

AUGUST 2010

TO: Danny Rodgers, President-Designate  
Board of Directors  
Benny Ellerbe, Executive Director

FROM: Chris Jernigan, Chair  
Resolutions Committee

RE: **2010 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS**

The 2010 Convention Resolutions (Governance) Committee wishes to report to you that two resolutions were submitted this year. The following represents the Resolutions Committee's official notification to you regarding action taken at the 2010 International Convention.

**DELEGATE APPROVED RESOLUTIONS**

**VOTING PROCEDURE FOR BOARD MEMBERS NOMINEES**

*(Submitted by the 2009-2010 Resolutions Committee)*

**WHEREAS** the current voting procedure is confusing and time consuming,

**WHEREAS** in order for a candidate to receive a majority of votes cast, many clubs choose not to cast all of their eligible votes,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors be charged to consider a procedure whereby each office is filled by holding two separate elections where the top vote getter is elected. All nominees will be placed on both ballots.

**COMMENDATORY RESOLUTION**

*(Submitted by the 2010 Convention Resolutions Committee )*

**WHEREAS** an enormous amount of work goes into planning and executing a convention of this magnitude;  
and

**WHEREAS** many tireless hours of work have been devoted by many staff members and volunteer groups such as all of the delegates attending this Convention, the Convention Committee, the Host area Committee, and the many Optimists that comprise the Colorado-Wyoming District,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the attendees of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Optimist International convention commend all the individuals that have worked hard to make this convention a success.

**RESOLUTIONS DECLINED BY THE DELEGATES**

**NEW CLUB EXEMPTION OF DUES FOR ONE YEAR**

*(Submitted by the Optimist Clubs of Rock Forest, Valcourt 2007, d'Asbestos, St-Francois Xavier De Brompton, Danville, Stoke, Wotton, and St-Edouard of the Québec South District)*

**WHEREAS** newly built clubs have financial problems in their first months of existence;

**WHEREAS** a newly built club starts its first year with no funds in the bank and already has bills to pay –  
i.e. international and district dues;

**WHEREAS** it is difficult to carry out activities for our youth without funds;

**WHEREAS** this penalizes the kids and is also one of the reasons members leave the organization;

**WHEREAS** the first year poses the greatest risk of club expulsion because of nonpayment of dues;

**WHEREAS** in order to give clubs a chance to find the means of raising adequate funds to operate and to keep their members;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that it is proposed that the Optimist International Board of Directors consider newly built clubs to be exempt from international dues for the first year of their existence (12 months).

**RESOLUTIONS DECLINED BY THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

There were no resolutions which were declined by the committee.

The committee respectfully submits this report.