

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELECONFERENCE MEETING

September 30, 2009  
10:00 a.m. (Central Time)

The following Members of the 2008-2009 Board of Directors were in attendance for the entire meeting:

Theo Golding	Immediate Past President	Kingston, Jamaica
Donald R. Sievers	President	Jackson, Missouri
Mark O. Shriver	President Designate	Woodstock, Georgia
Carrollyn C. Cox	Director	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Durward M. Rushforth	Director	Fairfax, Virginia
Claire Labrèche	Director	Montréal, Québec
Ken Garner	Director	Fort Worth, Texas
Marlene Phillips	Director	Windsor, Ontario
Benny Ellerbe	Executive Director	St. Louis, Missouri

Also in attendance:

Danny Rodgers	President-Elect	Fort Worth, Texas
David Bruns	Director-Elect	Topeka, Kansas
Jim Kondrasuk	Director-Elect	Monona, Wisconsin

Absent:

Herbert Strather	Director	Detroit, Michigan
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Excused:

Julie d' Auteuil	JOOI President	Jonquiere, Quebec
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**Committee Reports are to be considered an integral part of these Minutes.**

**All items are not officially approved and subject to correction until they are adopted at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.**

#### **Wednesday, September 30, 2009**

Immediate Past President Theo Golding called the teleconference meeting of the 2008-2009 Optimist International Board of Directors to order at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time).

**Motion adopted**

To adopt the agenda as amended.

**Rushforth/Shriver**

**2008-09 AWARDS PROGRAM REVISION RATIFICATION**

Rationale: The Awards Program was previously amended to reflect the economic impact on the fiscal year growth efforts.

**Motion adopted**

**Rushforth/Shriver**

That the Board of Directors adopts the revisions to the 08-09 Awards Program as follows:

All Categories: DOUBLE New Club Building credit in September

District Level:

Distinguished District + 5 Net membership for the year and 3 New Clubs \*

Honor District +5 Net membership for the year and 1 New Club \*

Lt. Governor Level:

Distinguished Lt. Gov. +5 Net membership & 1 New Club or Pilot Club \*

Club Level:

Distinguished Club +1 Net membership & 1 New Club or Pilot Club \*

Honor Club +1 Net membership for the year \*

\*All Finance, Service Projects, Club Reports and Attendance rules apply as published.

**CONTRACT WITH THE GAYLORD HOTEL REGARDING THE JANUARY 7-9, 2010 GOVERNORS & GOVERNORS-ELECT CONFERENCE**

Rationale: Immediate Past President Theo Golding asked the Board of Directors to approve the contractual agreement made with the Gaylord Palms and OI to hold the Governor & Governors-Elect Conferences in January and waive all possible penalties and attrition.

**Motion adopted**

**Rushforth/Garner**

That the Board of Directors ratify the contract with the Gaylord Hotel for the 2010 Governors/Governors-Elect Conference.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Rationale: Immediate Past President Theo Golding requested an update on the Leadership Development Department regarding recent adjustments, promotions and responsibilities within the headquarters team.

**Motion adopted**

**Cox/Rushforth**

That the Board of Directors congratulate the Executive Director on his staffing alignment for the Leadership Development Department.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

### **Motion adopted**

**Sievers/Rushforth**

That the Board of Directors thank the Ad Hoc Staffing Committee (Chaired by Dee Rushforth and the Ad Hoc Building Committee (Chaired by Claire Labrèche) and their members for their efforts and sunset these committees, effective today.

## **PARENT/CHILD GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Rationale: A motion is needed to allow the OIJGC Committee to postpone, if prudent, the Parent Child tournament by the hotel cut-off date of October 2<sup>nd</sup> due to possible lack of registrations.

### **Motion adopted**

**Cox/Rushforth**

That the Board of Directors allow the OIJGC Committee to postpone, if prudent, the Parent Child tournament by the hotel cut-off date of October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **OIJGC CONSULTANT**

### **Motion adopted**

**Sievers/Cox**

That the Board of Directors indefinitely approve \$1,500 within the OIJGC Budget for a Consultant (effective October 1, 2009) .

## **CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN**

Rationale: A motion is needed to request the Foundations to release \$450,000 of the Childhood Cancer Campaign funds for the John Hopkins Hospital. This would complete \$1 million in donations, reaching and exceeding our commitment.

### **Motion adopted**

**Cox/Shriver**

That the Board of Directors request the Optimist International Foundations to release \$450,000 of the Childhood Cancer Campaign funds for the John Hopkins Hospital. Districts and Clubs will continue to be able to collect money for research.

## **SECURITY ASSURED DEBIT CARD**

Rationale: The Security Debit Card would violate the current Affinity Card Program contract now in place with Bank of America (formerly MBNA).

### **Motion adopted**

**Rushforth/Cox**

That the Board of Directors accept the Audit & Finance Committee's report and that a written report will be submitted.

**COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT SIEVERS**

**COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT DESIGNATE MARK SHRIVER**

**COMMENTS BY IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT THEO GOLDING**

**Motion adopted**

To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m. (Central Time).

Benny Ellerbe  
Executive Director/Secretary