

Madison Partnership Policy

POLICY: COOPERATING AND COLLABORATING WITH AN EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVICE AND ADVOCACY

1. Advantages to Zonta Club for establishing a policy to guide cooperating and partnering with external organizations:
 - a. Enhance Zonta Club of Madison service and advocacy effectiveness by cooperating with other groups with goals to empower women.
 - b. Position Zonta Club of Madison as an important player on issues empowering women.
 - c. Establish appreciation of Zonta membership as an effective option for women wishing to have impact upon empowering women, which will, in turn, enhance Zonta Club of Madison membership[growth.
 - d. Cooperation with groups with complementary goals is a proven effective way to approach service and advocacy.
 - e. Provide an avenue for respectful discourse among Zonta Club of Madison members regarding cooperation and partnership with external groups resulting in club-supported decisions regarding potential cooperative and partnership relationships with other groups.
 - f. Provide an avenue for establishing clear expectations for cooperation or partnership with external groups.

2. Zonta Club of Madison seeks to work with other organizations to empower women through service and advocacy. To this end, Zonta Club of Madison may:
 - a. Informally cooperate with other organizations.
 - This would normally consist of cooperating in marketing efforts to respective memberships or cooperating on the day of service or advocacy with limited prior involvement.
 - The name(s) of other cooperating organizations would not appear in documentation and marketing concerning the service and/or advocacy activity.
 - b. Seek a more substantive partnership for a specified service and/or advocacy event or activity for a specified period of time with specified organizational responsibilities.
 - This would normally involve Zonta Club of Madison collaborating with another organization(s) for the purpose of co-hosting, co-sponsoring and/or co-planning a service or advocacy activity.

- The names of Zonta and the cooperating organization(s) would appear in documentation and marketing concerning the activity.
3. Approval process for **informally cooperating with other organizations for service or advocacy.**
- a. Zonta Club of Madison committees responsible for service and/or advocacy will submit to the Zonta Club of Madison Board the names of organizations that will be informally cooperated with in the process of conducting service or advocacy activities. Use provided Form 1.a.
 - The Board has the authority to approve or refuse cooperation with other organizations for service or advocacy.
4. Approval process for service and/or advocacy partnerships for specified events or activities for a specified period of time with specified organizational responsibilities. Use provided form 1.b.
- a. Zonta Club of Madison committees responsible for service and/or advocacy will submit to the Zonta Club of Madison Board the names of organizations with which the committee(s) recommend that a substantive partnership be established to advance the empowerment of women through service or advocacy.
 - b. The Board has these actions available to it regarding the service and/or advocacy partnership proposal:
 - Return it to the committee(s) submitting the proposal for more information and resubmission to the Board. Following re-submission, the Board will act upon the proposal.
 - Forward the proposal to the membership of Zonta Club of Madison for vote at the next month's club business meeting with either a positive, negative or no recommendation and inform committee(s) that submitted the proposal of this decision.
 - The Committee submitting the proposal can withdraw the request following the Board's decision resulting in no further action.
 - c. Distributing proposals for service and/or advocacy partnerships with external organizations to Zonta Club of Madison membership.
 - Unless returned to the committee(s) that submitted the proposal, the proposal for establishing partnerships with external organization is **forwarded to Zonta Club of Madison members for discussion and action at the next Club business meeting following Board action to move the proposal forward.**

5. Zonta Club of Madison action on proposals for establishing service and/or advocacy partnerships with external organizations.
 - a. The committee(s) submitting the proposal will take leadership for presenting the proposal to the club membership allowing for discussion of advantages and disadvantages prior to club vote on the proposal.
 - b. Motions can be made to modify the submitted proposal with a majority vote of members present.
 - c. A 2/3 majority vote of the total Zonta Club of Madison membership is required to approve the proposal to establish a partnership with an external group for a specified service and/or advocacy activity. Electronic voting is acceptable.
 - d. If the proposal is defeated, an amended proposal may be submitted to the Board and the approval process starts over.