

**SI PRESIDENT**  
Siew Yong Gnanalingam

**SI PRESIDENT ELECT**  
Renata Trottman

**SI TREASURER**  
Wendy Logan

**SI DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY**  
Leigh Ellwood Brown

**GLOBAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Deborah Thomas



**To:**

Sue Riney, President of Soroptimist International of the Americas  
Mary Muia, President of Soroptimist International of Africa  
Hafdis Karlsdottir, President of Soroptimist International of Europe  
Ruth Healey, President of Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland  
Joanne Yeoh, President of Soroptimist International of South East Asia Pacific

**CC:** All Federation Headquarters; SI 2026 Board, SI Procedural Consultant 2024 - 2025

14 October 2025

**Dear Federation Presidents,**

Further to the discussion session held in Kuala Lumpur in May to review proposals for restructuring the SI Board and its Committees, amendments to the SI Bye-Laws to enable these changes were approved at the Board Meeting held on 10 October inst. As you are aware these changes include Federation Representation on five SI Committees as detailed from page 2 onwards.

Recruitment and appointment of these roles is entirely under the control of each Federation, but SI kindly asks that recruitment is guided by the list of skills and experience detailed in each Committee description (see document titled About SI Committees 2026) Please note that each appointment will commence on 01 January 2026 and end on 31 December 2027.

As 2026 is the first year of implementation for the new structure, we ask that you please submit your Committee Member selection by 15 December 2025 to SI Executive Assistant Caroline, [admin@soroptimistinternational.org](mailto:admin@soroptimistinternational.org) please do let her know if your Federation is not able to meet this date.

For each Federation appointed Committee member we will require:

1. Name
2. Email address (this **must** be a Federation email account, **not** a personal email)
3. City and country of residence (for timing of online meetings)
4. Confirmation that they are a member in good standing
5. A short biography, no more than 150 words
6. Portrait style photograph, head and shoulders only (may be used for SI publicity purposes including on SI website)

If you require further clarification regarding these SI Committee appointments, please do not hesitate to reach out. On behalf of Soroptimist International I sincerely thank all Federations



for your continued support of our work, we look forward to working with you and your Representatives in our new inclusive structure.

Yours sincerely

*Deborah A Thomas.*

Deborah Thomas  
SI Global Executive Director