



Central Ontario District – Optimist International
Third Quarter District Conference
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday May 2, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Sandman Hotel, 3451 South Service Road, Oakville, Ont

Meeting Agenda

10:00 am Morning Welcome and Workshops

- **Welcome and Introductions** Governor Assistant PDG Gord
Holly
- **Land Acknowledgement** Past Gov Bonnie Scheer Porteous
- **Governor-Elect’s Reflections** Governor-Elect Christine Smith
- **Detailed introductions Int’l President** Governor-Elect Christine Smith
- **International President’s Address** Intl. President Tom Kendo
- **Breakout Training:**
- **Appropriate Meeting Etiquette**

Past Governor George Clarke

12:00 pm Box Lunch

(all who pre-purchased)

12:00 pm Lt. Governor Reports during lunch

Lt Governors & Attendees

Board of Directors Meeting

2:00 pm Board Meeting

Head Table: Governor Larry Harper, International President Tom Kendo, Governor Elect Christine Smith, Immediate Past Governor Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Past Governor Ralph Brunton, Secretary/Treasurer Brian Wick, Governor Advisor Gord Holly.

- **Call to Order** Governors Assistant PDG Gord
Holly
- **Approval of Agenda** Governor-Elect Christine Smith
- **Voting Rights** Secretary/Treasurer Brian Wick
- **Approval of Previous Board of Directors Minutes** – Governor Assistant PDG
Gord Holly

- **Review and Approval of
2nd Qtr Financial Statement** Past Governor Gord Holy
- **Report on 2024/2025 Financial Review** Past Governor Gord Holly
- **Approval of the 2026/2027 District S/T** Governor-Elect Christine Smith

Committee Reports:

- **Candidate Qualifications** Past Gov Bonnie Scheer Porteous
- **Essay and Oratorical** Gabrielle VanHooydonk
- **CCDHH** Past Governor Ted Simmonds
- **Junior Golf** Dennis Kwasnicki
- **Membership and Engagement** Don Devreede
- **Growth and Retention** Past Governor Al Fourney
- **Leadership Development** Past Governor George Clarke
- **Conference Report** Barb Holly
- **OI International Convention** Governor Larry Harper
- **Presentation by CCOF President** Denise Nacev
- **CCOF** Past Governor Ted Simmonds
- **Junior Optimist** Past OI VP Anne Donkers
- **A&A Awards** Lauralee Riely

New Business

Holly

Governor Assistant PDG Gord

Announcement of Convention Date, and Location:

Barb Holly

For the Good of Optimism

Governor Elect Christine Smith

Adjournment with the Optimist Creed

Next Executive Meeting Announcement

July 30, 2026 7:00 pm (ZOOM)

International Convention Jacksonville, Florida

June 28-July 1, 2026

Central Ontario District Convention & AGM

August 15-16, 2026

MacIntosh Country Inn & Convention Center 12495 Hwy 2 E, Morrisburg, Ontario K0G 1X0

Evening Program

5:00 pm Cocktails & Gathering

6:00 pm Awards Banquet & Entertainment

8:30 pm Hospitality opens



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Awards Banquet Agenda
Saturday May 2, 2026 | 6:00 PM
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Head Table:

Governor Larry Harper, Governor Elect Christine Smith, Past Governor Bonnie Scheer-Porteous & Past Governor Tony Edge, International President Tom Kendo and Jennifer, Governor Advisor Gordon Holly & Barbara.

- Welcome and Introduction
- Invocation Governor Elect Christine Smith
- O Canada Past Gov Ted Simmonds
- Toast to King, Country, and Optimism Governor Elect Christine Smith
- Meal Service
- Thank you to hotel staff Governor Assistant PDG Gord Holly
- Presentation to Int'l President Governor Larry Harper
- Awards Banquet Presentation Past Gov Bonnie Scheer-Porteous
- Optimist Creed Past Gov Tony Edge
- Entertainment Lt Gov Robert Hewlett

Hospitality Room