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Bessie HIRONIMUS, Candidate for Executive Secretary, BPW International

Last name and first name	HIRONIMUS Bessie
Member of	BPW Sacramento, USA
Nominated by	Sandra Thompson, President BPW USA
Consent of own Affiliate	
BPW Offices held	<p>Local Club: Past President: Oroville, John Sutter and Sacramento BPW Clubs From: 1974 to 2019</p> <p>District: Past President, Executive & Board Member – Many Chairmanships Currently serving as District Vice President From 1980 to 2017</p> <p>State: Past State President, Executive and Board Member, Many Chairmanships Currently serving as Membership Chair From 1983 to 2017</p> <p>Federation: BPW/USA: National Board Member, Membership Committee, Membership Diversification Committee Chair, Certified Individual Development Trainer, Delegate to National Convention, and Women’s Agenda Conference, Presenter at National Lobby Days in Washington DC and attended 3 briefings at the White House Representing the National Federation From 1988 - 1991</p> <p>EPW-USA: National President 3 years, organized the new National Federation, drafted constitutional documents, chartered and chaired it as its first elected President. 5 year Board of Directors. From 2009 to 2012</p> <p>Region: As the EPW-USA president, hosted Regional Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada – USA. From 2010 Coordinator, North America & the Caribbean Region From 2011 to 2017</p>





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	<p>International: Page and Hostess Committees, Members’ Interpreter at Congress From 1983 BPW/USA delegate, Translator, pre and post-Congress Board of Directors Meeting, Translation and Interpretation to the members during Congress From 1989 Chairman, Translations Committee From 1989 to 1991 International Board Member From 2009 to 2020 Member, Executive and International Board From 2011 to 2020</p>
<p>Positions in other Voluntary Organizations</p>	<p>California County Boards of Education, Board member, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Vice President, President Elect (Government elected official) From 1985 to 2010 California School Boards Assoc., Board Member, Legislative and Nomination Committees, Elected member of Delegate Assembly From 1985 to 2010 National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) Member of the Child Obesity Study Committee, California State Board member From 1988 to 2010 AIP, American Institute of Parliamentarians, Sacramento President, Charter member, several Committees From 1998 to 2020 Butte County: Chair, Child Care Committee, Coordinating Committee for the Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Prevention Education Program, Chaired Committees on School Districts Organization, Affirmative Action, School District Accreditation, and others Oroville Dollars For Scholars Foundation Organizer, Founder and Charter President St Thomas School Chaired Strategic Planning Committee, Advisory Board, Finance Committee Lake Oroville Yacht Club Board Member, several Committees, first female Commodore Misc. memberships: Soroptimist International, International Lions Club, League of Women Voters, California Elected Women for Education and Research (CEWAER), Women, Family and Work Coalition, Oroville Chamber of Commerce, White House Working Families Task Force</p>
<p>Related Experience / Qualifications (e.g. CV, resume)</p>	<p>I present my candidacy for BPW International Executive Secretary based on my proven track record not only with BPW but with all the organizations I have worked with. I joined as a Young BPW and since then I have been an involved and contributing member at Club, District, State, National, Region and International levels, often holding several offices concurrently at different levels. I have gained experience as CEO and Executive Officer of several organizations and been an elected government official for 26 years. I was responsible for a budget of US\$85 million and over 800 employees. This has given me the leadership and administrative background necessary to fully perform my duties on the BPW International Executive.</p>





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	<p>I have strong management and leadership experience from my service in several other organizations. This includes two Task Forces with the White House, a national association of elected officials, board member of California School Boards Association with 1,000 school districts and 5,000 governing board members, BPW appointed and elected positions for over 4 decades.</p> <p>The position:</p> <p>I have a comprehensive knowledge of the constitutional and procedural matters which ensures my ability to advise and support the Affiliates, work with the Constitutional Advisory Committee, and support the President, Executive and International Board in an efficient manner. I approach my work with professionalism, energy and enthusiasm. I possess the skills and qualifications crucial to the job of Executive Secretary. My demonstrated integrity and high ethical standards, confidentiality and dedication during my service to BPW allow me to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Critical knowledge and expertise pertaining to the position. I have worked during with the International Executive as an active member, Coordinator, Executive Secretary, Parliamentarian, and cooperated closely with past International Executive Secretaries for 6 years * Vast knowledge of the BPW Governance, Parliamentary Law and Procedures, plus the administrative and managerial skills necessary for a constructive partnership with the Affiliates. * Provide expert advice to the Executive and Affiliates on constitutional and procedural manners, review and approval of new Affiliates governance documents. * Direct resource to the Executive members, the Regions, Affiliates and International Board, assuring that the proper procedures and effective governance are always met in a transparent and professional manner. <p>I have the qualifications necessary to fulfill the duties of BPW International Executive Secretary. I bring strategic vision, focus, commitment, integrity and responsibility. I am fully dedicated to BPW, its work, vision and mission.</p>
<p>Statement by Candidate (Maximum 500 words)</p>	<p>The position of the Executive Secretary is a very important one as she is charged with ensuring the compliance of the Organization’s constitutional and procedural matters in addition to the required secretarial duties and being a member of the International Executive.</p> <p>The Executive Secretary requires extensive knowledge of the BPW International Constitution, Regulations and governance. As an expert in Parliamentary Law I have full knowledge of the constitutional and procedural matters which, added to my proven experience of working with the BPW executive, other civil societies, government and business, form a solid base to perform the duties of BPW Executive Secretary.</p> <p>BPW is an important part of my life and of my family as well. A second generation BPW member, I join 8 other family members who have been or are current BPW members. I have been an involved and contributing member since I joined as a Young BPW. I am an experienced business woman and</p>





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	<p>elected government official with national and international experience. My dedication to BPW is as strong as my commitment to work in a proactive atmosphere, ensuring that the members get the services and attention they deserve in an ethical, fair and professional manner.</p> <p>It will be an honor to keep serving this great Organization and its members with enthusiasm, transparency and commitment.</p> <p>Actions speak louder than words.</p>
<p>A written Supporting statement (Maximum 200 words) by nominating affiliate</p>	<p>Business and Professional Women of the United States of America (BPW USA) is proud to nominate Bessie R Hironimus to BPW International for the position as Executive Secretary.</p> <p>Bessie Hironimus is well known to BPW USA. During years of dedication and service on all levels, Bessie has shown her passion through her dedicated commitment to our USA Federation and BPW International.</p> <p>Bessie has deep knowledge and a firm grasp of protocol, governance and parliamentary procedures. Her work in the founding governance of our USA organization is outstanding. While building the organization's membership as a whole in her role as BPW International Regional Coordinator of North America, her knowledge of the issues surrounding the needs of women within our region has been a great asset.</p> <p>BPW USA is delighted that Bessie is willing to continue serving our organization, and we are confident that Bessie will support and fulfill her required Executive Secretary mandate, with professionalism and excitement, while always working hard at maintaining the integrity and image of BPW. She will be a grand ambassador for our organization on the International platform.</p> <p>It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we nominate Bessie R Hironimus for BPW International Executive Secretary.</p> <p><i>Sandra LThompon, President BPW USA</i></p>

