



Central Ontario District Board of Directors and Annual General Meeting

Purpose of Meeting:	Central Ontario District Executive Committee Minutes		
Date:	August 18, 2024	Location:	Morrisburg, ON
Time:	9:00 a.m.	Prepared by:	Michelle Stokes

Participants:		
Voting Members in Attendance:	Ralph Brunton, Governor Alan Fourney, Immediate PG Michelle Stokes, District S/T Don Zynomirski, LG Z 2 Larry Harper, LG Z 10 Cathy McGowan, Hamilton Gabiella Van Hooydonk, Burlington Susan Montgomery, Caledon Alex Hilson, Halton Hills Cindy Crone, Newmarket	Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Gov-Elect Brian Wick, PG Don DeVreed, LG Z 1 Olaf Krahmer, LG Z 6 PG Sheril Thomson, Keswick Barbara Holly, Etobicoke PG Alex Ansell, Aurora Christine Smith, Dunnville Al Wood, Stoney Creek PG Tony Edge, Forest Park
In Attendance:	Jan Oord Graves, OI President Designate Diane Laframboise, Halton Hills PG Ted Simmonds, Caledon PG Gordon Holly, Etobicoke Ivon Quesonel, Guest PG Jennifer Krizel, Oshawa Lauralee Reily, Keswick Rob Gaby, Aurora Pamela Carom, Stoney Creek Mary Wick, Brookin Brenda Zynomirski, Dunnville John Wilson, Uxbridge Pamela Carom, Stoney Creek PG Dennis Kwasnicki, Erin Cindy Crone, Newmarket	Iris Krahmer, Halton Hills Lynn Menard, Forest Park PG Anne Donkers, Lancaster Anna Hill, Forest Park Peter Krizel, Oshawa PG Denise Nacev, Burlington Terry Muir, Cornwall Joan Carter, Stoney Creek Sophie Zirniss, Caledon Jaslynn Dhiman-Smith, Guest Jan Wilson, Uxbridge Kathryn Edge, Forest Park Gerry Heaton, Spencerville Mike Ballard, Newmarket Haidy Abdesayd, Newmarket

Next Meeting:	Date:	TBC	Time:	TBC
Location:	TBC			

Governor Ralph welcomed everyone to Morrisburg and called to order the Board of Directors Meeting and Annual General Meeting.

Governor Elect Bonnie Scheer - Porteous provided the Moment of Reflection

Governor Ralph introduced the head table.

District Secretary Treasurer Michelle clarified that those who may vote and make motions are the Governor, Governor-Elect, Immediate Past Governor, Past Governor, Secretary Treasurer, and any of the 7 Lieutenant Governors, and Presidents or designates.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Don DeVreede, LG Z 1
Carried

2nd by: Larry Harper, LG Z 10

Approval of 3rd Quarter Board of Directors Minutes– Gov Ralph

Moved by: Tony Edge, Forest Park
Carried

2nd by: Al Wood, Stoney Creek

Review of the 3rd Quarter Financial Statement – PG Brian Wick:

Moved by: Brian Wick, PG
Carried

2nd by: Bonnie Scheer Porteous, Gov- Elect

Ratification of Lieutenant Governors – Immediate PG Brian Wick

Zone 1 – Don Devreede
Zone 2 – Christine Smith
Zone 3 – VACANT
Zone 5 – Rob Gaby
Zone 6 – Alex Hilson
Zone 8 – VACANT
Zone 10 – Terry Muir

Moved by: Don Zynomirski, LG Z 2
Carried

2nd by: Larry Harper, LG Z 10

Ratification of the Finance Chair for 2024-2025 PG Gordon Holly

Moved by: Christine Smith, Dunnville
Carried

2nd by: Olaf Krahmer, LG Z 6

Motion to pay out the \$531.81 for the CENON portion of the International Convention Hospitality Room.

- *Rescinded – a donation was made to cover the \$131.81 difference, CENON budget no longer affected.*

Committee Reports

Junior Golf – See report provided.

Membership & Engagement – Currently sitting at #3 in all of Optimist International for the District, +35 members, Zone 10 is the Top Zone followed by Dunnville with +8 net for top Club in District.

Oratorical – Our 203-2024 District Winner went on to St.Louis to compete in July but did not place.

The 2024-2025 Topic is **How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times**. The contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 as of October 1st of the current Optimist International contest year (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent, including CEGEP students in Québec, Canada. There is no minimum age.

Growth - Chartered a new club in early 2nd Quarter. Town of Long Sault club (South Stormont O/C) was in process with a base of 15 members and confirmed ready to go when President was hospitalized and the group would not proceed without him. Hoping to revive the interest in the club.

District Convention Report – 77 reg, 8 First Timers, 71 for Dinner and 58 for Breakfast.

International Convention Report - 35 registered from CENON, which included the Host Area Committee who did an amazing job and got nothing but praise from those attending. The total number of participants in Niagara Falls was close to 700 which included OI Staff, Guest Speakers, Entertainment, and Guests.

JOI - Having a District Convention of their own shortly, where Elections will take place. 5 members went to the JOI Summit in St. Louis and attended the Oratorical Contest. Shelby has been elected to the JOI International Board of Directors. In the past 9 years CENON has had 3 JOI Presidents and 6 Board Members.

CCOF – Current donations are at \$15,401.85 which is approximately \$4,000 short of our \$20,000 goal for 2023-2024. Two Clubs in CENON received Spread Relief Grants- Newmarket's 'I Own It' Campaign and Milton's 'Dream Kitchen'. Dime a day challenge – Top 3 clubs: 3rd- Aurora with 37.25% of members, 2nd – Forest Park with 40%, and 1st – Dunnville with 59.26%.
Annual CCOF report is now available on our website for review.

Lieutenant Governor Reports:

- See reports

Approval to Adjourn Board of Directors Meeting and move to the General Assembly – S/T Michelle

Moved by: Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Gov-Elect **2nd by:** Christine Smith, Dunnville
Carried

GENERAL ASSEMBLY & MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial Service

Held in memorial of those Optimists we have lost in the past year.

District Secretary Treasurer Michelle clarified that those who may vote and make motions are the Presidents or their designates provided in writing to Secretary/Treasurer Michelle

Approval of the Agenda – Governor Ralph

Moved by: Christine Smith, Dunnville **2nd by:** Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Gov-Elect
Carried

Approval of the General Assembly Minutes 2023 – Governor Ralph

Moved by: Alex Hilson, Halton Hills **2nd by:** Susan Montgomery, Caledon
Carried

Election of the 2024 – 2025 Governor Elect – PG Alan Fourney

Larry Harper has been acclaimed as Governor Elect for 2024-2025.

Governor Designate Bonnie introduced her team for 2024 – 2025

OI Rep President Designate Jan Oord Graves inducted the 2024-2025 Board of Directors

Convention Resolutions – PG Alan Fourney

Governor Designate Bonnie gave her remarks

Approval to Adjourn General Assembly and return to the Board of Directors Meeting – S/T Michelle

Moved by: Alex Hilson, Halton Hills **2nd by:** Alex Ansell, Aurora
Carried

Other Business

- It was noted that a member has stepped up to cover the deficit in budget for the International Hospitality Room.
- It was noted that items for the 2024 – 2025 budget should include a new Past Governor's Banner, a JOI banner and the new Member kits.

Governor Ralph gave closing remarks.

Meeting Adjourned with the creed at 12:40pm