



FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP
2022 Business Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2022
Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel – Honolulu, Hawaii

Governor Kris Chorbi opened the session at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the 2022 Founder Region Conference. She introduced President Cheryl Poncini who then proceeded with the Fellowship Business Meeting.

- I. **Welcome** – President Cheryl welcomed everyone to the Founder Region Fellowship Business Meeting.
- II. President Cheryl read the **Hawaii Land Acknowledgment**, acknowledging Hawaii as an indigenous space whose original people are today identified as Native Hawaiians.
- III. **Adoption of Credentials Report #1**
 Credentials Report #1 was presented by Credentials Chair, Stacy Moniz from SI/Maui. The report was as follows:

CATEGORY	NUMBER
Clubs in Founder Region	51
Clubs Eligible to Vote	51
Clubs not in Good Standing	Zero
Clubs Registered	37
Total Voting Clubs	37
Delegates Registered:	
Fellowship Officers	2
Fellowship Directors	2*
Region Board Delegates	9
Club Delegates	79*
Total Delegates	92
Quorum for Opening Session	47

Credentials Report #1 was adopted by the delegates.

*Three Fellowship Board members opted to relinquish their status as Fellowship Board delegates and, at the request of their respective club presidents and with the consent of the Fellowship president, instead assumed the role of delegates for their respective clubs since their clubs were unable to send the full three-member delegation to this conference.

IV. Founder Region Fellowship Proposed Bylaws Amendments – 2022

- a. The following Fellowship proposed Bylaws amendments for 2022 were read by Laws & Resolutions Committee chair Sheila Bearden and the membership, via delegates, voted on April 30, 2022. The voting results for each of the three proposed amendments presented during the Fellowship Board meeting are as follows:

BYLAWS SECTION & ARTICLE	TITLE OF BYLAW	VOTING RESULT
Article V, Section 4	Directors & Officers	PASSED
Article V, Section 8	Directors & Officers	PASSED
Article V, Section 11	Directors & Officers	PASSED

- b. The language of each of the three 2022 Fellowship Bylaws Amendments approved during the Fellowship Business Meeting is as follows.

ARTICLE V – Directors and Officers Section 4

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
Section 4. A treasurer shall be elected at the annual conference beginning in 2022. For the 2020-2022 biennium, the treasurer shall be appointed by the incoming Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) President from applications submitted by members of Founder Region. The treasurer shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.	Section 4. A treasurer shall be elected at the annual conference beginning in 2022. The treasurer shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

Proposed by: 2020 - 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board.

Advantages: Since we are completing the 2020-2022 Biennium, which is the first biennium in which the Fellowship Board included the dedicated position of Treasurer, there is no need to maintain the language for the selection of the first Fellowship treasurer.

Disadvantages: None

Financial Impact: None

Rationale: To update the language regarding the election of the Treasurer to the Fellowship Board.

ARTICLE V – Directors and Officers
Section 8

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
Section 8. All officers and directors shall assume duties on the first day of July.	Section 8. All officers and directors shall assume duties on the first day of July in even-numbered years.

Proposed By: 2020-2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

Advantages: To make clear which year in the biennium the new board assumes its duties, thereby making the language in the Fellowship Bylaws consistent with that in the Region Bylaws (Article V, Section 5.2 c.).

Disadvantages: None

Fiscal Impact: None

Rationale: For clarity and consistency.

ARTICLE V – Directors and Officers
Section 11

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
Section 11. [Proposed language is not a part of the current FRF Bylaws.]	Section 11. Fellowship Board members shall not be personally liable for monetary damages for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, in the performance of their duties, unless the Board member has engaged in willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of her/his duties.

Proposed by: 2020-2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

Advantages: To be consistent with the Region Bylaws on the issue of Board member personal liability.

Disadvantages: None

Financial Impact: None

Rationale: For consistency with the Region Bylaws (Article VII, Section 7.)

V. Minutes of the 2021 Virtual Fellowship Business Meeting

Secretary Dana Holve presented the minutes of the 2021 Founder Region Fellowship Business Meeting, held on May 1, 2021. The minutes had been previously distributed to the membership via the 2021 Conference Proceedings, and a hard copy had been placed on each table during the Founder Region Fellowship Awards Dinner on April 29, 2022.

There being no corrections to the minutes, President Cheryl declared the May 1, 2021, Founder Region Business Meeting minutes approved as presented.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Founder Region Fellowship Financial Report, covering the period July 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, has been, and continues to be, available by contacting Treasurer Teresa Karlson as noted on the Region Conference website. The report will be forwarded for financial review.

VII. Announcement of the 2022-2024 Founder Region Fellowship Board

During the Founder Region Business Meeting which was held after the Fellowship Business Meeting on April 30, 2022, the following persons were announced as elected to their respective Fellowship Board positions:

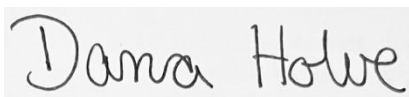
- President - Kris Chorbi – SI/Eureka
- Treasurer – Danelle Tegarden – SI/Eureka
- District I Director – Billie Knight – SI/The East Bay
- District II Director – Dana Holve – SI/Vacaville Twilight
- District III Director – Laurie Gallian – SI/Sonoma Valley
- District IV Director – Laura Middlemiss – SI/Humboldt Bay
- District V Director – Angie Bugarin – SI/Central Oahu

VIII. Year-end Fellowship Board Reports

The Board's reports were given orally and a typed copy is attached to these minutes.

IX. Closing – The 2020-2022 Fellowship Board looks forward to finishing this productive year and biennium. We have enjoyed working with all of you. (A reminder was also made to sign up for the Virtual Fun Walk/Run fundraiser.)

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Holve
Secretary – Founder Region Fellowship
District II Fellowship Director

See Fellowship Board Reports Attached.



Fellowship President Cheryl Poncini's Report for the 2020-2022 Biennium

My thanks to Governor Kris for appointing me as Fellowship President for the 2020-2022 Biennium. It has been an exciting, challenging and positive experience. I have learned new terms and technologies such as "Zoom." Zoom was a breakfast cereal in the 50's when I was a young child, but the Zoom of today was the lifeline for Fellowship as you will see in the following remarks.

While we, like the rest of the world, did not grasp the scope of COVID initially, we learned quickly that we needed to find other ways to do business. For example, we learned how to raise funds virtually. In October 2020, when we could not meet at District Meetings due to COVID restrictions (and District Meetings were very important due to our raising on average \$16,000/year with the club baskets raffle), we came up with the idea of number logs instead of hard copy tickets, thereby saving a significant amount of money on postage. When it was impractical to think about baskets as prizes, we came up with alternatives such as Amazon gift cards or remaining pearl jewelry that could be more easily and less expensively mailed. We, like others, found ourselves thinking outside the box on numerous issues because, indeed, "Necessity [had become] the mother of invention." As the biennium proceeded, we learned about RallyUp for silent auctions and virtual fun run websites.

We also learned that ways of doing business that would never have been considered before COVID might be worth a second look. For example, we learned that we could survive by meeting on Zoom. It was not until arriving at this Conference that the Fellowship Board met in person for the first time. All other meetings were held on Zoom due to COVID-19 and its numerous spin-off variations. Our everyday, go-to form of communication was e-mail. Technology was indeed our friend.

As we transition towards normalcy following a COVID biennium, for a small non-profit (such as Founder Region Fellowship) technology may be key. For example, Zoom meetings here and there may be a cost-effective way of doing business in the future. Could there be some in-person meetings and some virtual? Or for those who live a significant distance away from the physical meeting, have the meetings virtual for them. The possibilities of integrating technology with our in-person lives are limited only by our imagination.

As a result of the COVID-induced money savings, the 2020-2022 Fellowship Board is hopeful that, at the end of our term in June, we will be able to transfer monies into Fellowship reserves, something that has not happened in years because the reality is that, as hard as Fellowship Boards work to raise money, we do not make

enough each year to cover the scholarship awards and expenses. Nevertheless, I am very proud that this biennium, despite the huge challenges, we have been able to meet our expenses (the largest being, of course, the Fellowship awards) without having to dip into Reserves.

Thank you all. It has been an honor for my entire board and myself to serve as your 2020-2022 Fellowship Board. It has been my privilege to serve for six years – four years as the District I Fellowship Director where I enjoyed visiting my district's clubs and the last two years as president, interacting with clubs throughout the region. Thank you for your warm welcomes and ongoing enthusiastic support of the Region's identifying project!

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FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP BOARD OFFICERS/DIRECTORS REPORT

OFFICER/DIRECTOR: Teresa Karlson

OFFICER TITLE: Treasurer

REPORTING PERIOD: November 12, 2021 – April 6, 2022

DATE OF THIS REPORT: April 6, 2022

In addition to my duties as Fellowship Treasurer, I participated in the following Board activities:

- The Fellowship board met on November 13th to plan the fundraising for the new year as well as the process of the new fellowship applicants that would be received in December and January.
- Our board meeting was held virtually on February 4th, 5th and 6th in preparation for our fellowship applicants review.
- March 4th and 5th Interviews were held for University of Hawaii and California Universities.
- March 6th – Selection of Awardees
- March 31st – Attended the caucus call virtually.

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**FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP
District I Fellowship Director's Report, 2022**

DIRECTOR: BILLIE KNIGHT

REPORT DATE: April 22, 2022

COVERING: JULY 1, 2021 TO APRIL 22, 2022

DIST. 1 CLUB # 11

DIST. 1

FELLOWS: 240 AS OF APRIL 22, 2022

NEW OR LEVELING UP FELLOWS SINCE JULY 1, 2020:

Last Name First Name Club Level Achieved By: Source

Oct. 2021 Poncini Cheryl Oakland TFC 9 Oct. 2021 Personal

Dec. 2021 Poncini Cheryl Oakland TFC 10 Dec. 2021 Personal

Mar. 2022 McKethen Sharon Richmond 1 Mar. 2022 Club

Mar. 2022 VanBuren MaryAnn Diablo Vista 2 Mar. 2022 Club

Mar. 2022 Payne Patricia East Bay 1 Apr. 2022 Club

Mar. 2022 Tocci Theresa San Ramon 2 Apr. 2022 Gifted

Mar. 2022 Item Roni San Ramon 1 Apr. 2022 Club

April 2022 Knight Billie East Bay 3 Apr. 2022 Monthly

CLUBS FUNDING A CLUB FELLOW TO BE AWARDED LATER THIS BIENNIUM:

- SI/Benicia
- SI/El Cerrito
- SI/Oakland
- SI/Tri-Valley

FUNDS RAISED BY NEW OR LEVELING UP FELLOWS: \$12,000.00

NUMBER OF MONTHLY GIVING PARTICIPANTS: 5

FUNDS RAISED BY NEW OR INCOMPLETE MONTHLY GIVING \$1,050.00

FUNDS RAISED BY DIST. 1 MEETING RAFFLE \$2,700.00

FUNDS RAISED BY DIST. 1 ONLINE PAINT PARTY: \$120.00

FUNDS RAISED BY DIST. 1 FUN RUN**SPONSORSHIPS \$500.00****FUNDS RAISED BY *FUN FOR FELLOWSHIP* \$100.00****DOROTHY SARNES****DONATIONS \$700.00****TOTAL INCOME FROM DISTRICT I - \$17,170.00**

It has been my pleasure and an honor to serve on the Fellowship Board over the past 2 years. Reviewing the various applications from the doctoral students was sometimes a challenge, but always inspiring and humbling at the same time. Working with my fellow board members demonstrated the power of teamwork as we accomplished our mission under the able leadership of President Cheryl. It has also been a joy getting to know the many Soroptimist members throughout District 1 and always receiving such a warm welcome on club visits. Thank you to the entire district for allowing me this unique experience.

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**FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP
DISTRICT II FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

DISTRICT: II**FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR:** Dana Holve**REPORTING PERIOD:** July 1, 2021 – April 29, 2022**DATE OF THIS REPORT:** April 29, 2022

Number of Clubs in District II: 9**Number of Fellows in District II:** 256**Number of Monthly Giving Participants:** 5**Total Funds Raised for District II:** \$18,470.64**Funds Raised by District II During Fundraisers:** \$4,485.64

District Meeting Raffle: \$3,110

Fun Run/Walk: \$1,385.64

Funds Raised Naming Club and personal Fellows or Leveling Up: \$12,000

Funds Raised During Monthly Giving: \$1,985

New or Leveling Up Fellows:

District Meeting Raffle Drawing:

SI Rio Vista, Evelyn Nodal, First Level Fellow

SI Rio Vista, Sarah Donnelly, First Level Fellow

Club Fellows:

SI Central Solano, Judy Lloyd, First Level Fellow

SI Central Solano, Tempest Hoover, First Level Fellow

SI Dixon, Brenda Walker, First Level Fellow

SI Rio Vista, Lynn Oesterlel, First Level Fellow

SI Vacaville Twilight, Surprise

SI Vallejo, Josette Lacey, Second Level Fellow

SI Vallejo, Michelle Raymond, Second Level Fellow

Personal Fellows:

Mingo Greco, SI Rio Vista, Second Level Fellow

Joy Swank, SI Vacaville, Third Level Fellow

Terri Simpson, Friend of Founder Region Fellowship, First Level Fellow

Monthly Giving Fellows:

Mary Dickey, Third and Fourth Level Fellow, SI Vacaville

Kim Radford, First Level Fellow, SI Vacaville Twilight

Duties performed as District II Fellowship Director:

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know my District II clubs and members throughout this year. It has been wonderful to get to meet many of you in person. Additionally, the evaluation and interview process of our Fellowship applicants has been both a fascinating and gratifying job.

Thank you all for your continued support of both Founder Region Fellowship and me. I truly appreciate you.

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Founder Region Fellowship District III Director Report

Director: Fawn Williams

Report Date: April 16, 2021 – April 2, 2022

Number of Clubs in District III: 12

Number of Fellows in District III: 154

Number of Monthly Giving Participants: 3

Total funds raised for District III: \$8,290

Funds raised by District III during Fundraisers: \$2,550

Funds Raised in Dorothy Sarnes Memorial Donations: \$70.00

Funds Raised naming Club and Personal Fellows or Leveling Up: \$4,000

Fun Walk run Sponsors: \$250.00

Funds raised with monthly giving: \$1,420.00

New or Leveling Up Fellows:

- **District Meeting Raffle Drawing:**
 Melissa Swanson – SI Clear Lake – First Level
 Nancy Koski – SI Santa Rosa – 4th Level
 Margee Brownfield – SI Santa Rosa – 3rd Level
- **Club Fellows**
 Tina Scott – SI Clear Lake – First Level
 Surprise – SI St. Helena Sunrise – First Level
 Surprise – SI Sonoma Valley – First Level
 Shelley Martin – SI Calistoga – First Level
 Tamie Frasier – SI Napa – First Level
- **Personal Fellows:** None
- **Monthly Giving Fellows:**
 Lillian Meyers – SI Sonoma Valley – Third Level
 Lori Rinaldi – SI Windsor – First Level

Duties Performed as District III Fellowship Director:

This past biennium has been a challenge for all of us. Being a Fellowship Director during these times has been interesting to say the least. Nothing like my last term as a

Fellowship Director. Zoom has been our friend for sure. I was fortunate enough to attend many of your club's meetings via Zoom, as well as Fellowship Board Meetings, Candidate interviews, Virtual Conference and Call to Caucus. It was truly refreshing to be able to attend the District III/IV meeting in person and to see many of you again.

I truly appreciate District III's continued support of Founder Region Fellowship.

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District IV Directors Report 2021/2022 (As of 4/24/2022)

Crystal Arbuthnot Fellowship Director

- There are 10 clubs in my district.
- 184 Fellows ; All District IV clubs are Fellows
- Visited 7 out of 10 clubs either in person or by Zoom and also talked about Fellowship at our local Rotary club meeting.
- **2021 Conference Drawing Fellow** – Laura Middlemiss, SI/Humboldt Bay, 3rd level
- **District meeting raffle - \$3030 – named 3 Fellows.**
 - o Wilma Madden – SI/Crescent City, 1st level Fellow
 - o Christa Jones – SI/Eureka , 1st level Fellow
 - o Sue Galliani – SI/Humboldt Bay, 4th level Fellow
- o 2 monthly giving signups
- **Total club fellows - \$3000**
 - o SI/Arcata, Meredith Raymond, 1st level Fellow
 - o SI/Humboldt Bay, Laura Middlemiss, 4th level Fellow
 - o SI/Noyo Sunrise, Stephanie Graves, 2nd level Fellow
- **Completed Club Fellows: \$2000**

- o SI/Redwoods – Vonne Thomas, 1st level Fellow
- o SI/Fort Bragg – Lorraine Murphy, 2nd level Fellow
- o SI/Eureka – Hannah Winans, 1st level Fellow
- o SI/Eel River Valley - Diane Garrison, 1st level Fellow
- **Individual Giving Fellows: \$1000**
 - o Debbie Thompson – SI/Eureka, 5th level Fellow
- **2 monthly giving Fellow - \$2000.00**
 - o Mary Wallaker – SI/Humboldt Bay, 2nd level Fellow
 - o Crystal Arbuthnot – SI/The Redwoods, 3rd level Fellow
- **Fun Run Challenge-2021 Fellow**
 - o SI/Redwoods – Katherine Anderson, 1st level Fellow
- **Dorothy Sarnes Memorial Donations - \$125.00**
- **Fun Run Sponsors - \$1250.00 (5 @ \$250)**
- **Other Monthly giving donations - \$1690.00 & we currently have 4 members participating in monthly giving.**

Total money raised \$14,095.00

This has been an awesome 4 years and I will miss my time visiting clubs and making new friends. You have welcomed me and helped build my confidence of public speaking. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. District 4 YOU GALS ROCK!

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**FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP
DISTRICT V FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

DISTRICT: V

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR: Denise Ridge

REPORTING PERIOD: July 1, 2021 – April 29, 2022

DATE OF THIS REPORT: April 30, 2022

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Number of Clubs in District V: Eight clubs, 4 in the State of Hawaii, 2 in the U.S.

Territory of Guam, 1 in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and 1 in the Republic of Palau. Six clubs are Fellows. In addition to these eight, a new club, SI North Oahu, was chartered on April 28, 2022.

Number of Fellows in District V: 127

Number of Monthly Giving Participants: Three

Funds Raised by District V during Fundraisers: \$4,600

Funds Raised naming New Fellows or Leveling up: \$7,300

New or Leveling up Fellows

Deb Zedalis SI Central Oahu 2nd Level Fellow—Conference Raffle winner

Barbara Yamashita SI Waikiki Foundation, Inc. 1st Level Fellow—Conference Silent Auction Raffle winner

Lisa Broulik SI Honolulu 1st Level Fellow (monthly giving)

Julie Takushi SI Honolulu Club Fellow 1st Level Fellow

Maile Kanemaru SI Central Oahu 2nd Level Fellow—Guam District Meeting raffle winner

Sue Bias SI Waikiki Foundation, Inc. 2nd Level Fellow—Guam District Meeting raffle winner

Wayne Santos SI the Marianas 2nd Level Fellow—Personal Donation

Denise Ridge SI Waikiki Foundation Club Fellow—5th Level Fellow

Carolyn Johnson SI Maui Club Fellow 1st Level Fellow

Jun Look SI Waikiki Foundation Club Fellow 1st Level Fellow

Ann Roth SI Guam 1st Level Fellow—Personal Donation

Andrea Birmingham SI Maui Club Fellow—2nd Level Fellow

Traci Giordano Silva SI Maui Club Fellow—2nd Level Fellow

Michiyo Tomioka SI Waikiki Foundation Club Fellow—1st Level Fellow

What I Love About being the District V Fellowship Director: I love having the opportunity to attend Zoom Meetings and a few in person meetings throughout District V to honor Fellows and inform members about Fellowship and about opportunities to

contribute to the amazing women who are awarded the Fellowships. I enjoyed reading the interviews of the applicants and interviewing many of them. I enjoyed meeting the Fellowship Board in person at Conference and seeing their smiling faces and sparkling eyes!

Mahalo to our District V Clubs for your support of Fellowship during these two years where the members could seldom meet in person. Your burdens were great, but you still thought of the Fellowship Awardees and their pandemic-related challenges and donated generously. Si Yu'us Ma'ase. Ke kmal mesaul!

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