



# Pueblo Optimist Club

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## Proposal to change District Policies

### Article VI: District Conferences and Convention - General Provisions Registration Charges at District Meetings

### Article VII: District Finances – District Dues

At the third quarter conference in Casa Grande, there was an open session to get feed-back from our members on what we could and should do differently to attract more members to our District Conferences. This information was positive and was near unanimous.

**\*\*** *Consider locations and agendas that allow members to attend without the need, or expectation that they will need to reserve a hotel room. This would be accomplished by eliminating the evening dinner, and concluding all business by no later than 5:00P.M.*

This has been planned into the 2018-2019 Conference schedules.

**\*\*** *Lower the cost of members to attend District Conferences.*

This could be accomplished by eliminating an evening scheduled dinner, and by lowering the cost of registration for a conference. All felt that the funds needed to conduct conferences should be collected from all members, not just the few who attend.

The shorter conference has been planned for.

The spreading of the costs for conferences is the topic of these proposed changes to our District Policies. This idea comes from our members as stated above.

**Proposal # 1:**

**Change the District Registration Charges at District Meetings from the current \$25.00 to \$15.00. Change the late registration from the current \$30.00 to \$20.00. There is no proposed change for guests and it would remain \$5.00.**

**Proposal #2:**

**Change the District Dues from \$3.75 per quarter (\$15.00 per year) to \$5.00 per quarter (\$20.00 per year)**

**Effects of the proposals:**

**It is helpful in looking at the effects of these proposals to understand the numbers that are involved. There is a 14 year history of District conferences available to anyone who would like to see the whole thing, but, over the past five years, including this year's first three conferences, we have averaged 50 members in attendance.**

**The past two years to date, this number is 43 members registered.**

**The District currently has 600+ members (630 as of 4/27/18 to be exact) *600 is used here.***

**Raising District Dues – and dedicating the increase to paying for the costs of conferences would give us \$3,000 additional. Divided by our four conferences, that gives **\$750** to each quarter conference to help cover costs.**

**Reducing the registration costs from \$25 to \$15, based on our current average of 43 members registered, we would lose **\$430**.**

**This would give us an increase of **\$320** per quarter, and *more importantly help to encourage more members to attend. As registration goes up, the difference in our loss would go down.***

**Without new members and more members attending, we are losing their new ideas, talents and the pool for future leadership!**

**This is presented for Conference Chair Ken Johnson, who in my absence is my representative at District conferences for the Board of Directors.**

**Bob Lewis, President, Pueblo Optimist Club 31-092**