

**ADDENDUM
TO THE
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
March 4-5, 2011**

REQUESTED BY THE OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

SECTION I - REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION

A. ORATORICAL CONTEST STRUCTURE

A-2 Rationale: The Activities Committee discussed the “Scholarship Naming Opportunities” program with the Optimist International Foundation Executive Director, Ms. Judi Smith and is now aware of difficulties that may arise with the contracts that have already been established. While it is necessary for the Committee to make updates to the scholarship contests to ensure the competition is equitable to all participants, the Foundation’s program must be taken into account. The Foundation will be asked to contact the Members who have been recognized for their donor contributions toward a District Oratorical scholarship to ask that they change their award from a gender designation to the younger or older age category designation.

If a Member chooses not to change the designation on their named scholarship, that Member’s District will be allowed to conduct separate gender Oratorical contests for the duration of their current contract, which is through either the 2014 or 2015 Optimist year. If a District has two separate gender named scholarships established by two Members and one of those Members chooses not to change the designation on their award, that District will continue to conduct separate gender contests through the duration of the current contracts.

Once the current contracts have expired, all Districts will be required to institute the new age level criteria and conduct combined gender contests. No additional exceptions will be made. All contracts entered into by the Optimist International Foundation from this date forward will be based on the age category criteria.

A-2 Motion: That the Board of Directors approve an exception be made for the Districts whose Members have been recognized for their donor contributions toward an Oratorical scholarship and choose not to change their designation, to allow them to run separate gender contests through the duration of their current contracts with the Optimist International Foundation, which run through the 2014 or 2015 Optimist year.

Budget: \$0