

Issue 1: Dues and Fees – Passed

Bylaws Article VIII. Optimist International Finances

Section 2. Revenue and Dues

- B. *Annual Dues and Fees.* Countries shall be defined as developed or developing in accordance with the designation of the United Nations. Clubs in developed countries shall pay dues as published by Optimist International prior to next fiscal year. Clubs in developing countries shall pay a reduced amount of dues as published by Optimist International prior to next fiscal year. A cost of living adjustment of no more than 4% of previously published dues may be made by the Board of Directors based on the yearly change in the December CPI-U (Consumer Price Index-Cost of Living). Increases in dues or fees above the CPI-U is subject to the approval of the delegates at an Optimist International Convention. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to grant an extension of time for payment of obligations to Optimist International when, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, circumstances indicate such extension would best serve the interest of the organization.
1. **General Membership.** Each Club shall pay dues, as published by Optimist International, to Optimist International for each of its members, except Friend of Optimists, enrolled in the office of Optimist International as of 30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June.
 2. **Life Membership.** Each Club shall pay dues, as published by Optimist International, to Optimist International for each of its life members enrolled in the office of Optimist International as of 30 September.
 3. **College Members (not in College Clubs).** Each Club shall pay dues, as published by Optimist International, to Optimist International for each of its college members, enrolled in the office of Optimist International as of 30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June.
 4. **College Clubs.** Each college club shall pay dues and fees to Optimist International as determined and published by the Optimist International Board of Directors.
 5. **Friends of Optimist.** Members recognized as "Friend of Optimist" will be required to pay an annual membership fee to Optimist Internationals set by the International Board of Directors. Optimist International will receive 60 percent of the fee and 40 percent of the fee will be sent to the Sponsoring Club where the member resides or to the District if there is no Sponsoring Club. The member shall be billed directly by Optimist International and payment will be sent to Optimist International for distribution either the Club or District. (No change in wording)
 6. **Junior Optimist Members.** Fees and dues for JOI clubs are to be determined by the JOI delegates under the supervision of the Optimist International Board of Directors. (no change in wording)

Issue 2: Reserve Membership - Passed

Bylaws Article III. Membership

Section 1. Clubs.

1. Membership in Optimist Clubs.
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 - a. *General.* Membership in an Optimist Club shall represent adults, who are persons of good character, from the business, social, and cultural life of the community. No individual shall be allowed membership or maintain membership if convicted of any serious crime against a child or persons under the age of 18. Membership in Optimist Clubs shall be classified as active, and may be further classified as ~~reserve membership~~, college membership, or life membership. All membership in Clubs shall be held by individuals. Such memberships are not transferable. As to a person who has ceased being a member of an Optimist Club in order to complete a tour of duty with the armed forces, upon submission of enrollment with a Club after completion of the tour of duty, such Member shall be reinstated without the requirement to pay any processing fee to Optimist International.
 - b. *Life Membership.* same wording.
 - c. ~~Reserve Membership.~~ Any individual who is a Member in good standing of one or more Optimist Clubs and who is no longer able to maintain active participation, or a Life Member, or a Member of a Club who shall have been retired from active business, shall be elected to reserve membership upon his/her written application to his/her Club. A reserve member may pay annual dues and shall have the same rights and privileges as any Member of a Club, except that such Reserve Member shall be ineligible to hold elective office in Club, Zone, District or International.
 - d.c. *College Membership.* Any Member in a post-secondary educational institution who is enrolled as a full time student may be classified as a College Member. A College Member shall pay annual dues as set forth in these bylaws and shall have the same rights and privileges as any Member of a Club.

Issue 3: Friend of Optimist – Passed as amended

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Section 2. *Friend of Optimist Member.* Any Member, due to relocations, and potential Members to areas where there are no Optimist Clubs convenient for them to join, may remain as Members or become Members of the organization **except for cause or conduct unbecoming to the Club**. The Friend of Optimist Member shall pay annual dues set forth in these Bylaws and shall have the same privileges as any Member of a Club, except that such Friend of Optimist Member shall be ineligible to vote at International and District Conventions **and shall be exempt from any action by the Optimist Club's Board of Directors under Club Bylaw Article V – Termination of Membership.**

Issue 4: District Secretary Treasurer Term Limit – Failed

Issue 5: Agents of Optimist Clubs and Optimist International – Passed as amended by 2/3 vote

Article II, Corporate Status

Section 3. *Indemnification of Officers and Directors.*

New Section (3) A member, ~~volunteer, or individual shall~~ **may** act as an agent of an Optimist Club only upon prior written approval granting such agency by the Clubs Board of Directors. A member, **employee, or contractor** ~~volunteer, or individual shall~~ **may** act as an agent of Optimist International only upon prior written approval granting such agency by the Optimist International Board of Directors.