

The following JOOI Clubs and JOOI Leaders support and request a revision to Policy VII: International Administration, Section 3: Qualifications of the Policy for Governance of Junior Optimist Octagon International, the Youth Membership of Optimist International:

- #B2156 – Wayne Blue Devils Octagon Optimist Club of Wayne, Nebraska
Casey Dalager and Anna Cole, Co-Presidents
Jessica Von Fange, Immediate Past Nebraska JOOI Governor
- #B1055 – Students of Service of Monroe, Wisconsin
Sarah Wong, President
A.J. Cifuentes, 2012-2013 JOOI International President
- #B1559—Clarkston Area Octagon Club of Clarkston, Michigan
_____, President
Sean Mueller, 2012-2013 JOOI Michigan District Governor

- Whereas: two of the purposes of JOOI are to provide opportunities for members, individually and collectively, to develop leadership abilities and prepare for responsible roles in society, and
- Whereas: JOOI members grow and develop personal and professional skills while serving as a Club, District, and/or International leader, and
- Whereas: serving on the International JOOI Board of Directors as a Director, President, or Immediate Past President involves a considerable amount of time and effort, and
- Whereas: the International JOOI Board Members should communicate more often with both the JOOI District Leaders and the Adult JOOI Chairpersons serving as a resource to support these people, and
- Whereas: serving as a JOOI District Officer (as defined by the Bylaws of each individual District) should require a considerable amount of time and effort, and
- Whereas: JOOI District Officers should focus on building JOOI within his/her own District by serving the needs of existing and potential clubs and being a representative of JOOI to the adult Optimist Clubs in the District, and
- Whereas: serving as a JOOI Club President involves a considerable amount of times and effort, and
- Whereas: the focus of a JOOI Club President should be on becoming an Honor and/or Distinguished Honor Club that serves the need of youth in the community, and
- Whereas: it is in the best interest of JOOI to create a wide and diverse base of leaders within the organization;
- Therefore: no JOOI member shall serve on the International JOOI Board of Directors while also serving as a JOOI District Officer or JOOI Club President

Proposed Wording

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, **may not concurrently serve as a District Officer (as defined by Bylaws of each individual District) or as a Club President** and shall be the age of 14 by October 1. **If elected to the International Board, a JOOI member must resign from the Club or District position.** Those eligible for the office of President must have served as an International Director or District Governor, must be 16 by October 1, 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 submit an official application and a signed letter from their school principal or equivalent, for those applicants who are still in high school or its equivalent, to 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 and International JOOI President. 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 if in high school, to the Optimist International Staff by September 1. Those nominated from the floor will receive the same privileges as preannounced candidates, with the exception of their name being pre-printed on the ballot. Those eligible for the office of Director will be able to run for a second term with a maximum of one being elected to another term. Current Board members wishing to run for a second term must follow the same nomination procedures as preannounced candidates and may not be nominated from the floor. If more than two current Board members run for election, a primary election will be held and the two highest vote receivers will be added to the ballot.