

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TELECONFERENCE MEETING

January 25, 2012
2:00 p.m. (Central)

The following Members of the 2011-12 Board of Directors were in attendance for the entire meeting:

Jack Creswell	President	Reading, Pennsylvania
Danny Rodgers	Immediate Past President	Fort Worth, Texas
J.C. St-Onge	President-Elect	Saint-Jerome, Quebec
David Bruns	Director	Topeka, Kansas
Jim Kondrasuk	Director	Monona, Wisconsin
Chris Jernigan	Director	Morganton, N. Carolina
Fatima Plater	Director	Detroit, Michigan
Michael Goldman	Director	Davie, Florida
Paul Lucas	Director	Odessa, Texas
Benny Ellerbe	Executive Director	St. Louis, Missouri

Also in attendance:

Dennis Osterwisch	Associate Executive Director
Connie Pellock	Chief Financial Officer
Danielle Baugher	Director of Communications
Steve Skodak	OIF Executive Director

Committee Reports are to be considered an integral part of these Minutes.

All items are not officially approved and subject to correction until they are adopted at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Immediate Past President Danny Rodgers called the teleconference meeting of the 2011-12 Optimist International Board of Directors to order at 2:06 p.m.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Johns Hopkins Pledge

In December, the Board of Directors directed the Activities Committee to implement a plan to create and fund the new commitment of \$500,000 to Johns Hopkins over the next five years. The Committee noted to the Board that since the Foundation received \$82,000 last year in undesignated for research or Johns Hopkins, and \$46,000 in designated funds, without promotion from Optimist International, an additional \$20,000 per year should not be difficult to raise. The Committee discussed a concern for the Matching Grants Program. The funds contributed to the

Foundation earmarked for CCC without a designation to research or Hopkins are used to fund the current Matching Grant Program. The concern is if all CCC money is given to Johns Hopkins, there would not be any funds left to support the Matching Grant Program. Currently, a maximum of \$2,500 per Club is awarded to U.S. and Caribbean Clubs.

Motion adopted

Jernigan/Bruns

That the Matching Grant program continue with a ceiling of \$25,000 annually with a \$1000 maximum matching grant per Club.

Motion adopted

Jernigan/Bruns

That funds received for CCC in excess of the funds given to the matching grant program be given to Johns Hopkins to be utilized to fulfill the \$500,000 pledge - up to \$100,000 per year.

Community Projects Awards

The Board of Directors directed staff to remove the CPA Rules from the website and requested the Activities Committees to make a proposal for the 2011-2012 Rules at the March board meeting.

Motion adopted

Kondrasuk/Bruns

To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m. (Central)

Benny Ellerbe
Executive Director/Secretary