

Please take time to evaluate the Optimist International Bylaws to ensure they continue to effectively serve the organization. This process allows you and your Club to help shape and improve all of Optimist International. To recommend a revision, your Club must submit a proposed amendment citing the article(s) and section(s) and exact proposed wording change to the articles and sections cited, along with a written rationale in 200 words or less for the change. The Club must submit the proposal on Club letterhead signed by the Club President. The proposal may be emailed and/or faxed to the International Office, but the original Club letter must be received by the International Office for the proposal to be considered. All submitted changes will be brought before the International Convention delegates for vote and possible endorsement.

All proposed change submissions to the bylaws must be received at the International Office by 5:00 p.m. (CT) Monday, April 1. Please submit to: Governance Committee, Optimist International, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108 or dana.thomas@optimist.org.

OPTIMIST CLUBS SPEAK OUT THROUGH THE CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

The Convention Resolution Process is a communications vehicle that can be used to your advantage. Resolutions can be submitted by clubs and should cover any aspect of the organization not already covered in the Bylaws.

The Resolutions Process

1. Clubs need to submit resolutions by May 1, 2022 Year to the Governance/Resolutions Committee.
2. The Governance/Resolutions Committee will meet during the convention and choose the strongest resolutions to report to the convention delegates.
3. At one of convention business sessions, June 30 – July 3, 2022, the Committee will present these resolutions for debate and vote by the convention delegates. *(NOTE: Endorsed resolutions by convention delegates are non-binding and are sent to the International Board of Directors for further consideration and study.)*

How to Submit Resolutions

Type resolutions on club stationary and include the Club name, number, and club president's signature. All resolutions are to be written in standard resolution format: Whereas . . ., Whereas. . ., Whereas. . ., Be it resolved, that the Board of Directors of Optimist International is asked to consider . . .

Mail Resolutions To:

Resolutions Committee
Optimist International
4494 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
USA