



## **POLICY VII: INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **SECTION 3: Qualifications.**

The President and JOI Board of Directors shall be elected via online elections during the JOI annual convention. They shall take office October 1, following their election. No more than two candidates per District will be eligible to run for the International JOI Board of Directors.

Those eligible for the office of **Director** shall be a member in good standing belonging to a Club in good standing, shall have served a term as Club officer or a District officer and shall be the age of 14 or older by October 1.

Those eligible for the office of **President** must have served as an International Director or District Governor, must be 16 by October 1, and meet the requirements for an International Director. No person may be a nominee for the office of JOI International President if they would hold another concurrent election office higher than Club level.

In order to be listed on the ballot, potential candidates for the International JOI Board of Directors must submit an official application and a signed letter from their school principal or equivalent, for those applicants who are still in high school or its equivalent, to the International Office by June 1 prior to convention. Candidates from the floor will be allowed to run for the International JOI Board of Directors or International JOI President only when one or more positions remain vacant after receipt of qualified candidate applications prior to the June 1 deadline. If elected from the floor, the election for that office will be contingent upon the submission of a signed letter from their high school principal or equivalent if in high school, to the Optimist International Staff by September 1. Those nominated from the floor will receive the same privileges as preannounced candidates, with the exception of their name being pre-printed on the ballot. Those eligible for the office of Director will be able to run for a second term with a maximum of one being elected to another term. Current Board members wishing to run for a second term must follow the same nomination procedures as preannounced candidates and may not be nominated from the floor. If more than two current Board members run for election, a primary election will be held and the two highest vote receivers will be added to the ballot.