

## Want to Serve as International President-Elect, on the International Board of Directors, or as an International Vice President?

If you would like to serve on the International level beginning in the 2023-2024 Optimist year, the following International Bylaws shows you how:

SECTION 3. *Online Elections.* Elections for the officers and Board of Directors of Optimist International shall be as follows:

A. *Elections for the Board of Directors.*

1. *President-Elect.* The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall seek and receive the names and qualifications of prospective President-Elect Candidates and announce its nomination(s) on March 1. Any person desiring to be placed in nomination for President-Elect shall be nominated no later than April 1 by two Clubs. Those two Clubs must be from two different Regions. The vote for the office of President-Elect shall take place after all nominations (who meet the necessary qualifications) are announced by the Candidate Qualifications Committee. The Club President, or Club designee as approved by the Club Board of Directors, shall cast the Club's votes. Voting shall continue for 30 calendar days. The individual receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be elected. The President-Elect shall assume the office of President on the first day of October in the calendar year next following this election. The term of office shall be one year.
2. *Immediate Past President.* The President shall assume the office of the Immediate Past President immediately upon completion of his/her term as President. Should the President be unable to assume the office of Immediate Past President, the next most recent Past President, who is willing to fulfill this position, shall fulfill the office of Immediate Past President.
3. *Directors-At-Large.* There shall be six Directors-At-Large on the Board of Directors. Two Directors-At-Large shall be elected annually to serve a term of three years as a Director. To be eligible for the position of Director-At-Large, a person must have served all of a term as a District Governor. The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall seek and receive the names and qualifications of prospective Board Directors-At-Large and announce its nominations on March 1. Any person desiring to be placed in nomination for a Director-At-Large position must file an intent to run by April 1 of the year the election is to occur. The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall submit for nomination the names of those persons who have submitted an intent to run (assuming they meet the necessary qualifications for the office) and any candidate(s) considered on their own motion by April 1 of each year. The Club President, or Club designee as approved by the Club Board of Directors, shall cast the Club's votes. Voting shall continue for 30 calendar days. The two individuals with the highest number of votes will be elected.

- B. *Elections of Vice Presidents-Elect.* The number of Vice Presidents-Elect shall be equal to the number of Regions. Vice Presidents-Elect shall be elected to serve a term of one year as Vice President-Elect to become Vice President on 1 October in the calendar year following their election as Vice President-Elect. The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall seek and receive the names and qualifications of prospective Vice President-Elect Candidates and announce its nominations(s) (who meet the required qualifications for the office) on March 1. Any person desiring to be placed in nomination for Vice President-Elect shall be nominated no later than April 1 by two Clubs. Those two Clubs must be in two different Districts within the Region. Nominations shall be designated for one of the specific Regions and such nominations shall be of an individual(s) residing within that Region. Clubs shall vote for the Vice President-Elect nominee by Region, with each Club President, or Club designee as approved by the Club Board of Directors casting the Club's votes for a Vice President-Elect nominee by Region in which the delegate's Club is located. Voting shall continue for 30 calendar days. A candidate for each Region shall be deemed elected who has received the highest number of the votes cast in that Region.