

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

April 5, 2013
8:00 a.m. (Central Time)

The following Members of the 2012-13 Board of Directors were in attendance for the entire meeting:

Jack Creswell	Immediate Past President	Reading, Pennsylvania
J.C. St-Onge	President	Saint-Jerome, Quebec
Ron Huxley	President-Elect	Theford, Ontario
Chris Jernigan	Director	Morganton, N. Carolina
Fatima Plater	Director	Detroit, Michigan
Michael Goldman	Director	Davie, Florida
Paul Lucas	Director	Odessa, Texas
Marlene Phillips	Director	Windsor, Ontario
Rick Quinlan	Director	Bellevue, Nebraska
Benny Ellerbe	Executive Director	St. Louis, Missouri

Excused:

A.J. Cifuentes	JOOI President	Monroe, Wisconsin
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All items are not officially approved and subject to correction until they are adopted at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Friday, April 5, 2013

Immediate Past President Jack Creswell called the teleconference meeting of the 2012-13 Optimist International Board of Directors to order at 8:00 a.m. Central Time.

PILOT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Reconsideration of Action Taken

Motion adopted

Phillips/Lucas

To reconsider the action taken at the March 21, 2013 Board of Directors teleconference meeting regarding withdrawing the proposal for a Pilot Program for Individual Memberships.

Motion adopted to withdraw this proposal Huxley/Phillips
That the Board of Directors presents the following bylaws amendment proposal regarding a Member at Large Pilot program to the delegates at the July 2013 convention to become effective upon adoption until September 30, 2014.

Pilot Program for Member at Large

Motion adopted

Abstained: Creswell

That the Board of Directors presents the following bylaws amendment proposal regarding a Member at Large Pilot program to the delegates at the July 2013 convention to become effective upon adoption until September 30, 2014.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Clubs. Wording stays the same.

New Section 2. Members at Large. Effective upon adoption until September 30, 2014, Members at Large of Optimist International shall pay annual fees as set forth by the Board of Directors and shall have the same privileges as any member of an Optimist Club. Members at Large will not have any official affiliation with an Optimist Club or District, but may participate in activities of such at the invitation of a Club or District. A Member at Large is ineligible to hold an International Office.

Section 2 3. Friend of Optimist Member. Wording stays the same

Article VIII. Optimist International Finances

Section 2. Revenue and Dues

New Paragraph G. Effective upon adoption until September 30, 2014, Members at Large will be required to pay membership dues to Optimist International as set forth by the International Board of Directors. The Member at Large shall be billed directly and payment will be sent to Optimist International.

Paragraph G H. Friend of Optimist. Wording stays the same.

New Policy; Member At Large Definition Policy

Rationale: Should the above Pilot Program be adopted by the delegates, the Governance Committee offered the following Board Policy to be effective during the pilot program's initiative. This policy will simply clarify the operating procedures for how the Member at Large will be handled by the International staff.

Motion adopted

Huxley/Plater

That the Board of Directors adopt the following policy for the duration of the Member at Large Pilot Program.

A Member at Large is an individual who has established bona fide membership in Optimist International and has submitted the proper forms and dues required by Optimist International's Bylaws and the International Board of Directors.

A Member at Large of Optimist International will have access to Optimist International websites so that he/she can contact an Optimist Club to participate in an Optimist activity by invitation from the Club or Clubs conducting such activity and will be covered by Optimist insurance as an Optimist Member. A Member at Large is invited to attend the International Convention and participate in business sessions, workshops, and activities. Any International Convention District activity will be at the invitation of such District. A Member at Large will receive the Optimist magazine but all other documents can viewed on the Optimist International websites.

As stated in the Bylaws, a Member at Large is not affiliated with any Club, District or Region and is therefore, exempt from, and being a part of, any Incentive or Recognition Program of Optimist International, Region, District, or Club.

Motion adopted

To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Benny Ellerbe
Executive Director/Secretary