

## ARTICLE VI: DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTION

### GENERAL PROVISIONS:

#### **Registration Charges at District Meetings**

The registration charges on all district meetings must be approved by the district governor and executive committee. The incumbent governor, governor-elect, and the secretary-treasurer serving on the executive committee, as well as official 0.1. Representatives, shall receive complimentary registration at district meetings and conventions and such shall be anticipated in the convention budget.

There shall be a ~~\$25.00~~ \$15.00 early bird registration charge for those members who register no later than one week in advance. Registration is to be received online or postmarked on or before the Friday preceding a District Conference or Convention. A registration fee of ~~\$30.00~~ \$20.00 will be charged to members following the early bird registration deadline or at the door. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for all guests. This will help to defray the expenses of the meeting and guests.

#### **Registration Refunds**

All requests for refunds of prepaid registration must be presented by the pre-registered individual. Such requests for refunds must be received by the district secretary-treasurer on or before a date determined by the Executive Board and published as part of the registration form. No refunds of partial registration shall be honored.

#### **Complimentary Registrations**

The incumbent Governor, Governor-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer serving on the Executive Committee, as well as the official 01 Representative (and spouse), shall receive complimentary registrations.

The incumbent Governor, Secretary-Treasurer, serving on the Executive Committee, as well as the official 01 representative shall receive complimentary hotel/motel lodging of suitable character and such shall be anticipated in the budget.

#### **Flags, Creed and Banners**

It shall be the policy of the district administration to display at all district conventions and conferences the appropriate national flags, the district banner and the Optimist Creed banner in the room in which convention business is conducted. Clubs are encouraged to display banners at all district meetings.

## ARTICLE VD: DISTRICT FINANCES

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

The conduct and administration of District business shall be financed by District dues, payable by Clubs for each of their members enrolled in the office of Optimist International, from convention fees, and as hereinbefore provided from the general fund of Optimist International. The amount of each District's dues, and dates on which such dues shall be payable, shall be established by the

Board of Directors of Optimist International. Districts may reduce or eliminate dues for a college member. A District, by resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the accredited delegates to its annual convention, may petition the Board of Directors of Optimist International, in the form and manner prescribed by that Board, for adjustment of the amount of its annual dues. No financial obligation or assessment, of any kind, other than provided in these Bylaws, shall be placed upon or requested of the Clubs or their members by the District. (01 Bylaws Article VII, Section 5, Paragraphs A, B, and C)

#### DISTRICT DUES

Each club in the district shall pay for each member enrolled at Optimist International as of September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30 quarterly dues of ~~\$3.75~~ \$5.00 per member payable October 1, January 1, April 1, and July 1 of each year, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of Optimist International and in accordance with 0.1. Bylaws with the exception to waive District dues for two years for those members listed as a college member.

Annual dues payable by a newly affiliated club shall commence on the first day of the third month following that in which such club is officially organized, such payments to be passed on the number of members enrolled in the International Office on that date

Any club more than 90 days in arrears for any indebtedness to the district or Optimist International shall be considered not in good standing and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership during the period of indebtedness

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE - BUDGET

At its first meeting the District Board of Directors shall review, amend and approve the annual budget submitted by the finance committee, ensuring that is done in a manner conforming with the standard District chart of accounts established by the Board of Directors of Optimist International. Such budget shall be submitted to the Board of Directors of Optimist International for final approval. The budget shall include income only from authorized sources for the current fiscal year, any accumulated surplus, and shall not authorize the expenditures of any money in excess of such income and surplus. (01 Bylaws Article VII, Section 5, Paragraph D)