

The International Development Department has received Internet requests for membership information from individuals in 30 countries in the last year. Because these countries do not have Optimist Clubs, Optimist International encourages them to build a club on their own. Recognizing that club building is an incremental and difficult task, the International Development Committee would like to create a second option for affiliation with Optimist International by establishing an "Advocate" class. The affiliation would be available to individuals living in **non-districted areas** and they **would not** receive the rights and privileges of an Optimist member including the right to vote. To use the Optimist International registered trademark and to receive liability insurance. Advocates would have the right to be officially associated with Optimist International and they would receive an Advocate Card, *The Optimist* magazine as well as the International Development Newsletter. The initiation fee would be \$30 for the first year, plus an annual renewal fee based on the prevailing International Dues. Any monies generated by the Advocacy District will be retained in the International Development Fund.

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