

A comprehensive review of the financial condition of Optimist International shall be presented by the Finance Committee chairman as part of the new Board indoctrination during the International Convention and a subsequent presentation by the International Immediate Past President shall be made at the first meeting of the Board of Directors in the new administrative year.

Priorities shall be set by the Board and adhered to with regard to approving the various expenditures being requested by International committees when new budget items are presented for approval at each Board of Directors' meeting, and new or additional expenses shall not be approved without at the same time providing for offsetting revenue or income, or concomitant reduction of expenses.

The budget for the current year shall be determined by the Board of Directors at its first regular meeting of the fiscal year based on membership assumptions as presented by the Audit & Finance Committee and approved by the International Board of Directors. As provided in the bylaws of Optimist International, an annual budget shall be presented to the Board of Directors at the Convention Board meeting for the Board's approval.

Monthly reports, by general budget category, will be provided to the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors by the Executive Director. At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will present a detailed accounting of all general budget categories with a comparison of actual to budget and an explanation of variances.

Should the President or other officer of the organization request an expenditure in excess of a specific budgeted or non-budgeted item, the Executive Director does not have the authority to approve or disapprove such request without the approval of the Board of Directors.

As the managing director of Optimist International, the Executive Director is authorized to expend amounts, within the total approved budget guidelines, which, in his judgment, are required to accomplish the objectives of the year as established by the Board of Directors.

The Audit and Finance Committee, at each of its meetings, shall review the expenses of the Optimist International President, President-Elect, Executive Director, and Senior Director of Finance & Administration to assure compliance with the approved budget requirements. The Immediate Past President and Audit & Finance Chair shall receive expense statements of the President, President-Elect, Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer. Either Immediate Past President or the Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee has the authority to approve these expenses within seven business days. Additionally, the Audit and Finance Committee Chair reviews these expenses yearly.

A condensed financial report shall be published in *the Optimist* magazine annually. A detailed financial report shall be published at the end of each month and distributed to all members of the Board of Directors and all members of the Finance Committee.

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