

# PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

## 2022 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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- ISSUE 1: SPECIAL NEEDS / ADULTS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES CLUBS**  
**Withdrawn by the International Board of Directors**
- ISSUE 2: OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL DUES INCREASE - Passed**  
That the delegates of the 2022 International Convention approve an increase in Member Dues by \$15 per person for developed countries and \$7.80 per person for developing countries.
- ISSUE 3: COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) – Tabled until next year**
- ISSUE 4: ELECTIONS BY ACCLAMATION - Passed**  
Bylaws Article IV. International Conventions and Elections  
SECTION 3. *Online Elections*  
A. *Elections for the Board of Directors*  
1. *President-Elect.* ... Any person desiring to be placed in nomination for President-Elect shall be nominated no later than April 1 by two clubs. **If there is only one candidate, the individual shall be elected by acclamation and will be announced as soon as possible after April 1.**  
2. *Immediate Past President.* No change in wording  
3. *Directors-At-Large...* Any person desiring to be placed in nomination for a Director-At-Large position must file an intent to run by April 1 of the year the election is to occur. **If there are only two candidates, the individuals shall be elected by acclamation and will be announced as soon as possible after April 1.**  
B. *Elections of Vice Presidents-Elect.* Any person desiring to be placed in nomination for Vice President-Elect shall be nominated no later than April 1 by two Clubs **If there is only one candidate, the individual shall be elected by acclamation and will be announced as soon as possible after April 1.**
- ISSUE 5: ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE - Passed**  
Bylaws Article IV. International Conventions and Elections  
SECTION 3. *Online Elections.* Elections for the officers and Board of Directors of Optimist International shall be as follows:  
A. *Elections for the Board of Directors.*  
1. *President-Elect.* The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall seek and receive the names and qualifications of prospective President-Elect Candidates and announce its nomination(s) **on no later than March 1.** Any person desiring to be placed in nomination for President-Elect shall be nominated no later than April 1 by two Clubs. Those two Clubs must be from two different Regions. ~~The vote for the office of President-Elect shall~~

~~take place after all nominations (who meet the necessary qualifications) are announced by the Candidate Qualifications Committee.~~ The Club President, or Club designee as approved by the Club Board of Directors, shall cast the Club's votes. Voting shall continue for 30 calendar days. The individual receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be elected. The President-Elect shall assume the office of President on the first day of October in the calendar year next following this election. The term of office shall be one year.

2. *Immediate Past President.* No change in wording.

3. *Directors-At-Large.* There shall be six Directors-At-Large on the Board of Directors. Two Directors-At-Large shall be elected annually to serve a term of three years as a Director. To be eligible for the position of Director-At-Large, a person must have served all of a term as a District Governor. The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall seek and receive the names and qualifications of prospective Board Directors-At-Large and announce its nominations ~~on no later than~~ **no later than** March 1. Any person desiring to be placed in nomination for a Director-At-Large position must file an intent to run by April 1 of the year the election is to occur. ~~The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall submit for nomination the names of those persons who have submitted an intent to run (assuming they meet the necessary qualifications for the office) and any candidate(s) considered on their own motion by April 1 of each year.~~ The Club President, or Club designee as approved by the Club Board of Directors, shall cast the Club's votes. Voting shall continue for 30 calendar days. The two individuals with the highest number of votes will be elected.

Bylaws Article IV. International Conventions and Elections

SECTION 3. *Online Elections.* Elections for the officers and Board of Directors of Optimist International shall be as follows:

B. *Elections of Vice Presidents-Elect.* The number of Vice Presidents-Elect shall be equal to the number of Regions. Vice Presidents-Elect shall be elected to serve a term of one year as Vice President-Elect to become Vice President on 1 October in the calendar year following their election as Vice President-Elect. The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall seek and receive the names and qualifications of prospective Vice President-Elect Candidates and announce its nominations(s) (who meet the required qualifications for the office) ~~on no later than~~ **no later than** March 1. Any person desiring to be placed in nomination for Vice President-Elect shall be nominated no later than April 1 by two Clubs. Those two Clubs must be in two different Districts within the Region. Nominations shall be designated for one of the specific Regions and such nominations shall be of an individual(s) residing within that Region. Clubs shall vote for the Vice President-Elect nominee by Region, with each Club President, or Club designee as approved by the Club Board of Directors casting the Club's votes for a Vice President-Elect nominee by Region in which the delegate's Club is located. Voting shall continue for 30 calendar days. A candidate for each Region shall be deemed elected who has received the

highest number of the votes cast in that Region.

**New Paragraph C. *Slate of Candidates.* The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall submit as soon as practicable after April 1 the names of those nominated by the CQ Committee for election and all qualified self nominees.**

**ISSUE 6: DISTRICT SECRETARY AND/OR TREASURER - Passed**

Bylaws Article VII. Districts

Section 6. *Elections of Officers and Governor-Elect, District.*

D. ~~Secretary-Treasurer.~~ **Secretary and/or Treasurer...**

(Revisions throughout the rest of the Bylaws)

**ISSUE 7: INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEFINITION & QUORUM - Passed**

Bylaws Article V. International Board of Directors

SECTION 1. *Board of Directors.*

The affairs and business of Optimist International shall be controlled and directed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, and six Directors-At-Large. ~~;~~ **and Ex officio, non-voting members of the Board of Directors shall include** the Executive Director of Optimist International, the ~~IOI~~ **Junior Optimist International** President, the Optimist International Foundation President, and the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation President. **With the exception of** ~~Excepting~~ the Executive Director of Optimist International, no person employed by or receiving salary or compensation from Optimist International or a District shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors of Optimist International.

Bylaws Article V. International Board of Directors

SECTION 3. *Quorum.* A majority of the **voting members** of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority vote of those present and entitled to vote shall be necessary to give effect to any action of the Board.

**ISSUE 8: MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW CLUBS - Failed**

Bylaws Article III. Membership

SECTION 1. *Clubs*

A. *Optimist Club Structure*

2. *New Clubs...*

- c. Submission of a list of Charter Members numbering not less than ~~15~~ **20**, each of whom shall have paid the full membership fee as established in the Club's Bylaws.