Chapter 19

North American District Governors (1950–1970)¹

1949: The title district chair was replaced by the title district governor

1950: The title vice-governor was replaced by lieutenant governor:

District officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years…until their successors shall be elected and qualified. This shall apply to all district officers elected for their first term in 1950 and thereafter….District officers shall take office immediately after the conference at which they are elected (Zonta International Bylaws, Article 5).

Governors during the 1950–54 time period were as follows:

**1950–51**
- District I Cora Blanchard, Zonta Club of Boston, Massachusetts
- 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 Audra Frances, Zonta Club of Saginaw, Michigan
- District VI Marjorie J. Gib, Zonta Club of Madison, Wisconsin
- District VII Gladys Manion, Clayton, Missouri, no club found
- District VIII Genevieve Morgan, Zonta Club of Salem, Oregon
- District IX Rosamond Harries, Zonta Club of San Bernardino, California
- District X Erin McKeen, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana
- District XI Edna B. van Acker, Zonta Club of Miami, Florida

**1951–52**
- District I Orris C. Hoffmann, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
- District II Ruth Shaw, Zonta Club of Montreal, Quebec
- District III Helen P. Solon, Zonta Club of Trenton, New Jersey

¹ Research compiled by Eva Nielsen
• District IV Bertha M. Fox, Zonta Club of Buffalo, New York
• District V Audra Frances, Zonta Club of Saginaw, Michigan
• District VI Hilda Eidman, Zonta Club of Oak Park, Illinois
• District VII Gladys Manion, Zonta Club of St. Louis, Missouri
• District VIII Genevieve Morgan, Zonta Club of Salem, Oregon
• District IX Rosamond Harries, Zonta Club of San Bernardino, California
• District X Erin McKean, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana
• District XI Helen M. Hawks, Zonta Club of Lake Worth, Florida

1952–53
• District I Orris C. Hoffmann, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
• District II Ruth Shaw, Zonta Club of Montreal, Quebec
• District III Helen P. Solon, Zonta Club of Trenton, New Jersey
• District IV Bertha M. Fox, Zonta Club of Buffalo, New York
• District V L. Dell Henry, Zonta Club of Ann Arbor, Michigan
• District VI Hilda Eidman, Zonta Club of Oak Park, Illinois
• District VII Dorothy Fardon, Clayton, Missouri (no club found)
• District VIII Susan Wilcox, Zonta Club of Seattle, Washington
• District IX Frances Marie Brey, Zonta Club of Porterville, California
• District X Lillian Desmonde Ranz, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana
• District XI Helen M. Hawks, Zonta Club of Lake Worth, Florida

1953–54
• District I Orris C. Hoffmann, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
• District II Ninita Johns, Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York
• District III Ruth Sheldon, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
• District IV Elvira Manning, Zonta Club of Toronto, Ontario
• District V L. Dell Henry, Zonta Club of Ann Arbor, Michigan
• District VI Lillian Coleman, Zonta Club of Springfield, Illinois
• District VII Grayce Ward, Zonta Club of Duluth, Minnesota
• District VIII Susan Wilcox, Zonta Club of Seattle, Washington
• District IX Frances Marie Brey, Zonta Club of Porterville, California
• District X Lillian Desmonde Ranz, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana
• District XI Roberta B. McNeal, Zonta Club of Birmingham, Alabama
• District XII Marguerite Mayer, Zonta Club of Denver, Colorado

1954: Zonta International Bylaws stated:
The officers of the district shall be a governor, a lieutenant governor, a secretary and a treasurer. With the exception of the secretary, these officers shall be elected at the fall district conference and shall take office at the close of the conference that elects them. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors are elected. The governor shall appoint the secretary. The term of office of the secretary shall coincide with the term of the governor who appoints her.\

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2 Club listed is as for 1952-53 although address records indicate she was a resident of Texas in 1953-54
3 Bylaws 1954 Article XII Section 3
Governors from 1954 to 1970 were as follows:

### 1954–55

- **District I** Dorris L. Hoffman (no town or club found)
- **District II** Ninita Johns, Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York
- **District III** Ruth Sheldon, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
- **District IV** Elvira Manning, Zonta Club of Toronto, Ontario
- **District V** Louise Brooks (no town or club found)
- **District VI** Lillian Coleman, Zonta Club of Springfield, Illinois
- **District VII** Grace Ward (no town or club found)
- **District VIII** Ellen Harris, Zonta Club of Vancouver, Washington
- **District IX** Virginia Eastlick, Zonta Club of Yuma, Arizona
- **District X** Lillian Desmonde Ranz, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana
- **District XI** Roberta B. McNeal, Zonta Club of Birmingham, Alabama
- **District XII** Barbara Cross, Zonta Club of Converse County, Wyoming

### 1955–56

- **District I** Drusilla E. Bornheimer, Zonta Club of Portland, Maine
- **District II** Ninita F. Johns, Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York
- **District III** Ruth Sheldon, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
- **District IV** Hollis Terry, Zonta Club of Olean, New York
- **District V** Louise Brooks (no town or club found)
- **District VI** Lillian Coleman, Zonta Club of Springfield, Illinois
- **District VII** Dorothy Ayers Loudon, Zonta Club of Dickinson, North Dakota
- **District VIII** Ellen Harris, Zonta Club of Vancouver, Washington
- **District IX** Virginia Eastlick, Zonta Club of Yuma, Arizona
- **District X** Merle Donegan, Zonta Club of Houston, Texas
- **District XI** Ruth S. Knight, Zonta Club of Atlanta, Georgia
- **District XII** Louise Denny, Zonta Club of Billings, South Dakota

### 1956–57

- **District I** Helen Lee Gilbert, Zonta Club of Norwich, Connecticut
- **District II** Jean V. Lansing, Zonta Club of Albany, New York
- **District III** Florence W. Stephens, New York (no club found)
- **District IV** Hollis Terry, Zonta Club of Olean, New York
- **District V** Edna Nairn, Zonta Club of Windsor, Ontario
- **District VI** Rachel Swier, Zonta Club of Indianapolis, Indiana
- **District VII** Lillian Pettigrew, Zonta Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba
- **District VIII** Gladys Smith, Zonta Club of Spokane, Washington
- **District IX** J. Maria Pierce, Zonta Club of Pasadena, California
- **District X** Elizabeth Boerner, Zonta Club of San Antonio, Texas
- **District XI** Ruth S. Knight, Zonta Club of Atlanta, Georgia
- **District XII** Louise Denny, Zonta Club of Billings, South Dakota

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1957–58

- District I Helen Lee Gilbert, Zonta Club of Norwich, Connecticut
- District II Jean V. Lansing, Zonta Club of Albany, New York
- District III Florence W. Stephens, New York (no club found)
- District IV Marguerite T. Thayer, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York
- District V Edna Nairn, Zonta Club of Windsor, Ontario
- District VI Rachel Swier, Zonta Club of Indianapolis, Indiana
- District VII Lillian Pettigrew, Zonta Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba
- District VIII Gladys Smith, Zonta Club of Spokane, Washington
- District IX J. Maria Pierce, Zonta Club of Pasadena, California
- District X Elizabeth Boerner, Zonta Club of San Antonio, Texas
- District XI Winona Jordan, Zonta Club of Palm Beaches, Florida
- District XII Louise Denny, Zonta Club of Billings, South Dakota

1958–59

- District I Elizabeth K. Klages, Zonta Club of Springfield, Massachusetts
- District II Evelyn De Witt, Zonta Club of Binghamton, New York
- District III Marjorie Smith, Zonta Club of Baltimore, Maryland
- District IV Marguerite T. Thayer, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York
- District V Nan Wolcott (no town or club found)
- District VI Ellinor Freeman, Zonta Club of Evanston, Illinois
- District VII Opal Hulen, Zonta Club of Wichita, Kansas
- District VIII Elma Gockley, Zonta Club of Boise, Idaho
- District IX Claire Drew Walker, Zonta Club of Santa Barbara, California
- District X Marie Shelton, Zonta Club of Fort Worth, Texas
- District XI Winona Jordan, Zonta Club of Palm Beaches, Florida
- District XII Vivienne Worley, Zonta Club of Denver, Colorado

1959–60

- District I Elizabeth K. Klages, Zonta Club of Springfield, Massachusetts
- District II Evelyn De Witt, Zonta Club of Binghamton, New York
- District III Marjorie Smith, Zonta Club of Baltimore, Maryland
- District IV Dorothy Meggeson, Zonta Club of Toronto, Ontario
- District V Nan Wolcott (no town or club found)
- District VI Tyra Magnuson, Zonta Club of Rockford, Illinois
- District VII Opal Hulen, Zonta Club of Wichita, Kansas
- District VIII Elma Gockley, Zonta Club of Boise, Idaho
- District IX Claire Drew Walker, Zonta Club of Santa Barbara, California
- District X Marie Shelton, Zonta Club of Fort Worth, Texas
- District XI Grace Warner, Zonta Club of Montgomery, Alabama
- District XII Vivienne Worley, Zonta Club of Denver, Colorado

1960–61

- District I Frances P. Fitzgerald, Zonta Club of Manchester, New Hampshire
- District II Nettie Bubb, Zonta Club of Glens Falls, New York
• District III  Tess Tinker, Zonta Club of Cresskill, New Jersey
• District IV  Lucille H. Barry, Zonta Club of Rochester, New York
• District V  Lila V. Watts, Zonta Club of Davidson, Michigan
• District VI  Tyra Magnuson, Zonta Club of Rockford, Illinois
• District VII  Genevieve Forthun, Zonta Club of Fargo, North Dakota
• District VIII  Clara Nasholm, Zonta Club of Eugene, Oregon
• District IX  Lavern Owens, Zonta Club of Sacramento, California
• District X  Ara S. Hyde, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
• District XI  Grace Warner, Zonta Club of Montgomery, Alabama
• District XII  Katherine B. Philippe, Zonta Club of Black Hills, South Dakota

1961–62
• District I  Frances P. Fitzerald, Zonta Club of Manchester, New Hampshire
• District II  Nettie Bubb, Zonta Club of Glens Falls, New York
• District III  Tess Tinker, Zonta Club of Cresskill, New Jersey
• District IV  Mary E. Smale, Zonta Club of Hamilton, Ontario
• District V  Lila V. Watts, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
• District VI  Greta W. Murphy, Zonta Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
• District VII  Genevieve Forthun, Zonta Club of Fargo, North Dakota
• District VIII  Clara Nasholm, Zonta Club of Eugene, Oregon
• District IX  Lavern Owens, Zonta Club of Sacramento, California
• District X  Ara S. Hyde, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
• District XI  Martha Lummus, Zonta Club of Greater Miami, Florida
• District XII  Katherine B. Philippe, Zonta Club of Black Hills, South Dakota

1962–63
• District I  Dorothy Etz, Zonta Club of Medford, Massachusetts
• District II  Isabele Sauberli, Zonta Club of Montreal, Quebec
• District III  Lois Brown Ward, New York (no club found)
• District IV  Mary E. Smale, Zonta Club of Hamilton, Ontario
• District V  C. Maude Mills, Zonta Club of Dearborn, Michigan
• District VI  Greta W. Murphy, Zonta Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
• District VII  Dorothy Pile, Zonta Club of Lincoln, Nebraska
• District VIII  Jessie Church, Zonta Club of Calgary, Alberta
• District IX  Lea Mae Lane, Zonta Club of Los Angeles, California
• District X  Myrl Zimmerman, Texas (no club found)
• District XI  Martha Lummus, Zonta Club of Greater Miami
• District XII  Alice E. McRae, Zonta Club of Boulder, Colorado

1963–64  (The Zontian, Fall 1963, Vol. 43, Issue 3)
• District I  Dorothy Etz, Zonta Club of Medford, Massachusetts
• District II  Isabele Sauberli, Zonta Club of Montreal, Quebec
• District III  Lois Brown Ward, New York (no club found)
• District IV  Anne H. Crowe, New York (no club found)
• District V  C. Maude Mills, Zonta Club of Dearborn, Michigan
• District VI  Elberta McFadden, Zonta Club of Columbus, Indiana
• District VII  Dorothy Pile, Zonta Club of Lincoln, Nebraska
• District VIII  Jessie L. P. Church, Alberta, Canada (no club found)
• District IX  Lea Mae Lane, Zonta Club of Los Angeles, California
• District X  Myrl Zimmerman, Texas (no club found)
• District XI  Naomi N. Burch, Zonta Club of Tampa, Florida
• District XII  Alice E. McRae, Zonta Club of Boulder, Colorado

1964–65
• District I  Dorothea Banks, Massachusetts* (no club found)
• District II  Alma P. Sherman, New York (no club found)
• District III  Inez E. Wilber, Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.
• District IV  Anne H. Crowe, New York (no club found)
• District V  Eleanor Jammal, Zonta Club of Ashtabula, Ohio*
• District VI  Elberta McFadden, Zonta Club of Columbus, Indiana
• District VII  Esther Westman, Michigan* (no club found)
• District VIII  Geraldine Ellis, Oregon* (no club found)
• District IX  Waltraut A. Wilson, California* (no club found)
• District X  Almeda S. Dorman, Louisiana* (no club found)
• District XI  Naomi N. Burch, Zonta Club of Tampa, Florida
• District XII  Isabel Warne, Zonta Club of Fort Pierre, South Dakota*


• District I  Dorothea Banks, Saxonville, Massachusetts (no club found)
• District II  Laura S. Morgan, Zonta Club of Ithaca, New York
• District III  Agnes Pfeifer, New Jersey (no club found)
• District IV  Alice Mooradian, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York
• District V  Eleanor Jammal, Zonta Club of Ashtabula, Ohio
• District VI  Monta Crane, Zonta Club of Litchfield, Illinois
• District VII  Esther Westman, Michigan (no club found)
• District VIII  Geraldine Ellis, Zonta Club of Coos Bay, Oregon
• District IX  Waltraut A. Wilson, Zonta Club of Porterville, California
• District X  Almeda S. Dorman, Zonta Club of Shreveport, Louisiana
• District XI  Margaret Wilkinson, Zonta Club of Memphis, Tennessee
• District XII  Isabel Warne, Zonta Club of Fort Pierre, South Dakota

• District I  Doris L. Dossin, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
• District II  Laura S. Morgan, Zonta Club of Ithaca, New York
• District III  Agnes Pfeifer, New Jersey (no club found)
• District IV  Alice Mooradian, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York
• District V  Evelyn Fay, Zonta Club of Flint, Michigan
• District VI  Monta Crane, Zonta Club of Litchfield, Illinois
• District VII  Harriette Yeckel, Zonta Club of Kansas City, Missouri
• District VIII  Virginia Coleman, Washington (no club found)
• District IX  Rayma Neeb, Zonta Club of Phoenix, Arkansas
• District X  Noreen Nicol, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
• District XI  Margaret Wilkinson, Zonta Club of Memphis, Tennessee
• District XII  Beverly J. Augustine, Lamar, Colorado (no club found)

1967–68
• District I  Doris L. Dossin, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
• District II  Laura S. Morgan, Zonta Club of Ithaca, New York
• District III  Agnes Pfeifer, New Jersey (no club found)
• District IV  Olga Cloke, Zonta Club of Toronto, Ontario
• District V  Evelyn Fay, Zonta Club of Flint, Michigan
• District VI  Monta Crane, Zonta Club of Litchfield, Illinois
• District VII  Harriette Yeckel, Zonta Club of Kansas City, Missouri
• District VIII  Virginia Coleman, Washington (no club found)
• District IX  Rayma Neeb, Zonta Club of Phoenix, Arkansas
• District X  Noreen Nicol, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
• District XI  Fannie Austin, Zonta Club of Lake Worth I, Florida
• District XII  Beverly J. Augustine, Lamar, Colorado (no club found)

• District I  Doris L. Dossin, Zonta Club of Meriden, Connecticut
• District II  Adelaide W. Baker, Zonta Club of Rome, New York
• District III  Hilda R. Jordan, Zonta Club of Baltimore, Maryland
• District IV  Olga Cloke, Zonta Club of Toronto, Ontario
• District V  Helen Cloke, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
• District VI  Ruth Walker, Zonta Club of Neenah, Wisconsin
• District VII  Margery Baker, Zonta Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba
• District VIII  Virginia Coleman, Washington (no club found)
• District IX  Leonora Gross, Zonta Club of Stockton, California
• District X  Noreen Nicol, Zonta Club of Dallas, Texas
• District XI  Fannie Austin, Zonta Club of Lake Worth, Florida
• District XII  Ann R. Jackson, Zonta Club of Fort Collins, Colorado

• District I  Mary Simons, Zonta Club of Arlington, Massachusetts
• District II  Elizabeth Drake, Zonta Club of Binghamton, New York
• District III  M. Helen McLaughlin, New Jersey (no club found)
• District IV  Ella Knight, Zonta Club of Buffalo, New York*
• District V  Helen Davidson, Zonta Club of Detroit, Michigan
• District VI  Leonore Scott, Zonta Club of Frankfort, Indiana
• District VII  Margery Baker, Zonta Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba
• District VIII  Molly Clasbey, Zonta Club of Helena, Montana
• District IX  Leonora Gross, Zonta Club of Stockton, California
• District X   Jane Greer, Zonta Club of Austin, Texas
• District XI  Lucille Carter, Zonta Club of Greenville, South Carolina
• District XII Ann Jackson, Zonta Club of Fort Collins, Colorado