

PROPOSAL
TO THE
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 10, 2010

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Rationale: The Optimist International Awards Program is annually adopted by the Optimist International Board of Directors. The purpose of the program is to promote various organizational goals. The original Honor Club criteria was adopted in the mid-1950's, and remained basically constant until the late 1990's. Since that time the annual program has been significantly modified, in most cases on an annual basis, and this has caused confusion and lack of interest from Optimist International members (Only 1/3 of our clubs currently participate in the Awards Program).

In an attempt to promote consistency, economies of scale, and member participation the Board shall establish base guidelines with the intent of a consistent and constant program for a period of at least five years; the Board shall establish the **baseline awards program**.

On an annual basis, the President-Elect may propose to the Board an **annual recognition program**: this program will emphasize annual targets on growth, membership, new clubs, etc. and will be under the control of the President.

President Danny Rodgers is requested to form an Ad Hoc Board Committee to develop and present a draft of the OI AWARDS Program at the March Board meeting; the suggested ad hoc committee could include three At-Large Board members, and access to a Senior Staff liaison.

Motion Requested

That the following revision be made to Policy I-8 as shown below:

**Optimist International Awards Program &
International President's Recognition Program**
~~International President's Membership Award~~

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~~The Awards Program is an annual program developed by the President and adopted by the International Board of Directors.~~

The Optimist International Awards Program is developed and approved by the Optimist International Board of Directors to further various organizational goals, shall be long range and strategic in its focus.

The Annual Recognition Program may be developed by the President-Elect in conjunction with input from senior staff, and under the guidelines of a base awards program established by the Board. The Recognition Program shall be an annual program, and focus on tactical issues for the current year. The Recognition Program shall be approved by the International Board at a regular board meeting prior to any part of the program being made available to any of the membership of Optimist International.

Respectfully submitted,
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Jim Kondrasuk, Board Member