



January 19, 2023

Dear Optimist,

I would like to invite you to join us and our Kansas Optimist friends, February 24th and 25th, in Overland Park, Kansas for our second Quarter Conference. Hotel details are:

Holiday Inn and Suites West
8787 Reeder Road
Overland Park, Kansas

Room rates are \$109.00 plus tax, and reservations can be made by calling (913) 888-8440 or by going to [Overland Park Hotels near Kansas Speedway | Holiday Inn & Suites Overland Park - West \(ihg.com\)](https://www.ihg.com). Mention or type in the Group Code OPT. **Hotel reservation cut-off is February 3** so please book as soon as possible.

We have a lot planned for this conference including new and interesting learning opportunities as well as our final Lip Sync Battle (weather permitting). Julie Robison, Vice President of the Middle America region, will also be joining us for the weekend.

We will be holding a special convention vote to update our bylaws to meet Optimist International requirements. This has been approved by the OI Board of Directors and is needed to receive our allotment. The changes are included below for review.

Some other activities to check out include "Catch a Rising Star" with WEMO Governor-Elect Dave Gover, Kansas Governor-Elect Judy Morris, and Middle America Vice President Julie Robinson. This is a great program for club presidents and other stand out Optimists in our organization. We will also explore club fundraising strategies and personality profiles that will help you relate more effectively with others in your club and everyday life.

Saturday night, we will be hosting the 3rd and final Lip Sync Battle with Garrett Hill. This is a great time and a blast to watch so make sure to stay Saturday night for the fun. We need at least 5 "acts" for the Battle to be successful. Sign up with Garrett at garrett.hill2013@gmail.com.

The attached conference registration form needs to be received by Charlie Jerman **no later than February 17th**. Please share this information in your club meetings or electronically if not currently meeting. With lots of member participation, this can be a fun, rewarding, and productive conference.

We will also be judging Substance Abuse posters at this conference. Please turn in your winning posters in Hospitality before 10 am on Saturday. Winners will be announced at either lunch or dinner.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon,

Keith Fattig

WEMO Governor

DISTRICT POLICY CHANGES

PROPOSED: (add)

2. DISTRICT BOARD

- B. The District Board of Directors shall meet quarterly at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors except that, at the Board's discretion, the meeting in the Second Quarter may be waived if all zones hold zone meetings in that quarter. The First Quarter Meeting shall be held not later than 30 November, the Third Quarter Meeting shall be held in the month of April or May, and the Fourth Quarter Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Annual District Convention. Notice of all meetings of the District Board of Directors shall be sent by the District Secretary- Treasurer or Convention Chair as determined by the Governor to all members of the Board, with an agenda prepared by the Governor and District Secretary-Treasurer, **and the most recent minutes and financial reports**, at least thirty days before said meetings. Board Meetings shall be budgeted and conducted under Account 130 and 360 and operated on a break-even basis. Costs of any meals and gratuities may be collected by the Secretary-Treasurer or his/her designate. (OI Bylaws VII, 3, F)

C. The District Board shall establish those committees it deems appropriate.

EXISTING:

3. DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of the district officers (The Governor, Lieutenant Governors, and the Secretary- Treasurer), the Governor-Elect, and the two most immediate past Governors.

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PROPOSED: (add)

10. DUTIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

- F. Vacancies in District Offices will be addressed per OI By-Laws (Article VII, Section 3, Paragraph D.)***

PROPOSED: (add)

12. FINANCES

- A. District Dues

2. No financial obligation or assessment, of any kind, other than provided in these Policies, shall be placed upon or requested of the Clubs or the members by the District. (OI Bylaws, Article VII, Section 5, Paragraphs A, B, and C)



2nd Quarter Conference Schedule

Friday, February 24, 2023

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Registration
8:00 pm to Midnight	Hospitality
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Executive Meeting

Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Hall of Optimism - Don't forget to bring some extra cash for raffle items!
8:30 am to 11:00 am	Registration
7:00 am to 8:00 am	Past Governor's Meeting
7:30 am to 8:00 am	First Timers with Gina Whitlock
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 am to 9:20 am	Special Convention Vote
9:20 am to 10:00 am	General Session
10:15 am to 11:45 am	Catch a Rising Star with Dave Gover, Judy Morris, and OI VP Julie Robison
10:15 am to 11:45 am	What Personality Type are You? Learn more about yourself and how you interact with others.
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:45 pm to 2:45 pm	Membership Retention Strategies
3:00 pm to 3:20 pm	Believe, Inspire, and Impact with OI VP Julie Robison
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Club Fundraising with WEMO Governor Keith Fattig and Kansas Governor Doug Jardine
4:45 pm to 5:15 pm	Governor's Leadership Team Meeting
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Dinner
8:30 pm - ????	OIF Fun: Lip Sync Battle - Make sure to bring \$5 to attend the show. All proceeds benefit OIF!
8:30 pm – Midnight	Hospitality

This quarter's Community Service project is being chosen by the Kansas District. We will post and email details to membership as soon as we receive them.

**KANSAS & WEST MISSOURI DISTRICTS
SECOND QUARTER REGISTRATION
FEB. 24-25 - 2023**

HOLIDAY INN and SUITES
8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS
1-913-888-8440

Hotel Room Reservation Cut-Off Date is February 3, 2023

Advance Registration is **\$70.00** per person and due by **February 17, 2023**.
Late & Onsite registration is **\$100.00**. Make checks payable to **WEMO Convention**

CLUB _____ **CLUB NUMBER** _____

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

Charlie Jerman
7509 Tara Lane
Rogersville, MO. 65742

MARK ONLY ONE

NAME PLEASE PRINT	MEMBER	PRESIDENT	PRES- ELECT	SEC/TREAS	SEC/TRES - ELECT	1 ST TIMER	LT. GOV	LT. GOV - ELECT	PAST GOV	GUEST	.		SAT. Lunch	SAT. Dinner

Special Dietary needs must be ordered in advance: Name: _____

Needs: _____

Refunds will be issued according to the West Missouri District policy published in the district directory.
Registration may not be refunded if the meal is guaranteed.