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1961	0488	Zonta Club of Anchorage	02	
1961	0490	Zonta Club of Fairbanks		1980

Idaho

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1951	0251	Zonta Club of Wallace Area		1990

1952	0296	Zonta Club of Boise		2008
1959	0444	Zonta Club of Canyon County/Caldwell		2007
1975	0768	Zonta Club of Idaho Falls		2004
1981	0981	Zonta Club of Pocatello	01	
1992	1391	Zonta Club of Blackfoot	01	
1995	1525	Zonta Club of Eagle		2003
2000	1657	Zonta Club of Magic Valley/Twin Falls		2006*

* *District 08 History in Brief* reports the club closed 13 December 2007. The club is listed as number 1657 in the Zonta International Directory 2004-2006. It is not listed in the Directory for 2006-2008.

Montana

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1950	0247	Zonta Club of Billings*		
1959	0436	Zonta Club of Helena		2006
1959	0441	Zonta Club of Great Falls		1994
1962	0494	Zonta Club of Missoula**		1993

* In 1952, the club moved to District XII.

** "and the Five Valleys" was added to the name in 1968.

Oregon

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1929	0060	Zonta Club of Portland	04	
1929	0067	Zonta Club of Salem		1988
1936	0145	Zonta Club of Medford		2004
1936	0146	Zonta Club of Eugene- Springfield	04	
1940	0172	Zonta Club of Corvallis	04	
1947	0193	Zonta Club of Grants Pass	04	
1947	0195	Zonta Club of Roseburg Area	04	
1948	0207	Zonta Club of Astoria		1990
1948	0216	Zonta Club of Albany		1975
1953	0312	Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area	04	
1992	1351	Zonta Club of Treasure Valley		2006
2003	1747	Zonta Club of Salem		2008
2009	1858	Zonta Club of Tualatin Valley, Hillsboro		2012

Washington

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1923	0021	Zonta Club of Seattle		1990
1927	0049	Zonta Club of Tacoma		2015
1928	0056	Zonta Club of Olympia	02	

1928	0057	Zonta Club of Spokane		1996
1929	0078	Zonta Club of Everett	05	
1948	0204	Zonta Club of Shelton-Mason		1997
1951	0266	Zonta Club of Grays Harbor County		1991
1953	0315	Zonta Club of Walla Walla Area		2015
1953		Zonta Club of Bellingham		1958
1953		Zonta Club of Vancouver		1967
1954	0318	Zonta Club of Yakima Valley	02	
1972	0705	Zonta Club of Centralia- Chehalis		2018
1978	0826	Zonta Club of Bellevue- Eastside Area		1983
1983	1062	Zonta Club of Tri-Cities		1986
1995	1507	Zonta Club of South Puget Sound	02	
1997	1570	Zonta Club of Seattle		2012
1998	1607	Zonta Club of Bellingham		2008
2011	1875	Zonta Club of East King County		2014

In 1952, the clubs listed below from Wyoming were moved to District XII:

1949: The Zonta Club of Casper (number 0223)

1950: The Zonta Club of Sheridan

1951: The Zonta Club of Laramie (number 0257)

1951: The Zonta Club of Converse County (number 0259)