

## **SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS NARRATIVE**

### **OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **MEETING**

**Friday-Saturday, November 8-9, 2024**

The OI Board of Directors held their first meeting of the year, in St Louis, MO over the weekend of November 8-9, 2024.

Friday, November 8 was dedicated to a Board orientation and education session; an update on the Future Focus Plan, an organizational Vision exercise and a group viewing of the documentary “Join or Die”.

The Board Meeting took place on Saturday, November 9.

The Board heard reports from:

- President Jan Oord Graves
- President-Elect Tom Kendo
- Immediate Past President Tracy Huxley
- Junior Optimist International President Carter Sinclair
- Optimist International Foundation President Ben DeRemer
- Optimiste Francophone Canadiens President Robert Doyle
- Executive Director Cheryl Brenn
- Audit & Finance Committee Chair James Adams

Additionally, reviewed written reports submitted by:

- Canadian Children’s Optimist Foundation President Sylvain Menard
- International Growth Committee

The following actions were taken by the Board during this meeting:

1. Reviewed three location options for the 2026 Annual Convention: Chicago,IL; Jacksonville, FL; and Pittsburgh, PA.

The Board selected the Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville FL for the 2026 Annual Convention.

2. Reaffirmed Policy I-70: Board Fiscal Responsibility Policy
3. Approved an increase to the Ohio District Dues.
4. Received an update from AJ Medlock of the Missouri State Historical Society on the progress of the organization's historical records collection transfer to the MSHS.

5. Reviewed an updated method for the collection of district allocation required documentations which will be rolled out in the Spring of 2025.
6. Discussed the need to identify Governor-elects for the 25/26 year in several districts and the importance of ongoing Leadership Development training at the District level.
7. Reviewed the Committee Dashboard and progress on Committee Charges
8. Discussed the need to clarify the updated PGI program requirements on the Optimist Institute
9. Reviewed the 2023-2024 Pride Report Summary
10. Discussed ways to encourage members to give to our Foundations.