



# 2018 International Board Nomination Packet

International officer elections for the position of one president-elect/treasurer's and three vice presidents will be held at Convention 2018 in Washington DC. There will be no voting for international officers at convention.

**All voting ballots must be mailed to the international office postmarked no later than June 1, 2018.**

All answers submitted by candidate are as is with no changes by Quota International Staff.

If you have any additional questions please contact [staff@quota.org](mailto:staff@quota.org) or 202-331-9694.

## Article VIII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

### Section 1. Nominations

- A. Any club may nominate only one of its members who meet the eligibility requirements for any international office.
- B. Notice of nomination for all officers is to be made on official forms provided for this purpose and sent to the executive director, postmarked no later than the date established by the board of directors and circulated to all clubs and regions.
- C. In the event there are no nominations for any given office, a special committee shall be appointed by the president of Quota International within fifteen days after the closing date of nominations to act as a nominating committee for that office.
- D. There shall be no nominations from the floor for international office.

### Section 2. Elections

- A. Elections of international officers shall take place at convention.
- B. All elections for international officers shall be by electronic written ballot or written ballot.
- C. A preferential voting system will be used.
- D. When there is only one nominee for an International office the candidate shall be declared elected.
- E. To participate in elections, a club or region must be in good standing.

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## Nominees for International President-elect/Treasurer.....



**VP Carol M. Patin, MD**  
Nominated by  
Quota International of  
Baton Rouge  
Louisiana, Unites States

**What range of skills and experience have you brought to your Quota Club to assist them in succeeding in an area of focus outlined in Quota Internationals Strategic Plan?** As a physician, the ability to 'diagnose' and formulate a working plan is imperative to the successful treatment of any patient. Such is true for the wellbeing of Quota International. Those abilities have allowed me to update and expand our membership manual and bring 20 new members to our club, unify 3 very different districts to one very strong region by developing the 100 Big Ideas for Quota booklet and share the positive organizational skills learned from 25 years of running a successful business to help promote local, national and international business compliance which strengthens our business acumen. (CP)

**What have you learned about the Regional Meetings or Convention that has helped you and your club?** Updates given at convention from clubs around the world have taught me what our organization actually does-serve children. After realizing this fact, our club was able to broaden the use of projects like Buckets of Love. The 2017 regional meetings particularly impressed upon all of us the need for having members at all ages. The strengths and differences between all age groups serve to bolster the overall fortitude of Quota. Impressive also, was the change in focus to overall outcomes of our many service projects, not individual members. This allows us to focus on "why" we do what we do. (CP)

**What goals have you accomplished through your Quota membership – personal or professional?** Membership in Quota has afforded me the enhanced ability to see need in a different light. Professionally, I 'give' by helping people through difficult health issues. Most people see this as the ultimate in giving however, I have learned that the needs of people extend beyond health and wellness. Daily simplicities like physical interaction, emotional support and networking for the disadvantaged are equally as important as providing supplies and other financial support. It is at this level that my personal giving has been amplified. (CP)

**In terms of the future of Quota, what are you most excited about?** I am most excited about our concentration on the outcomes of the diligent work we do. This focus, I believe is the great equalizer between our clubs. I am also excited about the direct efforts to get additional types of donations to provide more to those we serve in communities around the world. Corporate participation and donations will enhance not only the amount but also the types of support we are able to give in every community. Solidifying our purpose and shoring up finances will reinforce our ability to promote our mission as we continue to Aspire to Inspire. (CP)



**LuAnne Bonanno**  
Nominated by  
Quota International of  
Lawrence  
Mass., United States

**What range of skills and experience have you brought to your Quota Club to assist them in succeeding in an area of focus outlined in Quota Internationals Strategic Plan?**

My ability to "think outside the box" has helped me help my club and region develop the "Buckets of Love" program. They now think like me, and strive to make every project fit into that category. I used my Journalism degree to promote our club, looking for photo opportunities everywhere, encouraging club members to take and post pictures as often as possible. My "take the check, not send the check" philosophy has increased our profile in our community. Schools and other organizations are starting to contact us when they have an issue or need something we can help with. (LB)

**What have you learned at the Regional Meetings or Convention that has helped you and/or your club?** As I've travelled to different Regions, I've learned how much Quotarians care about their neighbors and communities. Listening to Club Presidents talk about the wonderful service projects and fundraisers they do has given me many ideas that I've passed on to my club. This has helped us expand our giving profile in our community. The conventions I've attended have given me a new respect for how truly global we are and the difference we are making in our world. My club has begun to realize the global impact, and is working to help Quota do the great work it does. (LB)

**What goals have you accomplished through your Quota membership - personal or professional?** My experience with Quota, and being on the International Board for the past two years, has helped me grow as a person. I am more confident in myself, and in my decision making. I am no longer afraid to speak up when i see an injustice, or something i don't fully understand, and will ask questions and seek out more information until i am satisfied with the answer. I've learned to ask the right questions, admit when i don't know the answers, and do my best to find the right answers to questions i am asked. (LB)

**In terms of the future of Quota, what are you most excited about?** I'm excited about the new programs being introduced-they will help us bring Quota into the lime light and give us the recognition we deserve! I'm excited about the growth potential i see-as we get out into our communities with our service projects, people will begin to know who we are and what we do and they will be eager to join us! I'm excited to be part of Quota's future-helping us to become a leading advocate of ensuring child development, aiding. (LB)

# Nominees for International President-elect/Treasurer Cont.



**VP Shelly Brown**

*Nominated by  
Quota International of  
Gold Coast  
Queensland, Australia*

***What range of skills and experience have you brought to your Quota Club to assist them in succeeding in an area of focus outlined in Quota Internationals Strategic Plan?*** My organisational and communications skills have enabled me to assist my Club to see how our functions and contribution to the local community are aligned with the strategic plan of Quota International of ensuring child development and empowering women. Through encouraging the use of new technology, my Club has been able to raise our profile through social media. (SB)

***What have you learned at the Regional Meetings or Convention that has helped you and/or your club?*** One lesson I've learned is that all messages need to be very specific. Clarity in communication avoids misunderstanding. Implementing change is difficult and members first need to see "the big picture" and then to succeed we need to build on a series of small changes at Club level as we transform our Clubs into the Quota of tomorrow. (SB)

***What goals have you accomplished through your Quota membership – personal or professional?*** As a service club member my goal has been to "make a difference". I believe have done this both at Club level and also at International level. Through holding various Club positions, I have played a leadership role ensuring our hard work benefits those with real needs. As a member of this QI Board, we have worked together to identify our strengths and weaknesses, to implement strategies to protect our future and to improve communications. We have worked to enhance the roles of Regional Directors and IVP's and provided opportunities for development. All of which "make a difference". (SB)

***In terms of the future of Quota, what are you most excited about?*** As part of ensuring the future of Quota I see the development and implementation of Signature Projects as a strategic and exciting initiative. These Signature Projects will act as a catalyst to unite Clubs on an international level, gain recognition for Quota and lift our public profile which in turn will assist Clubs to gain new members. (SB)



# Nominees for International Vice President.....



**RD Brenda Cherry**  
Nominated by  
Quota International of  
Wooster  
Ohio, United States

***What range of skills and experience have you brought to your Quota Club to assist them in succeeding in an area of focus outlined in Quota Internationals Strategic Plan?***

My experience in leadership positions in the Quota organization as well as my business and personal life is one of my strongest qualities that I would bring to Quota International. My employment over the past 15 years for a local school district ensures my commitment to child development and growth. I am also a small business owner. My experiences with finances, fundraising, and accountability are necessary skills to run a successful business. This is why I feel that my leadership and skills would be an asset to Quota International. (BC)

***What have you learned about the Regional Meetings or Convention that has helped you and your club?*** The resources and training at the Regional level and at the International level have been priceless in opening my mind to a better understanding of service. These meetings have taught how to accomplish the goals of Quota International and local club goals. The knowledge that all clubs in each country bring a diverse area of service based on need in that country/location. These meetings truly show each member and Club the power they have to be successful in service. (BC)

***What goals have you accomplished through your Quota membership – personal or professional?*** Since joining Quota in 1996, it has been a journey that is hard to put into words. I am a member that took each step in the path of Quota to understand the true value of service and the impact caring has on a community. So my path led me from membership, to a board position, then to a two year term as club president, then on to my current position as Region 2 Director. My accomplishments include starting a new club in West Salem in 2002 and another new club in Medina in 2017. Being a support system for the Region, starting new clubs, friendships make me who I am. I like to say that "Quota complete me"! (BC)

***In terms of the future of Quota, what are you most excited about?*** What excites me the most about the future of Quota is growth and service projects. Spreading the word of "Quota" and the excitement of what we do in each community is something to be proud of. Knowing that Quota impacts the world is what inspires me to pursue a position on the International Board. It would be a true honor to be considered for the International Position. (BC)



**RD Elinor Adler**  
Nominated by  
Quota International of  
Plantation  
Florida, United States

***What range of skills and experience have you brought to your Quota Club to assist them in succeeding in an area of focus outlined in Quota Internationals Strategic Plan?***

As Regional Director for the past two years, I have opened and prioritized the lines of communication with every Club. When communication is clear and understanding is universal, members feel motivated and inspired to meet the common goals. Crucial to the success of Quota International's Strategic Plan is communicating the actual plan to the members and explaining the steps that must be taken to put the plan into action. As Regional Director, I have been able to link the individual clubs and members to their region, and then to Quota as a whole. (EA)

***What have you learned about the Regional Meetings or Convention that has helped you and your club?*** To build our resources, I have learned that sometimes it can be as simple as asking for what you want! We all know that sponsorship yields great marketing opportunities for Quota, and they can also result in savings for members. To keep the cost of Regional Conference as low as possible, I asked the City Convention Bureau and the hotel for sponsorships, and they responded: we received a sizable check from the bureau and a breakfast was sponsored by the hotel! (EA)

***What goals have you accomplished through your Quota membership – personal or professional?*** 1st Goal: Bringing growth to Club and Region -- New members who are invested in Quota's mission and who love service as much as I do, have provided renewed enthusiasm and exciting ideas to Quota Clubs throughout Region 8. 2nd Goal: Passing on organizational skills -- As RD, I developed and presented to all Club Presidents resource materials containing information about Quota International, the job descriptions/responsibilities for Club officers, and tips for maintaining two-way communication with members and all levels of Quota leadership. 3rd Goal: Making Quota enjoyable and having fun with my fellow Quotarians! (EA)

***In terms of the future of Quota, what are you most excited about?*** I am excited about developing a Mentorship Program made up of past leaders -- International Officers, District Governors, Area Directors, Regional Directors, and Club Officers -- who have a wealth of knowledge of Quota to provide training and resources that will foster a pool of new, confident Quota leaders and spur membership growth. I am excited to continue clear communication to ensure members understand and embrace Quota's signature projects. Finally, I am excited to continue to be a member of an organization that does so many wonderful things in our communities and around the world! (EA)

## Nominees for International Vice President Continued.....



**RD Jan Rhodes**

*Nominated by  
Quota International of  
Papakura  
Auckland, New Zealand*

**What range of skills and experience have you brought to your Quota Club to assist them in succeeding in an area of focus outlined in Quota Internationals Strategic Plan?** My background in teaching and organisational management has enabled me to help our Clubs to gain a clearer focus on how the projects they undertake in their communities fit the 'big picture' of Quota and has helped them to be more strategic about selecting their Signature Projects, such as Buckets of Love. Communicating and emphasising the value of giving a strong, consistent message of giving children and families 'Sound Beginnings' and reinforcing the value of Signature Projects as a means of clarifying goals, all come under the umbrella of 'unify programme focus and impact' in Quota International's Strategic Plan. (JR)

**What have you learned about the Regional Meetings or Convention that has helped you and your club?** The more I connect to the bigger world of Quota International by meeting other Quotarians at Regional Meetings or Convention, the more I have been able to create linkages with what we do within our Clubs to the global efforts of all Quotarians and expand our world view of Quota. Learning to measure the impact/count the numbers we serve is a very effective tool for highlighting the value of what we do as Quotarians. I recently prepared and analysed a Region-wide Club profile, which collated areas of service and fundraising and analysed these into categories This information is significant as it can be used to raise Quota's profile in our communities. (JR)

**What goals have you accomplished through your Quota membership – personal or professional?** During my 20 years of membership I have gained a great deal - from the lifelong friendships, being connected to my community and its needs and gaining confidence and skills from the roles I have undertaken. The most significant goal I have accomplished has been the role I had in being the co-coordinator of communications that led to the formation of our new Region 21. I feel I have created a culture of openness amongst our members that has been central to my theme of 'Caring-Communicating-Contributing'. I am now much more proficient with technology and have enjoyed producing newsletters for our Region. Facilitating Clubs through difficulties, with positive outcomes and renewed enthusiasm is something I am proud of. (JR)

**In terms of the future of Quota, what are you most excited about?** I am excited that we can head towards our next 100 years continuing to be very relevant as a powerful group of women giving valuable service and funding to the projects we support. I am excited to see all of the ongoing efforts to brand what we do in a way that strongly delivers our message of 'Sound Beginnings'. The recent initiatives of conference calls for Presidents and Regional Directors provides a wonderful platform for sharing ideas and I am excited about the tools we now have to greatly improve communication, between the Board, Regions and members. (JR)



**PRD Luz Marina Gonzalez**

*Nominated by  
Quota International of  
Aruba*

**What range of skills and experience have you brought to your Quota Club to assist them in succeeding in an area of focus outlined in Quota Internationals Strategic Plan?** Increase Media Exposure. Great effort has been taken in using more Social Media. Development on FaceBook of public Region 10 page and a private members page for Aruba Club. As advocate to promote reading for children at a young age I have accomplished a promotional sponsoring relationship with the local Public Library. Children's Book Festival is organized (in 2017: 25 years) yearly in November. The Quota logo is widely used on all promotional material and in the free children's book, written in Dutch and Papiamento, which can be obtained free when buying another children's book during the same week. (LMG)

**What have you learned about the Regional Meetings or Convention that has helped you and your club?** What helped the most is to develop the ability to recognize skills or interests of a member who is willing to be helpful in a committee. Working together with each member taking a task doing something they love to do, the committee will accomplish its goals most flawlessly and effortlessly. Working together is easier with clear tasks distribution and discription. And a member gets real recognition for her abilities and talents. Being a leader who is not bossy but works together with the members is a highly effective skill. This comes natural to me. (LMG)

**What goals have you accomplished through your Quota membership – personal or professional?** To be grateful for everything in life and accomplishments; this makes it much easier to share with peers and to be of service to the less fortunate. To be highly effective with little resources. To engage important community partners in order to achieve goals. To have effective meetings while attending to important business at hand and definitely not wasting valuable time of attendees. To recognize hidden talents, everyone can be a shining star. To work together with people you don't know, have never met before and still manage to have a common point of interest and achieve the proposed goal. (LMG)

**In terms of the future of Quota, what are you most excited about?** As Quota turns 100 years soon, it is exciting to be able to focus on a turn of a century. This brings its challenges in making Quota an organization of interest to younger generations as the Millennials. Growth in number of Clubs as well as of Members is essential for Quota's existence. A global branding and unified marketing may be highly effective in pursuing growth and bringing Quota's Mission to the masses. Lots of roads yet to travel. My bag is packed and I am ready to be part of Quota's exciting future. (LMG)