

Candidates for ZIWA Executive Board

President: Liz Davies



My name is Liz Davies. I have been a ZIWA Member for 5 years and in that time I've served as Membership Secretary for almost 3 years and as Director on the Board for 2 years. Originally from the UK - which I left as a newly married bride – I have spent an exciting 30+ years living and experiencing different cultures in Oman, Saudi Arabia, USA, Poland, Austria, Australia and now finally in Switzerland, traveling with my husband and son.

My son is now a young man living and working in London and Richard and myself have made Switzerland our home. I would label myself an avid volunteer, which has served me well when moving from country to country. At one time or another I have been on school PTO/PTA committees, Treasurer of a ladies golf club and Membership Secretary and Board Member in Sydney, Australia. I have moved so often I know how important International Women's groups have been to me and especially for newly arrived members. ZIWA is truly a melting pot of countries and cultures, each member contributing unknowingly to that pot.

I am an active member in many groups, Hiking, Book Groups, Mahjong, Museums and Galleries., Photography. I recently started the Virtual Book group.

I am happy to nominate myself for the position of President for the year 21/22.

Treasurer: Amy Yarbrough



Hi ZIWA ladies, some of you already know me, but for those who do not, I was the treasurer a year or so ago. I am currently in Atlanta, Georgia, in the U.S. it is very hilly with lots of national forests which I was unaware of until I moved here. I enjoy taking long walks/hikes with our dog. My parents and children live within driving distance, so I try to visit them as much as possible. I have spent many years in the following positions, bookkeeping, accounting, and secretarial jobs, both paid and as a volunteer. You might wonder how it is possible for me to be ZIWA's Treasurer while living in the US? All my duties come from the internet and emails, and with Covid, all our board meetings are held using Zoom. I would be thrilled to work with our ZIWA board, I truly feel ZIWA is a wonderful association.

Secretary: Georgina Malone



Currently I am the Communications Director on the Executive Board, chairperson of the badminton group and co-chair of the Goldcoast book club. It would be great to move to a new position to support the Executive Board as Secretary and continue the great work the Board do for us all.

Director of Events: Katrin Gygax



I was born in Zurich, grew up in North America (mostly Vancouver) and have been back in Zurich since 1992. I run my own translation and copywriting agency and am currently working on my second published project, a children's book with stories about Zurich. To relax, I love reading and cycling around the country. A ZIWA member since 2011, I started right in as the IG chairperson of Off the Wall, for which I had a great time organizing all kinds of events all over Switzerland until last summer. I also filled in as temporary IG Director for three months a few years back, was an assistant to a former Events Director and have been writing the newsletter for the last two years. I would love to gather us all together again as Events Director!

Director Interest Groups: Lisa Bond



Originally from the United States, I've been living in Switzerland for almost eight years now and consider it my home with no plans to leave. I've been a member of ZIWA for almost as long. In that time, I've been an active member of many interest groups as a participant, Chairlady and even founder. I've served as Facebook Coordinator and Editor of the *ZIWA News*. I'm currently the lead for our Cancer Support Group and English Around the World Day Camp. I've worked with and enjoyed activities side by side with many of you, and it's been a wonderful experience. I think my desire to keep looking for new challenges comes from my past experience as a teacher – I have a lifelong love of learning new things. The next step would be to offer my time as a member of the Executive Board. I'm looking forward to serving as Director of Interest Groups and welcome all of your ideas.

Director Communications: Ramya Nair



My name is Ramya Nair and I'm originally from India. I lived in London for 10 years before moving to Zurich just prior to the lockdown restrictions coming into force in March 2020. I joined ZIWA in September last year. I am a Human Rights Activist for Amnesty International, Zurich.

Director: Aude Even



Born and raised outside of Paris, I lived my first international adventure when I decided to spend a year in an American high school as an exchange student. It was an incredible experience that gave me the travel bug and I am still in touch with my host family in Michigan.

I enjoy adrenaline, teamwork, and the feeling of contributing to a cause I believe in. During “normal” times I work as an Event Manager at an Educational Travel company. I relocated to Switzerland 5 years ago to join our European Headquarters in lovely Luzern.

I now live alone in Zurich and have enjoyed connecting with international women, trying new things, and discovering other perspectives through ZIWA. I am pleased to dedicate some of my extra time to the association and I am looking forward to supporting groups related to members' care and community projects.

In the winter you will find me on the slopes or baking cakes. In the summer more chances of seeing me reading by the lake or enjoying outside yoga!