

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELECONFERENCE MEETING

May 8, 2009

2:00 p.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 & Chairman of the 2008-2009 Board	Kingston, Jamaica
Donald R. Sievers	President	Jackson, Missouri
Mark O. Shriver	President-Elect	Woodstock, Georgia
Carrollyn C. Cox	Director	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Durward M. Rushforth	Director	Fairfax, Virginia
Claire Labrèche	Director	Montréal, Québec
Herbert Strather	Director	Detroit, Michigan
Ken Garner	Director	Fort Worth, Texas
Marlene Phillips	Director	Windsor, Ontario
Benny Ellerbe	Executive Director	St. Louis, Missouri

Also in attendance:

Michael J. Allen	Int'l Audit & Finance Chair	Aurora, Nebraska
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Excused:

Julie d'Auteuil	JOOI President	Jonquiere, Quebec
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Chairman Golding called the teleconference meeting of the 2008-2009 Optimist International Board of Directors to order at 2:00 p.m. (Central Time).

Motion adopted

To adopt the agenda as amended.

FINANCES

International Audit & Finance Committee Chair Mike Allen addressed the Board. He stated that there were three budgets submitted for the Board to review for this meeting. After discussion of the budgets, the Board agreed to wait until the July meeting for any decision. It was noted that the budget as presented in March contains no Governors Conference, will reduce one staff member, and continues the "ongoing concern" clause by the auditors.

CONVENTION STATUS AND CONTRACTS

Benny Ellerbe apprised the Board of the current registration numbers and hotel room block. The Board will rely on staff to further discussions with the hotel to reduce the financial burden to the members and the organization.

CHARTER FEES

Motion adopted

Garner/Cox

That the \$100 increase in the New Club Charter Fee as adopted in December 2008 and amended in March 2009 be rescinded as it hinders growth.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 90

A proposal was discussed that any newly formed non-districted club and members will be assigned to the international district at the time of the charter and that any club and district desiring to move a previously formed non-districted club from their district may do so upon application to the Executive Director. The Board agreed to address the issue more fully at their July 2009 Board meeting.

Motion adopted

Cox/Strather

That the Board agrees to suspend the motion in the March 2009 Board minutes to allow the President and staff to make such assignments as is appropriate in the various Districts and adopt a new motion in July.

THREE DAY CONVENTION

Motion adopted

Phillips/Garner

That the Board of Directors direct staff to move toward a three day convention commencing with Denver.

FRENCH CANADIAN RESOLUTIONS

The Board of Directors discussed the resolutions being received in the International Office from the Québec Centre and Québec West Districts. The Board agreed to write a letter to the Districts to explain the position and reasoning for the dues increase.

Motion adopted

To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. (Central Time).

Bennie Ellerbe
Executive Director/Secretary