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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: Federation Headquarters; SI Board; SI Procedural Consultant 2024-25 & 2026-27

20 October 2025

Dear Federation Presidents,

Re: Nominations Requested for Position of Soroptimist International President 2028-2029

At the Soroptimist International Board Meeting held on 10 October 2025 we received notification from Soroptimist International of Africa Federation that they would not nominate a candidate for Soroptimist International President 2028-2029.

Therefore, the rotation system previously used to elect the Soroptimist International (SI) President will no longer be used. Instead nominations will be open for candidates from all Federations, except Soroptimist International of Europe as Renata Trottman will be the SI President 2026-2027.

The relevant SI Bye-Laws were agreed at the 10 October 2025 Board Meeting detailing the requirements, process and timeline that need to be followed for the election of the SI President 2028-2029 / SI President Elect [Term of office 1 July 2026 – 31 December 2027]. The dates shown in clauses 8.4.1.5 and 8.4.1.7 apply only in this instance and will revert to 1 September for receipt of applications, and 31 December for ratification by Authorised Representatives in an odd numbered year in the future.

From the SI Bye-Laws:

8.4.1. SI President

- 8.4.1.1 No Federation will be allowed to have two consecutive SI Presidents.
- 8.4.1.2 The SI President commencing her term of office from 01 January 2028, and all future SI Presidents, will be selected from candidates whose nomination must be endorsed by their Federation.
- 8.4.1.3 There may be more than one candidate from a Federation.



8.4.1.4 Candidates must have served as a Federation Voting Board Member or as an SI Director in the ten years preceding the date of taking office as President-Elect.

8.4.1.5 Nominations should be received by 1 February 2026.

8.4.1.6 The selection panel will consist of the President, IPP and three Directors who would represent the other Federations.

8.4.1.7 The selection process will be the responsibility of the SI Board with ratification of the successful candidate by the Authorised Representatives by ballot prior to 28 April 2026.

8.4.1.8 If ratification does not occur as a result of this ballot the SI Board will revisit the remaining candidates and refollow the process.

8.4.1.9 The position of SI President for each biennium shall be decided prior to or at the SI AGM of each even numbered year.

The Roles and Responsibilities of the SI President and the SI President-Elect were also agreed at this Board Meeting. These along with some background information about Soroptimist International and the planned timetable for recruitment, are included in the attached Recruitment Pack which we have produced to ensure parity across all member Federations in this recruitment process.

A Nomination Form is also attached, this should be completed for each candidate and sent to me at deborah.thomas@soroptimistinternational.org along with candidates CV's and accompanying letter.

If you require clarification on any aspect of this process please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Deborah A Thomas

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SI Global Executive Director