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Stella Andrea KAMMITSI, Candidate for Chair of Standing Committee on Legislation
BPW International

Last name and first name	KAMMITSI, Stella Andrea
Member of	BPW Nicosia, BPW Cyprus
Nominated by	Mary Papadopoulou, President BPW Cyprus
Consent of own Affiliate	Nominated by her own Affiliate
BPW Offices held	Local Club: BPW Nicosia – Member of the Executive Committee From 2008 to 2015 Federation: BPW Cyprus – President of the Committee on Legal Affairs From 2015 to date
Positions in other Voluntary Organizations	President of the Cyprus Federation of Parents Association of Private High Schools (3 years). President of Cyprus Women’s Lobby (1 year)
Related Experience / Qualifications (e.g. CV, resume)	<p>Stella Kammitisi is a qualified lawyer, member of the Cyprus Bar Association since 1992. She has her own law firm and she is also the Managing Director of a corporate fiduciary service provider company, Raza Corporate Services Ltd, and of a multi-family office in Cyprus, Carre Trust (Cyprus) Ltd. Her main area of expertise is Cyprus and international corporate, commercial, banking and trust law. She has been for many years the legal adviser of an international banking unit in Cyprus and other international companies. She was also the Head of the International Corporate Department of Chryssafinis and Polyviou LLC (the oldest and one of the largest firms in Cyprus) for 13 years where she has started her career in 1992 by initially being extensively involved in the Litigation Department.</p> <p>She is a member to the boards of various companies and associations including, inter alia, the board of STEP Cyprus (where she has been the Secretary for six years and currently she is the Deputy Chairwoman) and the board of BPW Cyprus, of which she is the President of the Legal Affairs. She has also been for one year the President of the Cyprus Women Lobby. Furthermore in July 2016 she has been appointed by the Cyprus Council of</p>





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	<p>Minister as Vice-Chairwoman of the Housing Finance Corporation (“HFC”) and in January 2019 she has been appointed as Chairwoman of HFC, a position which she is currently holding.</p> <p>During the term that she has been the President of Legal Affairs of BPW Cyprus she has worked extensively in amending the Constitution of BPW Cyprus as well as of all the local Cyprus BPWs in order to bring them fully in line with the provisions of the BPW International Constitution and in light also of changes introduced in the local legislation regarding clubs and associations. She has presented the proposed changes to all the members of BPW Cyprus at AGMs held and with their approval has registered the new Constitutions.</p>
<p>Statement by Candidate (Maximum 500 words)</p>	<p>My Motivation</p> <p>Being an advocate and legal advisor of international practice for almost 27 years I have gained the experience and knowledge of the laws and regulations of various jurisdictions, including of the EU, and of the different legislative cultures. My extensive involvement in various Boards of Directors has enhanced my ability in the decision making process and developed my skills in being pragmatic along with complying with corporate governance rules and internal procedures. My strong belief in working as a team, has always helped me to get the support, knowledge and experience of all members of the boards which I chaired, thus attributing their best to the decision making process. Furthermore the experience gained over the last two decades acting as Chairwoman of Conferences or of Associations, has enabled me to make presentations to the highest levels of officials, to face challenges during negotiations and to debate strongly where I consider that the right message needs to be passed.</p> <p>On numerous occasions over the years, I have been actively involved with lobbying with political parties in Cyprus and interacting with the Cyprus Parliament in amending existing local legislation and introducing new laws for various matters including having to review draft bills and producing proposals to the various Ministries and to Parliament itself.</p> <p>For the past 5 years I have been the President of the Committee of Legal Affairs of BPW Cyprus. In this capacity I have thoroughly reviewed the BPW International Constitution and Regulations, the European Guidelines and the Procedural Manual of BPW in order to ensure that BPW Cyprus and its Affiliates comply with all the relevant provisions. With the assistance and support of our President, Mrs Mary Papadopoulou, I have also proceeded with the required amendments of their Constitutions to ensure that these are in line with the BPW International Constitution and Regulations. I also served as the President of the Cyprus Women’s Lobby until December 2019.</p> <p>In the event of successful joining the Committee for Legislation my priority will be to focus on the main legislative concerns of BPW and its members and arrange meetings between members for exchanging concerns and ideas. My main characteristics are punctuality and a sense of responsibility. My main moto is that success lies where there is strong team work, common values, respect and hard work.</p>





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	<p>Action Plan</p> <p>My main action plan will be the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collect from all members in the different jurisdictions their major concerns as to where legislative changes are required. - Make a list of proposals and action plan regarding major legislative changes that need to take place at the national and international level to promote the interests of women. - Exchange information between the various countries on their major laws regarding equality and protection of women and use the best model scenarios of other countries. - Develop a strong collaboration and network among BPW representatives globally, to the extent possible, for regularly discussing and co-operating on legislative changes that will need to be made.
<p>A written Supporting statement (Maximum 200 words) by nominating affiliate</p>	<p>Regarding Stella Kammitisi’s nomination for the position of Chairperson of the Standing Committee for Legislation, BPW International, I can wholeheartedly endorse her nomination for several valid reasons.</p> <p>I believe Stella’s credentials allow her to bring constructive legal skills and experience to the table, while her personality makes her both a fully engaged team player as well as a group leader who leads by example.</p> <p>I would like to underline the following factors that make Stella a valuable asset on any international committee or board:</p> <p>Her expertise and familiarity with various jurisdictions and her extensive professional experience in an international environment allow her to instantly fit in and perform in a multicultural, multinational team one.</p> <p>She is comfortable dealing and negotiating with high level officials, from parliament to political parties and lobbies, and has a remarkable track record in preparing convincing presentations and persuasive arguments to effect change.</p> <p>Stella is also fully versed in the language and content of BPW International’s constitution. As the President of our Committee of Legal Affairs for the past five years, she has driven the necessary amendments to the constitution of BPW Cyprus and monitored our compliance.</p> <p>I fully support Stella’s nomination and wish her every success.</p> <p><i>Mary Papadopoulou, President BPW Cyprus</i></p>

