

DMM Policy Changes presented to the 2017 DMM Convention

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MEETING:

DATE(S) OF MEETING:

CITY & STATE / PROVINCE:

HOTEL / FACILITY:

REPORTED BY:

DATE REPORT FILED:

Attendance:

Governor	YES	NO
Governor-Elect	YES	NO
District S-T	YES	NO
Foundation Rep	YES	NO
Past International President	YES	NO
Past International Vice Presidents	YES	NO
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6. DISTRICT PINS (Page 18)

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REGIONAL AND WORLD ORATORICAL COMPETITION (ACCOUNT (370.1)

If the DMM budget allows, funds up to a maximum of \$1200.00 may be allocated to assist the Oratorical contestant to attend the St. Louis competition; or the same funds may be used to cover the cost of organizing the special video/audio program for the competition. Only one option is permitted per year, and any funds that may remain following said competition will revert back to the current year's general budget. Funds from this account are for the purpose of assisting the contestant's competition at the Regional and World Competition only and are not part of the Oratorical Budget, which is a separate line item.

If the contestant's family chooses to travel to St Louis, the DMM will cover two (2) round trip airfares or round trip mileage at .25 a mile, one (1) room for a maximum of three (3) nights at the OI designated hotel and \$50 per day per diem for the contestant. Receipts must be provided to the DMM Secretary Treasurer, and reimbursement cannot exceed \$1200.

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The Committee Moves and Seconds the approval of the document as a whole, to include any re-numbering and re-formatting which may be necessary as a result of the changes.

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Lieutenant Governors	_____	of _____
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