

# SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS

## OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS Online MEETING

Thursday, September 30, 2021  
Videoconference  
8:00 a.m. (Central)

The following Members of the 2020-2021 Board of Directors were in attendance for the entire meeting:

### In Person:

Mark Weinsoff	President	Goleta, California
Patsy Garner	President Designate	Fort Worth, Texas
Benny Ellerbe	Executive Director	St. Louis, Missouri
Cheryl Brenn	Executive Director eff. Oct. 1	

### Online:

Adrian Elcock	Immediate Past President	St. Thomas, Barbados
Sandy Larivee	2018-2021 Director	Essex, Ontario
Sandy Cyphers	2018-2021 Director	Wilmington, North Carolina
Luc Dubois	2019-2022 Director	Sherbrooke, Québec
Sandy Williams	2019-2022 Director	Yuma, Arizona
Janet Lloyd	2020-2023 Director	West Des Moines, Iowa
Jan Oord Graves	OIF President	San Antonio, Texas

### Online for CCOF MOU Report:

J.C. St-Onge	CCOF President	Saint-Jérôme, Québec
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### Also in attendance online:

2020-2021 Vice Presidents  
2021-2022 Vice Presidents

### Excused:

Robert Doyle	2020-2023 Director	Ottawa, Ontario
Sophie-Chanel Bourré	JOI President	

### Also in attendance online:

Bob McFadyen, President-Elect  
Carol Jacobs, Director-Elect  
Russ Thomas, Director-Elect

### Also in attendance:

Ken Garner, Audit & Finance Chair  
Connie Pellock, CFO  
Dana Thomas, Recording Secretary

Immediate Past President Adrian Elcock called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m. Central on Thursday, September 30, 2021. Adrian explained Dropbox to those that have access. Board Director Janet Lloyd gave an invocation, Sandy Larivee gave a toast to all countries with and Optimist Clubs and raised awareness to Orange Shirt Day. Vice President Prendergast recited the Mission Statement.

**Motion adopted:**

That the Board of Directors approves Kings County California to be added to the Pacific Southwest District.

**COVID-19 UPDATED STATEMENT**

Executive Director Cheryl Brenn proposed wording to update the current statement. It generalizes to clubs, districts, and all activities.

**Motion adopted**

That the following COVID-19 policy to instituted immediately:

Optimist International COVID-19 Guidance for Club Meetings & Activities and District Conventions.

COVID-19 conditions vary greatly around the world. Optimist Club meetings and activities as well as District Meetings & Conventions must comply with all local government, health agency and business regulations and are strongly encouraged to follow any safety recommendations issues by government agencies or businesses.

With varying local regulations and confusion over safe practices for social gatherings, Optimist International provides the following guidance for continued club meetings and activities as well as District Conventions:

- In person District Conventions and club meetings/activities must abide by all local government, health department and business regulations
- Respect all members and their personal health choices as well as their privacy.
- Develop and communicate any safety protocols that are pertinent to the conditions of your area and your event.
- Consider offering alternate ways for people to participate in your meetings and/or events.
- Safety of our members is the highest priority. Common sense should always prevail amid changing local conditions.