

**Central Ontario District 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter District Conference**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 7<sup>h</sup>, 2026, 10:00 am**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:** (48 per list) Kim Plante, Cathy McGowan, Klaus Hoeg, Ted Simmonds, Alan Fourney, Dennis Kwasnicki, Don Zynomirski, Gerry Heaton, A Ian F Carter, Melissa Wendt, David Shanahan, Gabriella Van Hooydonk, Norie Spence, Gary Will, Amanda Carey, Denise Mabee, Anthony Edge, Terry Muir, Jack Kyle, Alex Hilson, Brenda Dillabough, Larry Harper, George & Jean Clarke, Jim McKechnie, Larry Harper, David Matson, Adrian Maes, Anna Hill, Paul Gross, Donna Patterson, Brenda Zynomirski, Kathryn Brunton, Don Staddon, Michelle Stokes, Brenda McDonald, Christine Smith, Alex Ansell, Robert Gaby, Susan Montgomery, Adrian Baldwin, Jennifer Carter, Al Wood, Robert Hewlett, Kim Eros, Rhonda St. John, Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Brian Wick, Jennifer Dale

<b>Call to Order</b>	Governor Larry Harper
<b>Optimist Creed</b>	Governor Christine Smith
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Governor Larry Harper
<b>Clarification on Voting Rights</b>	Secretary/ Treasurer Brian Wick

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Susan Montgomery, seconded by Rob Gaby, carried

**Approval of the November Executive Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Bonnie Sheer-Porteous seconded by Anna Hill, carried

**Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference Report**

Motion by Brian Wick seconded by Sue Montgomery carry

**Review of First Quarter Financial Statement**

Motion by Brian Wick seconded by Christine Smith, carried

**Amendment to the 2025/2026 Budget**

Motion to amend the budget to include an additional \$200.00 for line 420 Audit and Banking (miss calculated the money needed to cover QBO as subscription price had increased.) Move by Bonnie Sheer-Porteous seconded by Klaus Hoeg, motion carried

Motion to amend the budget to add HubSpot platform for communications at a cost of \$250. Move by Christine Smith seconded by Bonnie Sheer-Porteous, motion carried

It was also noted by governor-elect Christine Smith that a calendar addition had been added to the www.CENON.org website and that the Newsday Tuesday newsletter is only sent to the leadership members of Optimist International

**Break for Workshops**

1. Starting a new Junior Optimist Club: presented by Anne Donkers and Christine Smith
2. Club Building and Retention: presented by Al Fourney and Larry Harper

Zone Reports (3 minutes max)

LT. Governors

Committee Reports 3 minutes max

Committee Chairs

New Business

Governor Elect Christine Smith

Meeting **Adjournment**

Governor Larry Harper

Next Meeting Announcement

**Executive Meeting:** April 30, 2026 via Zoom 7:30 – 8:30 pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference and District Oratorical Finals:**

Saturday & Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, Sandman Hotel, 33452 South Service Rd W,  
Oakville