

Convention Minutes DMM Board of Directors meeting

August 11-12th, 2017 – Winnipeg, MB

Clubs present: 35001, 35021, 35027, 35045, 35051, 35070, 35078, 35096, 35116, 35123, 35125, 35130, 35131, 35140, 35143, 35150, 35151, 35153, 35156, 35157, 35163, 35166, 35171, 35210, 35231

Call to Order: August 11th, 8:50 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies: included presentation of colors by the Past Governors in attendance, National Anthems presented by Hoosli Ukranian Men's Chorus, Pledge of Allegiance led by Don Stover, Toast to Canada led by Jo-Anne Pelzer, Invocation by Kevin Hammell, and Welcome to Canada video presentation by Astronaut, Commander of International Space Station, Singer, Songwriter – Chris Hadfield, recognition of Past Governors and Past District Secretary Treasurers by Kevin Hammell, Jim Bisek passed the gavel to Governor Terry; welcome of three 1st Timers by Jeri Gorman.

Adoption of Convention Rules: Presented by Larry Pelzer, moved by Jim Bisek, seconded by Kevin Hammell. Motion carried.

Approval of DMM financials: Presented by Lori Cook; moved by Jim Bisek; seconded by Snuffy Kruger; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from 3rd Qtr Board meeting: Presented by Lori Cook; moved by Jim Bisek; seconded by Ken Schulz; motion carried.

Approval of 2017-18 Bank Accounts – U.S.: DMM S/T elect Bill Reilly announced the selection of Associated Bank as the DMM bank for 2017-18; moved by Ken Schulz; seconded by Jim Bisek; motion carried.

Approval to continue Canada bank account 2017-18: Presented by Jo-Anne Pelzer to continue the Canadian bank account at the Assiniboine Credit Union, with Jo-Anne Pelzer and Larry Pelzer as co-signers in order to handle the exchange rate issue. Moved by Jo-Anne Pelzer, seconded by Jeri Gorm. Motion Carried.

Approval to continue 30 under 30 program: Moved by Adam Walsh, seconded by Ken Munch, Motion Carried.

Approval for New Club Building grant from DMM program: \$400 to help defray costs of building the club or can be given to new club to start their coffers. Moved by Don Stover, seconded by Jeri Gorman, Motion Carried.

Approval for 5 yr contract with Watertown hotel for 3rd qtr meetings: Presented for approval by Carmen Bakken, Moved by Jo-Anne Pelzer, Seconded by Ken Schulz. Discussion: Carmen conferred with all identified Governor elects for the next 5 years, and they all would like to hold the 3rd Qtr meeting in Watertown, she has worked with the Ramkota hotel to get price reductions based on a 5 yr commitment as follows: facility charges: 2018 - \$2200; 2019 - \$2000; 2020 - \$2000; 2021 - \$1500; 2022 - \$1000. Room rates: 2018 – \$94.99; 2019 - \$98.99; 2020 - \$102.99; 2021 - \$106.99; 2022 - \$110.99. They will also supply a free coffee break, stage and mic use at no charge for the event center. There is a 75 room commitment required to receive these rates. Based on most recent history that should be attainable. Motion carried with some opposition.

JOI to adult club membership: Motion to allow any JOI member that joins an adult club upon aging out of JOI club, be eligible for 1 year free membership in the adult club. Moved by Jim Bisek; Seconded by Carmen Bakken. Motion carried.

State of the DMM District: Governor Terry Gorman that we are doing very well in general. We have built 3 new clubs; Roseville – now at 52 members, Lakeville which has added additional members; and Harrison, SD who chartered with 30 members and growing. Tim Goetz is looking to build in Northwood, ND and hopes to have that club brought in still this year. Jim Meyers is working on Northfield and utilizing the new Facebook campaign to target a community. Facebook ad targets a community for 4 days, if interested in learning more, contact Terry Gorman. There are lots of programs out there, some clubs are not as healthy, reach out for help. Look at baby boomers who are now retiring, utilize teachers unions, etc. as member recruitment opportunities. A big Thank You to all the great members of the DMM and ended his remarks with a rousing DMM cheer.

Memorial service: Ken Schulz, Don Stover and Larry Pelzer presented the following names of Optimists that left us this year: Robert Chamberlain – N. Suburban; Arther Cheney – St. Paul; Cheryl Dyvig – S.F. Morning; Lisa Ericksmon – Minot; Joan Helmberger – Richfield; Don Hildebrand – S.F. Morning; Donald Jorgenson – Bismarck; Gilbert Cominsky – Transcona; Carol Kruger – Worthington; Bob Kruppstadt – Richfield; Lawrence Temple – Brookings; DarrelThursten – St. Boniface

10:15am – break

10:30 am – Resume meeting

Candidate Qualifications: Ken Schulz reported that we have some good candidates lined up for the upcoming 5 years.

Nomination for Governor Elect for 2017-18: Larry Pelzer called for Nominations; Dave Martin’s name was brought forward. After 3 calls for nominations; Bob Christiansen moved to close nominations, seconded by Terry Gorman. Dave Martin was unanimously accepted as the nominee with a rousing applause. Don Stover gave Dave’s nomination speech.

Policy Committee Recommendations: Presented by Jo-Anne Pelzer.

The following recommendations will be voted on individually at the convention in Winnipeg. Words to be deleted have ~~strikethrough~~ and words to be added are underlined. The recommendations are supported unanimously by the members of the Policy Review Committee: Lori Cook, Terry Gorman, Kevin Hammell, Gloria Kloster, Jo-Anne Pelzer and Ken Schulz.

1. MINIMUM RESERVE FUNDS (page 15)

The Policy Review Committee recommends deleting the reference to September 30, 2010 as the timeframe has passed. It should be noted that only the obsolete date is being eliminated and not the minimum reserve requirement.

MINIMUM RESERVE FUNDS

By ~~September 30, 2010,~~ The DMM bank account must maintain a minimum reserve of \$5,000 and these funds may only be accessed in an emergency with ~~on~~ the approval of the majority of the Executive Committee.

Recommendation: Concurrence Carried

2. CONVENTION RULES (Page 9)

The convention host committee must provide a report on the properly accredited delegates attending the convention. Host committees often offer partial registrations as well as a full registration for attendees. The current policy is ambiguous and can result in inaccurate and inconsistent reports. In addition to confirming the accuracy of the voting base at convention, this information is also used to forecast the attendance at the next convention. The Policy Review Committee recommends only those members paying the full registration be considered properly accredited delegates.

1. To be accredited by the credentials committee and eligible to vote on the convention business, delegates must have registered at the convention, paid the **full** registration fee, and produced such credentials as may be required by the Board of Directors. The number of accredited delegates of a Club shall not exceed the voting strength of the Club.

Recommendation: Concurrence Carried

3. CONVENTION RULES (Page 9)

The current policy is silent on the issue of clubs being current on their dues to Optimist International and the DMM District in order for their members to be considered as properly accredited delegates at the DMM convention. The current policy requires a definition on what the majority fraction of 1 vote for every 10 Members means. The Policy Review Committee’s proposed wording aligns the district policies with the criteria used by Optimist International.

~~2. Club voting strength will be based on 1 vote for every 10 Members.~~

2 . Each club in good standing as of 30 June (good standing being defined as all Club dues having been paid to the DMM and Optimist International) shall be entitled to one vote for each 10 Members or majority fraction thereof (6 or more) based on the numerical membership enrolled by the Club in the office of Optimist International as of 30 June.

Recommendation: Concurrence Carried

4. CONVENTION RULES (Page 9)

To assist the host committee in providing an accurate credentials or attendance report and accurate information to the Optimist International Representative, the Policy Review Committee recommends an addendum be added to the DMM Policies.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REPORT

DISTRICT NAME: Dakotas Manitoba Minnesota (DMM) No.35

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
Past Govs (#)	YES	NO
Lieutenant Governors	___	of ___
Lieutenant Governors-Elect	___	of ___
Committee Chairs	___	of ___
Presidents	___	of ___
Presidents-Elect	___	of ___
Secretary-Treasurers	___	of ___
Secretary-Treasurers-Elect	___	of ___
Clubs Represented	___	of ___
JOOI Lieutenant Governors	___	of ___
JOOI Presidents	___	of ___
JOOI Secretary-Treasurers	___	of ___

Optimists:

Guests:

Youth:

DMM Conference (Board of Directors) Attendance Report

- ___ Number of Board Members present (Executive Committee and Club Presidents)
- ___ Number of Clubs present
- ___ Total Number of Members present
- ___ VIPs / Guests
- ___ Youth

DMM Convention Credential Report

- ___ Number of Clubs present (dues fully paid)
- ___ Number of Members paying full registration
- ___ Number of Members paying partial registration (single meal tickets for example)
- ___ Total number of voting delegates
- ___ VIPs / Guests
- ___ Youth

Recommendation: Concurrence Carried

5. GIFTS TO NEW CLUBS (Page 18)

The gavel set referred to in the current policy is no longer available, therefore recent Governors have been ordering an engraved gavel as a substitution. This change, recommended by the District Policy Review Committee, will align the policies with the current practise.

GIFTS TO NEW CLUBS

The district administration shall provide each new club with a complimentary club banner and gavel set ***(with engraving to state the new Club's Name and date of charter)***, purchased from an Optimist International approved supplier ***whenever possible***.

Recommendation: Concurrence Carried

6. DISTRICT PINS (Page 18)

The DMM District pin features the US and Canadian flags, the buffalo, the Optimist International logo and the administrative year. Very few Districts, if any, have a separate District pin. As District budgets have tightened and members' finances have changed, pins are rarely traded and collected by Optimist members either at the district or international level. At the DMM level, the pins have in the past been used as a thank-you gift for bringing in a new member, but are no longer viewed by current members as an incentive to add new members to a Club. Optimist International no longer requires Governors to bring a collection of pins to Governor Conferences or conventions. The cost of these pins has ranged from \$400 - \$800 in recent years based on the supplier and the number ordered. Most Governors have many pins left over at the end of their year. The Policy Review Committee recommends the elimination of the DMM District pin.

DISTRICT PINS

- a) ~~Complimentary district pins will be supplied for the following purposes: Governors Conference — 75 pins for the Governor, as requested by Optimist International; Optimist International Convention — 25 pins each attendee, (Governor, Governor-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Secretary-Treasurer Designate.)~~
- b) ~~The District Governor will determine the number of district pins to be purchased.~~

Recommendation: Concurrence Carried

7. CCDHH (Page 13)

The District cannot place any district-mandated financial arrangements or obligations on zones, as they do not have their own source of funds. Therefore, the Policy Review Committee recommends that the reference to zones paying the entry fee be deleted. It should be noted that this change does not prevent clubs from pooling their resources to fund the Zone winner if that is their current practice or future desire. For clarity and continuity within the Policies, phrasing and capitalization have been updated.

COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (CCDHH) (ACCOUNTS 141 & 371)

The district may conduct a CCDHH contest each year during the time of the ~~Third eQuarter eDistrict mMeeting~~. All phases of district contests shall be conducted in strict compliance with the Optimist International contest official rules ~~and the~~ ***as well as any*** additional requirements and rules ~~to~~ ***stated in*** the DMM Policies - Scholarship Contest. ***Whenever possible***, the ~~gGovernor~~ shall appoint a ~~eCommittee eChairperson~~ from a club in the city where the district finals are held. ~~Whenever possible~~. The ~~eChairperson~~ may select a committee to assist ~~him or her~~. ***with the conduct of the competition.***

All clubs ~~or zones~~ sponsoring an entrant in ~~eDistrict eContest fFinals~~ shall pay an entry fee. The cost of food, lodging and transportation while en route to the ~~eDistrict eContest fFinals~~, ***and lodging at the Finals***, shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring clubs.

The cost of all district trophies, certificates and frames, and all *other* authorized receipts and expenditures, shall be supervised by the ~~District Contest Chairperson~~. ***The chair shall provide all revenue and expense documents and given to the District Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be responsible for all reimbursements and payments, and recording of all revenue and expense amounts.*** ~~accountable to the district secretary treasurer for all purchases and expenditures and record all revenue and expenses.~~

It shall be the responsibility of the District CCDHH ~~Contest Chairperson~~ to submit required materials and information on contest winners to the International Office within 30 days following the contest.

If approved, this is how the text will appear without bold, strikethrough, italics and underline.

The District may conduct a CCDHH contest each year during the time of the Third Quarter District Meeting. All phases of district contests shall be conducted in strict compliance with the Optimist International contest official rules as well as any additional requirements and rules stated in the DMM Policies - Scholarship Contest. Whenever possible, the Governor shall appoint a Committee Chairperson from a club in the city where the district finals are held. The Chairperson may select a committee to assist with the conduct of the competition.

All clubs sponsoring an entrant in District Contest Finals shall pay an entry fee. The cost of food, lodging and transportation while en route to the District Contest Finals, and lodging at the Finals, shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring clubs.

The cost of all district trophies, certificates and frames, and all other authorized receipts and expenditures, shall be supervised by the District Contest Chairperson. The chair shall provide all revenue and expense documents to the District Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be responsible for all reimbursements and payments, and recording of all revenue and expense amounts.

It shall be the responsibility of the District CCDHH Contest Chairperson to submit required materials and information on contest winners to the International Office within 30 days following the contest.

Recommendation: Concurrence

Amendment – Moved by Dave Nichols, seconded by Ginny Bisek to amend by deleting the words “within 30 days’ and replace with ‘to conform with the deadline that Optimist International establishes”.

Carried

Motion of concurrence as amended. Carried

8. Oratorical (Page 12)

The District cannot place any district-mandated financial arrangements or obligations on zones, as they do not have their own source of funds. Therefore, the Policy Review Committee recommends that the reference to zones paying the entry fee be deleted. It is noted that this change does not prevent clubs from pooling their resources to fund the Zone winner if that is their current practice or future desire. Words have been changed and added to further clarify the role of the District Oratorical Chairperson and the Lieutenant Governor or their designate.

For clarity and continuity within the Policies, phrasing and capitalization have been updated.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTESTS (ACCOUNTS 140 & 370)

The District may conduct an Oratorical Contest each year; if conducted, the contest shall be gender neutral. The District Finals will be held at the time of the Third Quarter District Meeting. All phases of District Contests shall be conducted in strict compliance with the Optimist International Contest official rules ~~and~~ ***as well as any*** additional requirements and rules ~~to~~ ***as stated in*** the DMM Policies - Scholarship Contest. ~~Whenever possible, the Governor shall appoint a committee chairperson from a club in the city where the district finals are held, whenever possible.~~ ***Whenever possible, the Governor shall appoint a committee chairperson from a club in the city where the district finals are held, with the conduct of the competition.***

Zone Contests are to be conducted under the supervision of and coordinated by ~~with~~ ***with*** the District Oratorical Contest Chairperson, with responsibility for the actual ***organization and*** conduct of Zone Contests assigned to Lieutenant Governors or their designates.

All clubs ~~or zones~~ sponsoring an entrant in ~~the~~ ***the*** District Contest finals shall pay an entry fee. The cost of food, lodging and transportation while en route to the District Contest finals, ***and lodging at the Finals,*** will be the responsibility of the sponsoring clubs.

The Chair shall provide all revenue and expense documents and give to the District Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be responsible for all reimbursements and payments, and the recording of all revenue and expense amounts. ~~The costs of all District trophies and Zone plaques or certificates, and all other authorized receipts and expenditures shall be supervised by the District Chair. shall be budgeted and audited under Accounts 140 and 370. All such items shall be supervised by the District contest chairperson and accountable to the District Secretary-Treasurer for all purchases and expenditures and record all revenue and expenses.~~

It shall be the responsibility of the District Oratorical Contest chairperson to submit required materials and information on contest winners to the International Office within 30 days following the ***District Contest Finals.***

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Zone Contests are to be conducted under the supervision of and coordinated with the District Oratorical Contest Chairperson, with responsibility for the actual organization and conduct of Zone Contests assigned to Lieutenant Governors or their designates.

All clubs sponsoring an entrant in the District Contest finals shall pay an entry fee. The cost of food, lodging and transportation while en route to the District Contest Finals, and lodging at the Finals, will be the responsibility of the sponsoring clubs.

The Chair shall provide all revenue and expense documents to the District Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be responsible for all reimbursements and payments, and the recording of all revenue and expense amounts. The costs of all District trophies and Zone plaques or certificates, and all other authorized receipts and expenditures shall be supervised by the District Chair.

It shall be the responsibility of the District Oratorical Contest Chairperson to submit required materials and information on contest winners to the International Office within 30 days following the District Contest Finals.

Recommendation: Concurrence

Amendment – Moved by Dave Nichols, seconded by Ginny Bisek, In Section 8 Oratorical the last sentence in the last paragraph, I move to amend the words “within 30 days” by deleting those words and add in its place ‘to conform with the deadline that OI establishes.’ That last sentence will read if approved: It shall be the responsibility of the District Oratorical Contest Chairperson to submit required materials and information on contest winners to the International Office to conform with the deadline that OI establishes following the District Contest finals.

Carried

Motion of concurrence as amended. Carried

(remainder of items tabled to Saturday’s meeting due to time constraints)

Credentials: Jo-Anne Pelzer presented the credentials report at this time: 26 clubs; 74 fully paid members registered; 2 partial paid members registered; 58 voting delegates; 15 VIP; 9 youth. Moved by Jo-Anne Pelzer, seconded by Jeri Gorman. Motion carried.

Adjourned 12:30 pm.

Saturday, August 12th, 2017:

Call to Order: 9 a.m.

OI 99th Convention: Dave Martin and Cheryl Bergstrom recapped the highlights of the OI Convention held in Albuquerque, NM. They encouraged future attendance.

Growth Update/Challenge: Gita Hendricks gave an update on our current growth, +30 members so far this year. Keep up the continued growth and encouraged folks to bring a youth to next years convention.

Policy Committee Recommendations (cont’d):

9. ORATORICAL FUNDING (NEW)

Optimist International holds a Regional and World Oratorical Contest. Normally this is a four day event, with two days of travel and two days of competition. The overall winner of the District Contest is eligible to travel to St. Louis to compete in the Regional and World competitions. The contestant also has the option to compete remotely and deliver their speech live using a special video/audio program. Competing in St. Louis will create travel expenses for the contestant and their family; and competing via the video program may require space and equipment rental, additional travel and fees to hire technicians. The Policy Review Committee is recommending that additional funds be made available to specifically cover these expenses. If approved, a new paragraph will be inserted at the end of the current policy and Account Line 370.1 will be added to the DMM financial statement.

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.

If the contestant chooses to compete remotely, three (3) nights hotel, round trip mileage at .25 a mile and \$15 per diem per day for the contestant will be paid for travel to the remote competition location determined by the DMM Oratorical Chairperson. If the remote competition site is in the contestant's area, no hotel or mileage fees will be paid. Receipts must be provided to the DMM Secretary Treasurer. The total cost for the contestant's travel expenses and organizing the competition cannot exceed \$1200.

All Regional and World Oratorical Competition expenses shall be recorded on Account Line 370.1

Recommendation: Concurrence

Amendment Moved by Dave Nichols, seconded by Ginny Bisek, In Section 9 Oratorical Funding the second sentence in the first paragraph after the words "overall winner", I move to amend the second sentence by adding the words "or 2nd place winner, if the overall winner is not available,". If approved that sentence will read: The overall winner or the 2nd place winner, if the overall winner is not available, of the District Contest is eligible to travel to St. Louis to compete in the Regional and World competitions. Carried

Amendment Moved by Dave Nichols, seconded by Ginny Bisek, In Section 9 under REGIONAL AND WORLD ORATORICAL COMPETITION the first paragraph, first sentence, second line, I move to amend between the words “contestant” and ‘to; by adding the words “and one parent or guardian’. If approved this sentence will then read: If the DMM budget allows, funds up to a maximum of \$1,200 may be allocated to assist the Oratorical contestant and one parent or guardian to attend the St. Louis competition. Carried.

Amendment to the Amendment Moved by Lori Cook, seconded by Dave Nichols to add the words “adult chaperone” so it would read “one parent or guardian or adult chaperone” and replace the word “family’ in the second paragraph with “ and one parent or guardian or adult chaperone. Carried.

Amendment Moved by Dave Nichols, seconded by Ginny Bisek, In Section 9 under REGIONAL AND WORLD ORATORICAL COMPETITION third paragraph, first sentence, I move to amend to delete the words “three (3) night” and in the second line after the words “for the contestant” add the words “or the Oratorical Chairperson, which ever travels”. Defeated.

Motion of concurrence as amended. Carried

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.

Recommendation: Concurrence Carried

Governor Elect election: Dave Martin was acclaimed as the Governor Elect 2017-18

Governor Elect remarks: Dave Martin was very appreciative of being elected and is excited to keep the engine going up the hill!

Oratorical Contest: Dave Nichols reported that there were 6 zones represented, Emily from Zone 9 won, Jacob from Zone 10 was second. Each won \$2500 at the DMM level. Emily went to St. Louis to compete. Next years theme is: “Where Are My Roots of Optimism”

Jr. Golf: Fred Urso reported that there were 20 golfers who participated on June 10th and 11th. The Canadian winners could not go to Florida, so the golfers from Orono, MN went.

CCOF: Rod McKendrick – OI Board Member gave a great presentation on the endeavors of the CCOF and the Spread Relief program.

Checks were presented and accepted for CCOF, OIF, & CCC.

Optimist International representative remarks: Mark Weinsoff shared how impressed he is by the DMM, reviewed the Club within a Club concept; encouraged members to “Get off the bench” and do something to help make your clubs stronger; DO Optimstic things that promote Optimism, Purpose, Engagement, Relationships, and Accomplishments.

Retiring Governor remarks: Don Stover shared his thoughts on what a great strong district the DMM is; and expressed his heartfelt thanks.

Governor Designate remarks: Governor Designate Kevin Hammell expressed his thankfulness and wanted everyone to know that he wants to hear your ideas on how to make the meetings more beneficial, so send your thoughts and suggestions via email to him. Meeting dates for 2017-18 will be: 1st Qtr: Jamestown, ND – October 20-21st, 2017; 2nd Qtr: conference call in January 2018 – date TBD; 3rd Qtr – Watertown, SD – April 27-28, 2018; Convention – Rochester, MN – August 2-4, 2018

Final Convention Credentials report: Jo-Anne Pelzer reported 26 clubs, 74 fully paid members, 2 partial paid members, 58 voting delegates, 16 VIP's/guests, 9 youth. Moved and seconded by Jo-Anne Pelzer, motion carried.

1st Qtr meeting in Jamestown, ND: Ken Schulz reported that the meeting will be held at the Gladstone Inn on October 20-21. Registration is \$35 if received by Oct. 10, \$40 after that date. \$27 for a guest, and \$15 if under 10 yrs old. Room rate is \$74.70

2018 DMM Convention: Keith Davis gave a brief presentation on Rochester's highlights. The convention dates are August 2-4th, room rates will be \$114 + \$8 for parking.

2019 DMM Convention bids: Governor Terry reported that there is nothing firm, there are 2 clubs that are thinking about hosting, will need a special convention at 1st Qtr to vote on this.

2018 100th International Convention: Terry Gorman presented on the highlights of Ottawa Canada, the site of the 100th convention. Dates are July 7-10, 2018. Info will be on our website. Rooms fill up quickly, so book early.

Meeting broke for Townhall meeting where good discussion ensued.

Meeting resumed 3:30 pm

1st Timers recap: Jeri Gorman recapped the fun "get to know you" exercises the 1st timers did, Joseph won the contest.

I-pad fundraiser: Gita Hendricks won the I-pad

Governor Remarks: Make this a smooth transition to Governor Designate Kevin's year – it is not too late to build a club, a special thank you to Heather Hawley and Debbie McCullum for running the boutique. Go out there and bring in another 75 members for a strong finish.

Final comments from Mark Weinsoff: Use ZOOM or similar tools to visit clubs. The DMM is donating \$100 to the OI Foundation in Mark's honor as a thank you.

Final comments from Governor Designate: Kevin accepted the challenge to build 5 clubs next year and have a +50 in membership. He has listened to the comments for awards, etc. – so stay tuned. He also introduced his leadership team for 2017-18

Foundation fundraising: Linda Grulke announced the CCC raised \$1959; Wes Shewchuk announced the CCOF raised \$2176.37; and Carmen Bakken announced the OIF raised \$2878.42

Other comments: Sue Bastien commented on what a great kids program they had as part of this convention and challenged Rochester to provide the same or better.

Adjourned with the Creed at 4pm.