

Curriculum Vitae

Hafdís Karlsdóttir from Iceland. Married, two children and six grandchildren.

Education: After finishing a Cand.Oecon. degree in Business & Accounting at the University of Iceland 1974-1978, and having worked in finance and accounting for seven years, I went back to university to get a degree in Computer Science, this time at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle (USA). In addition to my business and accounting degree the computer science degree added a strong dimension to my career in management, finance and accounting as PC's were becoming a new way of working and it was important to ensure my competencies were up to date.

To expand my knowledge and get my master's degree in Accounting and Auditing it was back to school in 2004. I continue to follow classes in Management and Structure to build on my knowledge and be more effective in my work, both professionally and within Soroptimists.

Brief professional curriculum

My skills, strengths and attributes in finance, organising, managing and leadership, have given me the opportunity to work in executive positions in different fields for over thirty years. To name a few; at a Bank, Kodak in Iceland, KPMG in Iceland, and a business software development company. And since 2008 at the Icelandic Meteorological Office (IMO), as the Executive Director of Finance and Administration, where I manage 35 people in my division. I also held the role of Deputy Director General, and as the Acting Director General of IMO in 2015-2016 to cover a sabbatical leave.

As both the Deputy Director General and the Executive Director of Finance and Administration, I must make sure that IMO is in good standing with both international partners and the Icelandic Government. My division is responsible for finances, accounting, publishing, website development, media relations, accommodation and IT. One of my accomplishments on international level is negotiating and signing an agreement with the Danish Meteorological Institute on hosting and servicing their Supercomputer at IMO's premises in Iceland and now two other Met Offices, Ireland and the Netherlands, are joining our cooperation and move their Supercomputers to IMO's premises.

Additionally, I have for many years been a board director of both public and private companies, including the board of a Real estate investment company owned by a large bank, the board of a software company, on a supervisory committee for finances of all of Iceland's municipalities, and on the board of a savings & loans bank.

Soroptimist curriculum

At club level: Co-ordinator Human Rights & Status of Women, Finance Controller, Treasurer, Club President, Delegate. I am still a very active member and contribute to the club's activities.

At Union level: Audit committee, Finance Controller, 2002-04 President, 2005-07 Editor of the

Union bulletin 'Tidings', 2015-19 Chair of the Scholarship Committee. I have been a consultant to many Union Presidents and am always available when asked.

At Federation level: 2007-09 1st Vice President, 2009-13 Finance Controller, 2019-21 Secretary General

At International level: 2007-13 Consultant to the SIE Presidents attending SI Board meetings. 2017-19 SIADA / Chair of the President's Appeal Committee in charge of "Women, Water & Leadership"