

Proposed Policy changes are included below. Please study them and direct any questions or comments to the Policy Review Committee prior to the August 6-8 Convention in South Sioux City. These changes will be moved to the floor of the business meeting for approval at that convention.

Proposed new language is listed in Bold Type, language ~~to be deleted or changed is printed in strike-through type.~~ *Italics are used for explanations of the changes and their location in the 2009-2010 Directory.*

Members of the Committee are: Rick Quinlan, Gaylea Sturgis, Ardis Moody and Mark Claussen. The Governor has copies of the directory available to any members who want them.

These proposed additions to the policies would be found on pages 33 and 34 of the directory:

III DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

C. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

4. DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURER

- a. The District Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year by the Governor Elect. (OI Bylaws Article VII, Section 6, Paragraph D)
- b. The appointment shall be confirmed at the Third Quarter meeting of the District Board of Directors. (OI Bylaws Article VII, Section 6 Paragraph D)
- c. The Secretary-Treasurer Designate shall take office on 1 October following his or her confirmation. (OI Bylaws
- d. **District Secretary-Treasurer shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms of office.**

5. Lieutenant Governors

- a. **The Lieutenant Governor(s) shall be elected at the third quarterly conference during a General Business session by a majority vote of the clubs from that zone present and voting at the time of the election. Voting will be based on one club one vote. In case of a tie voting will be based on current club size, one (1) vote per ten (10) members or majority portion thereof.**
- b. **A Lieutenant Governor shall not serve in any other elective office in the same year he or she is Lieutenant Governor.**
- c. **A Lieutenant Governor shall have served as club president before being elected to this position.**

These proposed changes would be found on page 43 of the directory.

IV. DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

C. CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN (CCC)

2. At least 25% of the monies received will be directed to ~~the Optimist International Childhood Cancer Research Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University or other~~ **a committee-selected** childhood cancer research program. The remaining funds will be allocated by the CCC Committee, the District Governor and the Immediate Past Governor to the area camps and grants for childhood cancer activities or families.

These proposed changes would be part of the policies on page 43 and 44

D. COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (CCDHH)

7. **Two winners shall each receive a \$2500 scholarship, one funded by Optimist International and the other by the District. The district scholarships will be maintained in an interest-bearing account for a period not to exceed 12 years.** ~~The District shall recognize and award one (1) winner of the CCDHH Contest with a \$1500.00 scholarship provided by Optimist International. A second winner may be recognized and awarded a \$1500.00 scholarship if the District provides the funds to Optimist International.~~
10. **Corporate Sponsors may be invited to participate in the scholarship program and may offer additional scholarships for students. These funds will be maintained in an interest-bearing account with each winner's funds earmarked for a period of up to 12 years.**

These proposed changes would be found on page 44

E. ESSAY CONTEST

5. **The winner shall receive a \$2500 scholarship provided by Optimist International.** ~~The District shall recognize and award (1) winner with a scholarship provided by Optimist International. The~~

~~District may award a \$1500.00 scholarship if the District provides the additional funds necessary to Optimist International.~~

- 11. Corporate Sponsors may be invited to participate in the scholarship program and may offer additional scholarships for students. These funds will be maintained in an interest-bearing account with each winner's funds earmarked for a period of up to 12 years.**

These proposed changes would be included in the language on pages 45 and 46.

H. ORATORICAL CONTEST

- 6.** An entry fee of ~~\$30.00~~ **\$45.00** shall be paid by all Clubs **for each entrant** ~~sponsoring an entrant in a Zone Contest.~~ The entry fees shall be adequate to cover all expenses incurred by the District in the conduct of the contest. The costs of all transportation, food and lodging while at, or in route to or from a Zone Contest shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring Clubs.
- 7.** ~~No additional entry fee shall be paid by Clubs sponsoring an entrant in the District Finals.~~ The costs of all transportation, food and lodging while in route to or from the District Finals shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring Clubs. The District will pay the cost of a contestant's room if shared with another contestant or 50% of the room fee to the motel for each contestant who chooses to lodge with a parent or guardian. ~~All contestants are encouraged to share rooms in which case the District will pay for the room. All Zone Contestants and their parents or guardians are asked to attend the luncheon again with the District paying only for the contestant's meal.~~
- 8. Two winners shall each receive a \$2500 scholarship provided by Optimist International; one (1) boy and one (1) girl if separate gender contests are held.** ~~The District shall recognize and award two (2) winners, one (1) boy and one (1) girl if separate gender contests are held, of the Oratorical Contest with \$1500.00 scholarships provided by Optimist International.~~
- 12. Corporate sponsors may be invited to participate in the scholarship program and may offer additional scholarships for students. These funds will be maintained in an interest-bearing account with each winner's funds earmarked for a period of up to 12 years.**

This proposed change would be included on page 49 in the directory.

VI. DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

B. DISTRICT CONFERENCES

4. The third quarter District Conference shall include the election of Lieutenant Governors for the ensuing year. **(Nebraska District Policy, Article III, Section C).**

This language would be added at the end of the policies on page 56.

VII. DISTRICT FINANCES

J. CORPORATE DONATIONS

- 1. Funding from corporations and businesses will be solicited to sustain the scholarship fund and to offer additional incentives to students participating in District Programs and Activities.**
- 2. In the event these funds are presented to the District to establish additional scholarships for CCDHH, Oratorical or Essay Contest winners, the funds will be maintained in an interest-bearing account for a period of up to twelve years or until the student enrolls in a college, university or trade school of his or her choice. Records will include the name, address, phone number, amount of scholarship and the projected year of high school graduation.**
- 3. These records will be a part of the Secretary-Treasurer's financial report at every District Quarterly meeting.**
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