

# PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

## 2019 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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### **ISSUE 1: PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE**

*(Submitted by the International Board of Directors)*

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal clarifies the Presidential appointments to the International Candidate Qualifications Committee.

#### **CURRENT:**

Bylaws Article V, International Board of Directors  
Section 6. International Committees.  
Paragraph C. Appointment and Term  
2. (c) The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall consist of three appointed members who shall be appointed to terms of three years each, and the four most immediate and available Past Presidents (beginning one year after having served on the International Board of Directors). Each year the President shall appoint one member to a three year term but no appointed member shall be eligible to serve consecutive full terms. Any vacancy to one of these appointments shall be reappointed by the International President that made the original appointment. No member of the Board of Directors shall be eligible to serve on this committee. If a Past President on the committee becomes deceased or incapacitated to the extent that he/she cannot serve, the most immediate and available Past President who has rotated from the committee would fill the vacancy for the balance of the year. This procedure will apply on an annual basis for the remainder of the vacated term on the Committee.

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## **ISSUE 2: CONTRACTED CLUB ACTIVITY MANAGERS**

*(Submitted by the International Board of Directors)*

**EXPLANATION:** In order to clarify that contracted individuals to club projects are not required to be dues paying club members in order to participate in the project, the following proposal is offered.

### **CURRENT:**

Bylaws Article III, Members  
Section 1. Clubs  
A. Optimist Club Structure  
1. Membership in Optimist Clubs  
a. General  
iv. Individuals having executive or supervisory control or authority such as coaches, assistant coaches, referees, and other participants managing Club projects are required to be members of the Club to receive benefits of the Club, including liability insurance protection.

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## **ISSUE 3: FRIEND OF OPTIMIST MEMBER**

*(Submitted by the Optimist International Board of Directors)*

**EXPLANATION:** The Board of Directors feel that a Friend of Optimist member should be considered as a separate classification of from a full dues paying Club member and should hold the benefit of being a Club, District, or International officer nor have the privilege of voting at these meetings.

### **CURRENT:**

Bylaws Article III, Members  
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 serve as an officer of an Optimist Club and/or on the Club Board of Directors, or 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.

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## **ISSUE 4: VOTING AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

*(Submitted by the Optimist International Board of Directors)*

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal is offered to clarify and explicitly state how to count the eligible votes at Club, District, and International meetings.

### **CURRENT:**

Bylaws Article IV, International Conventions and Elections

#### Section 1. International Convention

E. *Number of Votes.* In the transaction of convention business requiring a vote, each Club in good standing shall be entitled at a convention of Optimist International to one vote for each 10 members or majority fraction thereof (6 or more) based on the numerical membership enrolled by the Club in the office of Optimist International as of 30 April immediately preceding the convention. Each Club in good standing shall be entitled to a minimum of one vote. A Club organized after 30 April, and prior to the first day on which the convention is held, shall be entitled to cast its vote on the basis of the numerical charter membership enrolled by the Club in the office of Optimist International. A quorum of any convention shall consist of a majority of the accredited delegates. All voting shall be based on total number of votes cast by accredited delegates and, unless otherwise stated, any matter requiring a vote shall be approved by a majority of votes cast by accredited delegates.

Bylaws Article IV, International Conventions and Elections

#### Section 2. Notice of Annual Election

A. *Number of Votes.* In an annual election, each Club in good standing shall be entitled to one vote for each 10 **voting** members or majority fraction thereof (6 or more) based on the **voting** numerical membership enrolled by the Club in the office of Optimist International as of 30 April immediately preceding the election. Each Club in good standing shall be entitled to a minimum of one vote. A Club organized after 30 April, and prior to the first day on which the election is held, shall be entitled to cast its vote on the basis of the numerical charter membership enrolled by the Club in the office of Optimist International. All voting shall be based on the total number of votes cast by accredited Clubs.

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