

# **SUMMARY OF BOARD DECISIONS**

## **by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS Optimist International**

**December 8-9, 2006  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
St. Louis, Missouri**

### **Approved District Dues Increase Requests**

Alberta-Montana-Saskatchewan & Northern Wyoming (13) request for a \$4.00 dues increase, that would be from \$16.00 to \$20.00 annually and to make this retroactive back to October 1, 2006.

Capital Virginia District (16) request for a \$2.00 dues increase, that would be from \$10.00 to \$12.00 annually and make this effective October 1, 2007.

Georgia District (21) request for a \$4.00 dues increase, that would be from \$12.00 to \$16.00 annually and make this retroactive back to October 1, 2006.

South Carolina (22) request for a \$4.00 dues increase, that would be from \$12.00 to \$16.00 annually and make this retroactive back to October 1, 2006.

Central Ontario District (47) requests for the following three dues increases over the next three years, the current District dues are \$13.00:

Effective October 1, 2006	\$16.00
Effective October 1, 2007	\$18.00
Effective October 1, 2008	\$20.00

East Ontario District (49) request for a \$1.50 dues increase, that would be \$11.50 to \$1300 annually and make this retroactive back to October 1, 2006.

East Missouri (30) request for a \$2.00 dues increase, that would be from \$12.00 to \$14.00 annually and to make this retroactive back to October 1, 2006.

### **Approval of Club Charters**

The new 173 Optimist Clubs organized in 2005-2006 as submitted, were granted an affiliated Optimist International Club Charter in keeping with Optimist International Bylaws Article III, Section 1A2, New Clubs. See attachment to these minutes.

### **REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **Policy I-18; The Master Schedule of Travel and Per Diem**

The revision to Policy I-18, Travel Chart as presented was approved.

## **2006 – 2007 Budget**

The changes to the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget as presented was approved.

## **Auditor's Report**

The audit report for the fiscal year 2005-2006 as presented by RubinBrown, LLP-CPA's was adopted.

## **Appointment of Auditors**

RubinBrown, LLP-CPA's were appointed as the auditors for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

## **Retirement Plans**

The Senior Director of Finance and Administration was directed to begin accruing the liability for the pensions plans effective October 1, 2006.

## **Shumsky Enterprises**

The contract with Shumsky was renewed for three more years.

## **Reserve for the 100<sup>th</sup> Convention**

The registration fee for the International Convention will be increased by \$1 (U.S.) beginning with the Convention of 2008 for the 100<sup>th</sup> Convention celebration.

## **Assets of Revoked and Disbanded Clubs**

The Governance Committee was directed to rewrite the dissolution clause in the current bylaws to read that all assets be forwarded to the appropriate Optimist International Foundation.

## **REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Certified Trainer Program**

The Certified Trainers program was changed to the "Optimist Training Institute, a Division of the Leadership Development Committee of Optimist International" and have a three-tiered program (Club/Zone Level, District/Regional Level and International Level) with specific criteria to accomplish before being allowed to move to the next level. A five member certification board will be established to handle the commission of the new program.

## REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### **Revise Policy I-3; Appeals**

Policy I-3; Appeals was revised as follows:

#### Appeals I-3

Following the official publication of the final standing or results of any phase of the Awards Programs of Optimist International, Optimist members, Clubs and Zones are granted 30 days to submit substantiated appeals to the District Governor for approval for the year involved. District Governors are granted 30 days to submit their decisions on Club and Zone appeals to the International Office, as well as any District level awards appeals.

Any appeal submitted for financial consideration shall be decided in consultation with the Optimist staff. Issues other than financial requirements will be administered by the Governor/Governance Committee. Appeals will be decided after review and study by the Governor/Governance Committee of all facts presented by the protesting party. The decisions reached by the staff Committee and Governor shall be final.

When a decision on an appeal has been rendered, the appeals process is then finalized and the appeal will not be considered again, unless in the staff, Committee or Governor's opinion significant new information is made available.

Note: Recipients of International ~~Distinguished, Double, Triple and Grand Slam Club awards~~ and Honor, **and Distinguished Club Awards**, and **Honor, Distinguished and Outstanding** Lieutenant Governor awards will be determined by the District Governor after receiving the final membership figures from the International Office. All other International Awards will be determined by the International Office.

### **Revise Policy IC-35; Club Resignation and Revoked Clubs' Financial Assets**

Policy IC-35; Club Disbandment and Charter Revocations Procedures, Section A1-Club Disbandment Procedure (Club Resignation) and Section G – Revoked Clubs' Financial Assets was revised as follows:

#### Club Disbandment and Charter Revocation Procedures IC-35

##### A. CLUB DISBANDMENT PROCEDURE (Club Resignation)

1. The Club initiates the disbandment procedure when it submits its intentions in writing to the International Office. Upon receipt of such notification, the International Office will notify, ~~by first class mail,~~ the Governor ~~(with copies to Governor-Elect, International Vice President, and District Secretary-Treasurer) that the Club's roster has been reduced to the last known president and secretary-treasurer and the Club's financial account is frozen.~~ The notification shall state a 30 day moratorium from the date of notification has been established and the Governor is ~~invited~~ **expected** to use the moratorium period to investigate the matter fully and to report his findings to the International Office.

##### G. REVOKED CLUBS' FINANCIAL ASSETS

After delinquent dues are paid to Optimist International, Clubs with any remaining financial assets are encouraged to ~~first~~ contribute them to the Optimist International Foundations, **another Optimist Club** or ~~secondly to another recognized charity within the community.~~

### **Just Ask Continuation**

The Just Ask program was continued for the 2007-08 year and then the Board will be presented a full evaluation of the effectiveness of the program.

### **Internal Marketing Videos**

Financial resources be made available for the International President to be used for internal marketing purposes, to address Clubs and Districts utilizing the existing OI Website and other available technology; funding to be provided in time to permit message availability by 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007.

### **Reinstatement of Club 61-147, Holiday Park, FL**

The reinstatement of Club 61-147, Holiday Park, FL as recommended by the South Florida District. In this physical year was approved.

### **Spouse Membership Proposal**

The Board of Directors adopted a test program as another source of income for the organization, a spouse membership to begin February 14, 2007 and end February 14, 2008 for spouses who have not been a member within twelve months. The spouse will be offered half international dues and a waiver of processing fees. The payment for membership must be received in full to qualify. The results of success and viability of continuation will be reported to the Board at its July 2008 meeting.

## **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Awards and Recognition for ID**

The ID Rules will be revised as follows: “The Sponsor Club will receive New Club Building credit ~~only~~ for new clubs formed in approved ~~target~~ countries... All Optimist International awards and recognition ~~apply to non-districted Clubs in approved target countries~~ are held at the discretion of the International President.”

### **District Allocation for Clubs**

The ID Rules will be revised as follows:“...and the new Non-Districted Club will remain in the District of its Sponsor Club ~~during the Optimist year in which it is organized~~ until a permanent District is

established. ~~The new Club is transferred to the appropriate district according to its geographic location on October 1 of the Optimist year.~~ (Effective October 1, 2006)”

### **Reimbursements for Sponsors in Target Countries**

The ID Rules will be revised as follows:

“...reimbursement to a Sponsor Club that dutifully organizes an Optimist Club in a Non-Districted country up to ~~US\$ 2,000~~ **14 Days of per diem** for ~~reasonable expenses incurred in~~ the process of organizing the new Club, **including the follow-up and follow-through programs.**

To receive this reimbursement, the Sponsor Club is expected to ~~take the following steps within 90 days of the official organizational meeting of the new Club with a Field Representative sent by Optimist International: submit to the ID Manager a summary of all expenses to be reimbursed including, but not limited to, postage, stationery, telephone and fax charges, photocopying/typing, travel expenses, legal expenses/registration, and meeting facility/related expenses. Valid receipts must accompany the expense reimbursement form.~~ complete and submit all proposals and paperwork according to their established timeframes.

### **Ambassador Level within The Diplomat Program**

An Ambassador Level to the Diplomat Program will be implemented.

## **REPORT OF THE OIJGC COMMITTEE**

### **Committee Structure**

Policy I-70 will be revised to include the OIJGC Committee as follows:

New Paragraph E. The Optimist International Junior Golf Championship Committee shall consist of five members. The President-Elect shall select the Chair of the OIJGC Committee for a one-year term and two additional Members to serve on the committee for a two-year term. At least two of the Committee members will be current or former District Chairs.

### **Underprivileged Players**

An annual budget increase in the amount of \$3,000 that will be used to provide financial assistance for six golfers to attend the international championships was approved.

### **Golf Endowment**

The OIJGC Committee was directed to to study either dissolving or continuing the endowment.

## SPANISH TRANSLATION

All Optimist International Committees will review their materials for translation as appropriate.

## MEXICAN DISTRICT POTENTIAL

When there are 20 clubs in Mexico, the International Development Committee, with staff, will examine the feasibility of assigning District status in Mexico and report to the next Board of Directors meeting.

## REPORT OF THE NEW CLUB BUILDING COMMITTEE

### **Policy IC-34 New Club Sponsor, Assessment**

Policy IC-34 will be removed: ~~An amount not to exceed \$100 may be assessed new club sponsors when a field representative or a new club commissioner is assigned to conduct the organizational meeting and the new club has failed to meet the necessary requirements for affiliation.~~

### **Policy IC-51: Charter Members-Definition Of**

Policy IC-51 (paragraph 3) will be amended as follows: ~~“In order to receive credit for New Club Building, The~~ new Club must have at least 25 fully paid Charter Members. The first 25 Members shall not be current Members of any Optimist Club. Existing Optimist Members ~~are encouraged to may~~ join the New Club, **only** after the Club has achieved the minimum membership of 25.

## ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF STANDARD CLUB BYLAWS

The phrase “without explanation of its action” will be stricken from Standard Club Bylaws Article IV, Paragraph d

## REPORT OF THE JOOI COMMITTEE

### **JOOI Policy for Governance**

Pending approval by the JOOI Delegates at the 2006 convention, the following revisions will be made to the JOOI Policy for Governance.

### **POLICY IV: MEMBER CLUBS**

SECTION 5: Clubs in Good Standing. A Club in good standing is a Club having a minimum of eight members, ~~and~~ having paid all dues **and fees** to Optimist International, and having submitted a roster- ~~and election report to the Youth Clubs Staff.~~

POLICY VII: INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 3: Qualifications. The President and JOOI Board of Directors shall be elected by the delegates at the annual convention. They shall take office October 1, following their election. No more than two candidates per District will be eligible to run for the International JOOI Board of Directors. Those eligible for the office of Director shall be a member in good standing belonging to a Club in good standing, shall have served a term as Club president or a District officer, ~~and~~ shall be the age of 14 and not ~~18~~ **19, and shall remain a high school student or its equivalent** by October 1 of the current administrative year. Those eligible for the office of President must have served as an International Director or District Governor, must be 16 October 1 of the current administrative year, and meet the requirements for an International Director. In order to be listed on the ballot, potential candidates for the International JOOI Board of Directors must file an official application with the International Office by June 1 prior to convention. Candidates from the floor will be allowed to run for the International JOOI Board of Directors, when there is not a sufficient number of candidates to run on the ballot. Those nominated from the floor will receive the same privileges as candidates, with the exception of their name being pre-printed on the ballot. Elected officers shall not be eligible to hold that same elected office upon completion of their term.

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floor will be allowed to run for the International JOOI Board of Directors. ~~when there is not a sufficient number of candidates to run on the ballot.~~ **If elected from the floor, the election for that office will be contingent upon the submission of a signed letter from their high school principal or equivalent, to the Optimist International Staff.** Those nominated from the floor will receive the same privileges as candidates, with the exception of their name being pre-printed on the ballot. Elected officers shall not be eligible to hold that same elected office upon completion of their term.

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#### POLICY XV: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: How made. These policies may be amended at the JOOI Convention by a ~~two-thirds~~ majority vote of the accredited delegates present and voting at the time such amendments are submitted to the convention, subject to approval of the Optimist International Board of Directors

#### POLICY XV: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 2: Who may propose amendments and When. Authenticated proposed amendments, which may be proposed only by Clubs that are in good standing at the time of submission and at the time the proposal is voted upon, or by the JOOI Board of Directors shall be presented in writing to the JOOI International Board of Directors, at least ~~60-90~~ days prior to the date fixed for the opening day of the convention. The Youth Clubs Department shall make available a copy of all proposed amendments on the official "JOOI" website not later than ~~30-90~~ days prior to the starting date of convention.

#### POLICY XVII: INTERNATIONAL REVENUE

SECTION 2: Annual Dues. Member Clubs. An annual \$8.00 (U.S.) per Club member Membership fee, or a maximum of \$400.00 (U.S.), shall be paid to Optimist International by Alpha, Junior Optimist and Octagon Clubs for **Clubs in Tier 1 countries, \$5.91 (U.S.) per Club member Membership fee for Clubs in Tier 2 countries, and \$4.17 (U.S.) per Club member Membership fee for Clubs in Tier 3 countries.** This fee is due 30 days after receipt of billing

in October. No increase in this membership fee shall become effective unless voted upon by a majority of the delegates at the annual JOOI Convention.

**Tier 1 shall be defined as High Income Economies; Tier 2 shall be defined as Upper Middle Income Economies; Tier 3 shall be defined as Lower Middle and Low Income Economies. The terms High Income Economies, Upper Middle Income Economies and Low Middle and Lower Income Economies shall have the definitions established from time to time by the World Bank's published statistics.**

### **Policy IC-17; JOOI Club Requirements**

Pending action taken at the 2007 JOOI Convention in Montreal, Canada, a revision to Policy IC-17 was adopted as follows:

JOOI Clubs are obligated to pay **an annual \$8 per member Membership fee for Clubs in Tier 1 countries, \$5.91 (U.S.) per Club member Membership fee for Clubs in Tier 2 countries, and \$4.17 (U.S.) per Club member Membership fee for Clubs in Tier 3 countries ) in annual membership dues** to Optimist International, with a fee cap of \$400 per club (50 members). **Tier 1 shall be defined as High Income Economies; Tier 2 shall be defined as Upper Middle Income Economies; Tier 3 shall be defined as Lower Middle and Low Income Economies. The terms High Income Economies, Upper Middle Income Economies and Low Middle and Lower Income Economies shall have the definitions established from time to time by the World Bank's published statistics.** Optimist International will disburse a portion of these fees (\$1 per member) to the district secretary-treasurer, less members above the fee cap and less members from clubs with past due fees, when the District meets the following requirements:...

### **Consolidate JOOI Endowment Funds**

The transfer of Optimist International JOOI Endowment Funds to the Optimist International Foundation was approved.

### **REPORT OF THE AD HOC JOINT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE**

The attached Resolution in Presented Attachment 1 proposed by the Ad Hoc Joint Task Force Committee was adopted. An identical resolutions will be adopted for the Optimist International Foundation of Canada.

The attached Resolution Presented in Attachment 2 proposed by the Ad Hoc Joint Task Force Committee was adopted.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

The following was adopted as the Vision Statement for Optimist International. Note: The current Vision/Mission Statement will be the "Mission Statement".

Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.

## **REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

### **2008 Convention Registration and Meals**

The following registration fees and meal costs for the 2008 Grapevine Texas Convention were approved:

(Note: The below fees are in \$US; Canadian\$ will be determined by the Executive Director when rates are published.)

- Adult Member or Guest Early Bird (no meals) - \$140
- Adult Member or Guest Regular (no meals) - \$150
- Adult Member or Guest On-site (no meals) - \$170
- Adult Member or Guest Early Bird Package (registration and 3 meals) - \$230
- Adult Member or Guest Regular Package (registration and 3 meals) - \$240
- Adult Daily (no meals) - \$80
- Adult Daily On-site (no meals) - \$100
- Youth (non-JOOI) (4 day program)- \$125
- Youth (non-JOOI) On-site (4 day program) - \$135
- Club President-Elect & Lt. Governor-Elect Breakfast - \$25
- Appreciation Luncheon - \$30
- Fellowship/Old Timers' Breakfast - \$25
- President's Banquet - \$50
- Budget Impact: Anticipate no negative impact

### **2007 Convention Registration and Meals Package**

The following registration and meals packages for the 2007 Montreal Convention were approved:

- Adult Member or Guest Early Bird (3 meals) - \$230US/276\$CN
- Adult Member or Guest Regular (3 meals) - \$240/288\$CN

### **International Convention Committee Raffle**

That the Board of Directors authorized the International Convention Committee to have a raffle at the 2007 International Convention.

### **International Convention President's Banquet**

The International Convention Protocol will include the following to establish protocol at the International Convention President's Banquet: **During the Presidential Banquet at the International Convention, the Vice Presidents and spouses and the Board of Directors and spouses will be introduced regardless of where they are seated.**

## **2011 International Convention**

The International Convention Committee will add Las Vegas and Virginia Beach to its list of potential sites for the 2011 International Convention.

## **REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

### **Optimists in Action Day**

Re-implementation of “Optimist In Action Day,” to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October for the next three years was approved.

### **International Program and Community Activity Participation**

The Optimist Board of Directors adopted that if the number of Districts participating in an International Program (Oratorical, CCDHH, Essay, CCC or OIJGC) falls below 30% on a two-year average, the program will be discontinued as an International Program and will lose its funding. The Program will then become a non-funded Community Activity. The Activities Committee will advise the Board of Directors of any action taken.

The Optimist International Board of Directors adopted that if the number of Clubs participating in a Community Activity (Tri-Star Sports, Youth Appreciation, Youth Safety, Respect for Law, or Promotion of Non-Violence) falls below 20% Club participation on a two-year average, it will be removed from the list and transferred to the On-line Resource Library.

### **Scholarship Topics for the 2007-2008 Essay, Oratorical and CCDHH Contests**

The following scholarship topics were approved: “Why me? Why Not?/ Sujet du Concours d'art oratoire et du CCSM/Por qué yo? ¿Por qué no? as the Oratorical and CCDHH topic and “Today’s Choices Shape my Future”/ Sujet du Concours d'essai littéraire/ Las Opciones de Hoy Forman mi Futuro as the Essay Topic for the 2007-2008 year.

### **Scholarship Funding from Districts**

Districts choosing to fund additional scholarships will need to manage those scholarships themselves through resources such as the OIF Pass-Through program was approved

Districts choosing to increase funding for scholarships will need to manage those additional funds themselves through resources such as the OIF Pass-Through program was approved.

### **New Endorsed Organizations**

COTA and Kids in Cars were approved as endorsed organizations beginning in the 2006-2007 year.

### **Renewal of Endorsed Organizations**

The Board of Directors renewed endorsed status for the following organizations: Boy Scouts of America, Camp Quality USA, Camp Quality Canada, Center for Citizen Initiatives/PEP, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, Scouts Canada, and Mended Hearts, Inc.

### **Designate June as CCC Awareness Month**

The Board of Directors designated June as CCC Awareness Month.

### **Strategic Marketing Committee**

The Board of Directors approved the establishment of a Strategic Marketing Committee.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention Celebration**

The Board of Directors approved the research of holding the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in Louisville, Kentucky and endorsed the recommendation that the Finance Committee examine the possibility of establishing a sinking fund to offset expenses for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention.

### **Johns Hopkins Commitment**

Additional funds for Johns Hopkins shall be made through events such as raffles held at International Convention by the Activities Committee and the Programs Department.

### **Tire Pressure Program**

The viability of tire pressure program was referred to the Activities Committee using the information from the Implication Wheel.

## **BOARD POLICY ID-7 (REDISTRICTING)**

Board Policy ID-7 was revised as follows:

It is the right of the Board of Directors, as granted by the Bylaws, to create or change Districts and their boundaries when it determines that redistricting would result in more efficient administration and growth.

Redistricting is defined as any of the following actions:

1. Merger  
Two or more existing Districts are combined to form a single District.
2. Annexation  
A portion of one District is added to another District.
3. Splitting  
Splitting an existing District into two or more Districts. Splitting may be considered when a District exceeds 125 Clubs and 5,000 members.

Any of these actions may be initiated by either:

- A. Written petition of a District or Districts' board of directors, upon a majority vote, conveyed to the Board of Directors or President of Optimist International, or
- B. Action of the Board of Directors of Optimist International.

#### Section 1: Procedure For Merging Districts

The effective date of the Districts' merger will be October 1 of the second full administrative year following approval of the merger by the Board of Directors of Optimist International. Immediately after Board approval the following steps must be taken during the current administrative year:

Step 1: Governors, as soon as possible after being notified of the merger approval, appoint a joint committee to oversee the general business of merger, possibly staffed by past Governors from the merging Districts. The joint committee will confer on plans for joint meetings to elect a Governor-Elect, to establish Zones and to elect Lieutenant Governors.

Step 2: Special joint convention in August or September to elect a Governor-Elect for the new District for the following year. (Note: existing Districts will not elect individual Governors-Elect.) The new Governor-Elect will appoint a Secretary-Treasurer. Districts shall start the exchange of quarterly financial statements beginning with the statement for the first quarter of the upcoming administrative year.

In the administrative year immediately prior to the effective date of the merger, these steps must be taken:

Step 3: Governor-Elect attends Governors-Elect Conference in April

Step 4: Zones established for the new District. Election of Lieutenant Governors.

Step 5: Governor-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer Designate and Lieutenant Governors-Elect attend the International Convention.

Step 6: Joint convention of merging Districts is held in August or September. Governor-Elect is chosen. Final business of merging Districts is conducted in a joint session. Business pertaining to the conclusion of the administration of each District shall be conducted in separate sessions.

Step 7: Conclusion of final administration of merging Districts to be followed by merging of District funds after payment of all debts and audits of financial records of merging Districts.

The immediate Past Governors of each of the merging Districts shall serve as members of the board of directors of the new District. The individual who served as Governor of the District having the greatest number of members as of July 31 shall serve in said capacity for two years.

#### Section 2: Procedure for Annexation

The effective date of any annexation will be October 1 immediately following the approval by the Board of Directors of Optimist International. Immediately after approval of annexation the following steps must be taken:

Step 1: Governor of annexing District issues letter to presidents of Clubs being annexed regarding the upcoming annexation, and invites them to the upcoming quarterly meetings.

Step 2: Clubs in the area being annexed shall be assigned to a Zone for the following administrative year. If necessary, a new Zone may be established and election of a Lieutenant Governor will be necessary by representatives of the Clubs in the annexed area in accordance with the Bylaws of Optimist International.

Step 3: At the close of the administrative year, the District(s) from which Clubs are annexed shall determine net worth as of September 30 and shall provide the annexing District(s) a proportionate share of the District(s) net worth. Receivables due the District(s) from which the Clubs are being annexed shall be included in the recipient District's share of the proportional distribution of funds. The amount of the annexing District's allotment from Optimist International will be reduced if any of the annexed Clubs have not paid the International financial obligations.

#### Section 3: Procedure for Splitting Districts

The effective date of the District split will be October 1 of the second full administrative year following approval of the merger by the Board of Directors of Optimist International. Immediately after Board approval the following steps must be taken during the current administrative year:

Step 1: The Governor of the District being divided shall create such committees as may be necessary, including committees on rezoning, candidate qualifications and convention sites to expedite the business of the division within the dates specified by Optimist International.

Step 2: At the District Convention immediately following the approval of the split, separate sessions must be held for the new Districts at which Governors-Elect are elected (Charter Governor for the new District(s)).

Step 3: The International Board of Directors shall establish the amount of dues for each new District. Permission shall be granted by the Board of Directors for the new Districts to hold a special convention at the first quarter meeting in the year prior to the effective date of the split for the purpose of approving the amount of dues, or petitioning the Board for a different amount.

Step 4: At the second quarter meeting in the year prior to the effective date of the split Zones shall be established for the new District(s).

Step 5: At the third quarter meeting in the year prior to the effective date of the split a separate session for the new District shall be held to elect Lieutenant Governors. Dues structure for the new District(s) shall be determined and submitted to the Optimist International Board for approval at its July meeting.

Step 6: At the District Convention immediately prior to the effective date of the split, separate sessions should be held for the Clubs in each of the new Districts to conduct business necessary for the next administrative year, including the nomination and election of Governors-Elect and the selection of future convention site(s).

Step 7: At the close of the final administrative year of the District being split, distribution of funds and assets to the new District(s) shall be made on a pro rata basis using the September 30 membership of the District being split. Such distribution is to be made only after the payment of all debts and the audit of financial records of the District being split. Copies of the final audit are to be provided to Optimist International and each new District. The Optimist International Board of Directors may authorize reimbursement of travel expenses (in accordance with Policy I-19) to the International Convention for the additional Governors-Elect and District Secretary-Treasurers Designate of the new District(s) as it deems reasonable and proper, taking into consideration the financial condition of the Districts.

#### Section 4: Districts at Risk

When a District drops below 15 Clubs, the Regional Vice President shall notify the Board of Directors who will, at their next meeting, place that District on probation for a period of two years. If after two years the District has not increased to 20 Clubs, the Board will take additional action which may include, but is not limited to, splitting the District and reapportioning the remaining Clubs into adjacent Districts.

**AD HOC JOINT TASK FORCE RESOLUTIONS**

**PROPOSED ATTACHMENT 1**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Optimist International, despite any ability to raise private gift monies based on its Internal Revenue Service designation, will refrain from doing so. Optimist International has no desire to compete for private gift funds from Members or other prospective Donors and will forward any such gifts inadvertently made to Optimist International to the Optimist International Foundation. Optimist International will not undertake any fundraising campaigns.

For clarification, Optimist International will seek corporate sponsorships from businesses and foundations in support of its programs. Such sponsorships would not be eligible for IRS income tax deductions or for recognition by the Optimist International Foundation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any deferred gifts that come to Optimist International through a bequest, trust or other estate planning device will be deemed to have been made to the Optimist International Foundation. Such gifts will be forwarded to the Optimist International Foundation for processing and recognition. The Optimist International Foundation will honor donor restrictions (if any) attached to the gift. Neither Optimist International nor the Optimist International Foundation will charge each other any fees to transfer or accept the gift.

This resolution is offered in the spirit of cooperation between Optimist International and the Optimist International Foundation with the understanding that the growth and prosperity of the Optimist International Foundation will only enhance the growth and prosperity of Optimist International.

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**PROPOSED ATTACHMENT 2**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Optimist International directs staff to suspend active pursuit of charity status for Canadian Clubs. After Clubs in the United States have been operating for several years with exempt status, the Board may choose to re-examine the possibility of assisting Clubs seek charity status in Canada.

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