

International Recognition Program new Club Awards (2011-2016):

That the Board of Directors adopt the following new policy as the baseline recognition program to be effective October 1, 2011 with the understanding that the President-Elect may propose his/her own Incentive Program for further excellence of service to Optimist International.

“Bringing Out the Best” Club (banner patch then year bar thereafter)

- Sponsor at least two service projects a year
- Add at least one member
- Be current on District and OI dues
- Recognize Club member or local community individual

Honour Club (banner patch, then year bar thereafter plus \$100 credit on a quarter’s dues)

- Sponsor at least three service projects a year
- Recognize a Club or community member
- Grow Club by net plus 1
- Be current on District and OI dues

Distinguished Club (watch for club President and secretary and/or treasurer, banner patch, then year bar thereafter, plus \$250 credit on a quarter’s dues)

Meet Honour Club Criteria plus:

- Net of 15 OR Charter a New Club

Optimist Harry S. Truman Club President Award (plaque or trophy – recognized at convention)

- Up to 2 Distinguished Clubs Presidents who most exemplify the goal of youth service nominated by each Governor
- 10 Club presidents selected by the International President from nominations received by District Governors
- Must meet Distinguished Club Criteria

Distinguished Lt. Governor (Desk clock)

- All Clubs in zone are honour clubs OR
- Net plus one in membership and net plus **charter** one **new** Club

Distinguished Governor (Ring)

- Grow District by net plus 1 in membership
- Grow District by net plus one in Clubs **build one new Club**
- All Clubs are current on District and OI dues (all financial obligations paid by September 30)

Honour District Secretary Treasurer

- Be current on District and OI dues (all financial obligations paid and/or submitted by September 30)
- All reports filed with Optimist International in a timely manner

Bylaws Amendment Proposal for Recognition and President’s Incentive Programs

Rationale: In order to be certain a recognition program will not change from year to year, the following bylaws amendment proposal is offered.

Motion adopted Rodgers/Garner

That the Board of Directors propose the following amendment proposal to the delegates of the July 2011 Convention to be effective October 1, 2011.

Bylaws Article III. Section 3

The Board of Directors shall establish a baseline Recognition Program. This Recognition Program shall not be changed more than once every five years (beginning October 1, 2011). The President may propose an Incentive Program for his or her year, not to conflict with the Recognition Program.