



## Central Ontario District Board of Directors

<b>Purpose of Meeting:</b>	Central Ontario District Board of Director Meeting Minutes		
<b>Date:</b>	May 5, 2024	<b>Location:</b>	Allure Hotel & Conference Centre - Barrie
<b>Time:</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Michelle Stokes

Participants:			
<b>Voting Members in Attendance:</b>	Ralph Brunton, Governor Alan Fourney, Immediate PG Michelle Stokes, District S/T Don Zynomirski, LG Z 2 Olaf Krahmer, LG Z 6 Vicki Mains, Oakville Cathy McGowan, Hamilton Al Wood, Stoney Creek Kim Eros, Port Colborne Gabiella Van Hooydonk, Burlington Georgia Pottage, Aurora Dennis Kwasnicki, Erin	Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Governor Elect Brian Wick, Past Governor Don Devreede, LG Z 1 PG Mac Rumble, LG Z 5 Larry Harper, LG Z 10 PG Sheril Thomson, Keswick Chris Boyer, Welland Christine Smith, Dunnville Jim Wilkins, Hamilton – East PG Jim Lynge, Etobicoke Alex Hilson, Halton Hills Mike Ballard, Newmarket	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Marion Chapman, Dunnville Lori Engle, NY-NE Governor Diane Laframboise, Halton Hills Chris Eros, Port Colborne Shannon Sinnott, Lancaster Colleen Purcell, Spencerville Anna Hill, Forest Park Joan Carter, Stoney Creek Tish Harrison, Hamilton-East Marijke Coffa, Burlington Lauralee Reily, Keswick Barry Stokes, Ancaster Deb Finnicar, Aurora PG Ian Carter, Stoney Creek	Iris Krahmer, Halton Hills John Wilson, Uxbridge Jan Wilson, Uxbridge David Shanahan, Dunnville PG Paul Thomson PG Anne Donkers, Lancaster Brian Purcell, Spencerville Jaslynn Dhiman, Guest Pamela Carom, Stoney Creek Linda Hill, Stoney Creek PG Sandra Stokes, Ancaster Sophie Zirnis, Caledon PG Ted Simmonds, Caledon	

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Date:</b> August 18, 2024	<b>Time:</b> 10:00 am
<b>Location:</b>	Morrisburg, ON	

Governor Ralph called to Order the Meeting and welcomed everyone to the virtual conference and introduced the head table.

Governor Elect Bonnie Scheer-Porteous Acknowledged the Land.

DS/T Michelle Stokes clarified the voting members for this meeting are:

Governor Ralph, Governor-Elect Bonnie, Immediate Past Governor Alan, District S/T – Michelle, the Lieutenant Governors for each Zone, The Club Presidents, or Club Representative if appointed in writing to the District S/T Michelle Stokes

**Approval of Agenda – Governor Ralph**

**Moved by:** Christine Smith, Dunnville    **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Don Zynomirski, LG Z 2

**Carried**

**Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board of Director Meeting Minutes – Governor Ralph**

**Moved by:** Alex Hilson, Halton Hills    **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Larry Harper, LG Z 10

**Carried**

**Review of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Statement as presented- PG Brian**

**Moved by:** PG Brian Wick    **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Gov. Elect

**Carried**

**Zone Reports**

Zone 1 – Presented by LG Don Devreede

Zone 2 – Presented by LG Don Zynomirski

Zone 3 – Presented by Gov Ralph

Zone 5 – Presented by LG Mac Rumble

Zone 6 – Presented by LG Olaf Krahmer

Zone 8 – No report presented/submitted.

Zone 10 – Presented by LG Larry Harper.

**Committee Reports**

**Candidates Qualifications:** Following LG's have been elected to the 2024-2025 Optimist Year: Zone 1 – Don Devreede, Zone 2 – Christine Smith, Zone 3 - TBD, Zone 5 – Rob Gaby, Zone 6 – Alex Hilson, Zone 8 – TBD, Zone 10 – Terry Muir. Larry Harper has been nominated for Governor- Elect.

**Essay:** Winner is Michael Li, submitted by the Optimist Club of Oakville, who will receive a \$2,500.00 Scholarship. 2nd place is Navami Kamat submitted by the Optimist Club of Newmarket and 3rd place is Mark Loh submitted by the Optimist Club of Toronto/Etobicoke

**Oratorical:** 1st place - Emilia Wesolkowski - Nepean Club and Forest Park Clubs, Zone 10. 2nd place - Akshi Bhambani - Halton Hills Club, Zone 6, and 3rd place - Julia Hong Hamilton Club, Zone 2

**CCDHH:** Contest date to be set. Still having continued issues with contestants.

**Jr. Golf:** Qualifying tournament to be held Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Caledon Country Club in Inglewood Ontario. Hole sponsorships available for \$200.00. Registration for golfers is \$95.00 which includes green fees, lunch and prizes, with the first tee off being 1:00pm.

**Membership & Engagement:** Currently at +33 and #4 in all of Optimist International. A wall of fame has been put up for the conference – all new members to date have their name on a star.

**Growth:** Cornwall is looking to build a new club in Long Sault and hope to have them in by the end of June. If you are thinking of starting a new club, please reach out – there is help available.

**Leadership Development:** Please pass along any comments regarding the weekend to Anne. Also, please share any concerns with the Optimist Institute with Anne who will share with the LD team at OI.

**Conference Report:** 63 in attendance with 59 at dinner, Lori Engel Fron NY/NE governor was in attendance. 3 First timers, 14 oratorical contestants  
Representation: Zone 1 – 4, Zone 2 – 16, Zone 3 – 6, Zone 5 – 11, Zone 6 – 10, Zone 8 – 9, Zone 10 - 10

**Canadian Centennial:** If you are doing events, please send in pictures to show how you are celebrating 100 Years of Optimism in Canada. Also, please remember to promote the Licence plate initiative. There are also pins available for \$4.00 for one, 3 for \$10.00 – please see Bonnie or Ralph.

**OI Convention:** Provided update on registration timelines, events, workshops. An information presentation was sent out to Presidents to share prior to the early bird deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>. The convention is June 22 – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Niagara Falls, ON – Registration is now open at <https://www.optimist.org/Member/convention.cfm>. We are looking for donations (Monetary and Swag), volunteers, and Exhibitors for the event – please reach out to the host Committee via Michelle.

**Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation:** \$9439.30 as of the end of March, which puts us in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Dime a Day is the most economical way to donate. The Top 3 Zones are 5, 2, and 10. The Top Clubs are Dunnville, Aurora, and Forest Park.

**JOI District Updates:** 13 JOI attending with Jody Caperchione (Zone 3 - Burlington) and Jane Morson (Zone 5-Keswick) supporting JOI Lancaster – 2, Keswick – 6, Oakville – 1, Burlington – 4 these numbers include the LG from Burlington and Oakville  
The JOI were working on a District book showcasing their fundraising and community involvements to present at the JOI convention.

**New Business**

**Confirmation of Brian Wick for the 2024-2025 District S/T – Governor-Elect Bonnie**  
**Moved by:** Bonnie Sheer-Porteous, Governor-Elect **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** PG Alan Fourney  
**Carried.**

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be August 18, 2024 in Morrisburg at 10:00am

Adjourned with the Optimist Creed at