

**STAFF REPORT TO THE
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**March 4, 2011
St. Louis, MO**

DISTRICT DUES INCREASE

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION:

Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 5B, requires that Districts must receive the approval of the International Board of Directors for any increase in District dues. The District must complete all requirements of Board Policy D-4.

A. NORTH CAROLINA WEST DISTRICT REQUEST FOR A DISTRICT DUES INCREASE

Rationale: At the December 2010 Board meeting, the Board approved a requested by the District Secretary Treasurer of the NCW district to hold a special convention on February 12, 2011 to consider a \$5 dues increase. The previous year's completed IRS Form 990, as well as required minutes of the special convention signifying a positive vote by the District delegates approving the dues increase was.

Motion Requested:

That the Board of Directors hereby approves the North Carolina West District's (44) request for a \$5.00 dues increase, that would be from \$13.00 to \$18.00 annually and to make this effective April 1, 2011.

B. QUÉBEC CENTRE DISTRICT DUES INCREASE

Rationale: As quoted in the District adopted revised policies from their September 2010 Convention: Due to the decline in membership, it is important to consider our district dues. Costs for sending quarterly bills force us to propose an advantageous alternative for those clubs that want to pay for the entire year.

Motion Requested:

That the Board of Directors hereby approves the Québec Centre District's (50) request for a \$2.00 dues increase, that would be from \$12.00 to \$14.00 annually and to make this effective October 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Pellock
Senior Director Finance & Administration

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DISTRICT REQUEST FOR FUNDRAISING

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION:

Optimist International Board Policy D-9 states that all Districts may conduct fund raising projects with prior written permission from the President or Executive Director after adequate review and consultation with appropriate staff. Any fund raising activities must conform to Products Endorsement Policy I-65 paragraph 1e and District budgets; annual audited financial statements shall include identification of such fundraisers. Excess revenues upon approval of the Board of Directors may be used for operating and/or administrative expenses.

There are no requests for District Fund Raising at this time.

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DISTRICT REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CONVENTION

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION:

Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 4, requires that Districts must receive the approval of the International Board of Directors for any specially convened District Convention.

There are no requests for District Special Conventions at this time.

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CLUB USE OF TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS

FOR BOARD INFORMATION:

Optimist International Board Policy ICD-1 Paragraph 3 states all requests from Clubs for the use of the Optimist name, emblem and slogans, must receive the approval of the International President (via Executive Director Benny Ellerbe) after adequate review and consultation with appropriate staff and/or general counsel.

There are no requests at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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