



The XXX BPW International Congress “BPW International: 90 years of Women’s Empowerment for Sustainable Development” Orlando, Florida, USA • 21-25 August 2020

2. CALL TO CONGRESS INFORMATION

As the BPW International Executive Secretary it is my pleasure to invite all BPW members to attend the XXX BPW International Congress to be held from **21-25 August 2020** at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Hotel in Orlando, Florida, USA, located at 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd. Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA. All members of Affiliate Federations and Clubs, and all Individual Members from over 100 countries are invited to join us for our 30th International Congress of Business and Professional Women and women leaders worldwide.

Online Congress registration will officially open on **10 February 2020**. All the information regarding congress will be available at the Orlando Congress website: OrlandoCongress.bpw-international.org.

Information regarding Delegates and Voting

The General Assembly at the 2020 Congress will operate according to the 2017 Constitution, Regulations and with the Procedure Manual.

The Constitution, Regulations and Procedure Manual calls for Affiliates to appoint delegates to represent them at the General Assembly. Federations are entitled to a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 15 voting delegates in proportion to their membership, with an equal number of alternates (Regulation R11.2).

The number of voting delegates is:

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| - 500 or fewer members | 3 |
| - 501 to 1.000 members | 4 |
| - 1,001 to 2,000 members | 5 |
| - 2,001 to 3,000 members | 6 |

And 1 additional delegate vote for every extra 1 to 3,000 members to a maximum of 15 delegates.

Each country in which there is one or more Affiliate Club is entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate delegate (Regulation R11.3).

Individual Affiliate Members may attend the General Assembly but do not have a vote and are not eligible for election.

Members who are not designated as delegates for their Affiliate may volunteer for one of the other important roles and duties that support the Congress and General Assembly, or simply attend as observers.

Delegates must be prepared to attend the daily General Assembly sessions where BPW International business and voting is conducted. Affiliates will need to notify BPW International of their delegates by **20 June 2020**. Each delegate and her Affiliate must be a financial member of BPW International – this means that the dues must be paid in full, including any penalties – for her to receive member benefits, to nominate or stand for positions, and to vote at the General Assembly.





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On 20 April 2020, you will receive the list of candidates for positions on the Executive. You will also receive the resolutions and any amendments to the Constitution, Regulations and Procedure Manual being proposed for debate and adoption. This information will also be posted on **OrlandoCongress.bpw-international.org** website on **20 April 2020** so that all BPW members will have access to the information.

You will need to consider these documents carefully, confer with your members and other delegates, and come to the International Board Meetings and General Assembly informed and prepared to listen, participate in debates, and cast your vote on behalf of your Affiliate.

Looking forward to meeting you all in Orlando, Florida. I know it will be a productive and stimulating Congress.

With my best regards,

Bessie R. Hironimus
 Executive Secretary 2017-2020
 BPW International
 Oroville, California - USA

The Preliminary Program of the XXX BPW International Congress

PRE-CONGRESS		
20 August 2020	Executive Board meeting	For executive board members only.
CONGRESS		
21 August 2020		
Morning	(Parallel sessions)	
	Africa Regional Meeting	For delegates and observers
	Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting	
	Europe Regional Meeting	
	Latin America Regional Meeting	
	North America Regional Meeting	
Early Afternoon	(Parallel session)	
	Workshop on Resolutions	Affiliates are required to ensure they have at least one delegate attending each of these meetings
	Workshop on Amendments to Constitution, Regulations and Procedure Manual	





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Late Afternoon	Pre-General Assembly International Board Meeting	For BPW International Board of Directors
Evening	Opening Ceremony Evening	Congress participants & Guests
22-24 August 2020		
	Plenary, Panel Sessions, Workshops	For Congress participants
	General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports • Resolution sessions • Constitution Amendment sessions • Speech of Candidates for International Presidents etc.	For BPW accredited Delegates and Observers
25 August 2020		
Morning & Afternoon	General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Executive 2020-2023 • Triennium Budget 2020-2023 • Other matters 	For BPW accredited Delegates and Observers
Late Afternoon	Post-General Assembly International Board Meeting	For BPW International Board

EVENING SOCIAL EVENTS		
21 August 2020	Opening Ceremony and Award Ceremony	Congress participants & Guests
	President’s Reception	
23 August 2020	90 th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony	Congress participants & Guests
24 August 2020	Livia Ricci’s Friends and Fellow Dinner	BPW Friends and Fellows
	Young BPW Girls Night Out	Young BPW members
25 August 2020	Farewell Party	Congress participants





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POST-CONGRESS		
26 August 2020	Handover Meeting	BPW Executives of 2017-2020 and 2020-2023 trienniums
	2020-2023 International Executive Meeting	BPW Executives of 2020-2023

The above is a preliminary Congress Program as of 16 Dec 2019. More up-to-date detail version of the XXX BPW International Congress Program will be available for download in year 2020 from website: OrlandoCongress.bpw-international.org/index.php/congress/congress-program

