

Outcomes from the Annual Business Meeting By-Law Amendments

Issue 1: Special Needs/ Adults with Exceptionalities Clubs – Withdrawn.

This item was removed by the International Board of Directors to allow for further study and recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Additionally, this pilot program has been paused and only those Special Needs Clubs in progress (listed in the New Club Database by 6/30/22) will be permitted to be built until further action is taken by the International Board of Directors.

Issue 2: Optimist International Dues Increase - Passed.

Membership Dues for regular members will increase by \$15 per person in developed nations and \$7.80 per person in developing nations

Issue 3: Cost of Living Adjustment Cap - Tabled until the next International Convention.

Issue 4: Elections by Acclamation - Passed.

For International Officers (President- Elect, Directors-at-Large and Vice Presidents), when there is only one candidate (per available position), the individual will be elected by acclamation.

Issue 5: Announcement of Candidates for International Office - Passed.

The Candidate Qualifications Committee shall seek and receive the names and qualifications of prospective Candidates and announce its nomination(s) on no later than March 1; 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 Treasure - Passed.

Districts may now have these positions listed together or separately.

Issue 7: International Board of Directors Definition and Quorum - Passed.

Clarified the voting members of the International Board of Directors and what qualifies as a quorum.

Issue 8: Minimum Membership for New Clubs – Failed

The number of members required to build a new club remains at 15.

All by-law amendments take effect October 1, 2022. The full bylaw amendment results and subsequent updated text can be found here:

[2022 Bylaw Amendment Proposals Results.pdf \(optimist.org\)](https://optimist.org/2022-Bylaw-Amendment-Proposals-Results.pdf)