Delegates cast their ballots during the 2008 Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Two-year terms: OK

Kiwanis clubs and divisions now can elect officers to two-year terms, according to decisions made by the House of Delegates during the 93rd Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, Florida, this past June 26-29. The House considered nine proposed amendments.

Here is a summary of decisions:

**Approved:**
- To allow clubs to elect officers for one- or two-year terms.
- To allow divisions to elect lieutenant governors for one- or two-year terms.
- To allow clubs to use electronic balloting for elections.
- To improve efficiency during elections for International offices.

**Defeated:**
- To allow a district to have one Trustee and, at the same time, one higher officer on the Kiwanis International Board.
- To allow clubs, districts, and other legal entities whose members are all Kiwanians to use the Kiwanis marks without paying a licensing fee or other charge.

**Withdrawn:**
• To ensure the geographical boundaries of Circle K and Key Club districts remain aligned with Kiwanis districts. The sponsoring Kiwanis club requested that this proposal be withdrawn.
• To allow districts to have one- or two-year terms for most officers.
• To add “Chairman of the Board” to the International President’s duties.

For complete wording of these amendments, visit www.kiwanis.org/convention/.

Kiwanis store reopens online

One sure way to get people talking about Kiwanis is to wear and display Kiwanis shirts, banners, jewelry, and such. The Kiwanis Family Store has reopened its online service, featuring an easy-to-navigate design, as well as an assortment of new merchandise. Let’s go shopping.

Simply dashing!
Have you visited KiwanisOne lately? The Kiwanis member portal was built just for you—and it's looking better than ever. Check out the new dashboard, easy-to-use landing pages, and quick links to help you access the resources you need to recruit new members, raise funds for your club, improve your leadership skills—and serve more children around the world. Find it all at www.KiwanisOne.org. A FAQs page explains how and why the portal was updated.

The importance of hope

By Rob Parker, CEO, Kiwanis International
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I saw a sign recently that stated, “Due to budget cuts, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.” While that humorous sign made me smile, it also caused me to think about the importance of that metaphoric light.

Without the hope that light represents, people will give up. It is the hope of a better future that causes people to get up when they fall down, try again when they lose, and continue to fight no matter the odds. Numerous studies on youth crime and gang behavior have shown that the threat of jail is not a deterrent to young people who have no hope of a better life. Many of these young people have given up the hope of an education, or a job, or of achieving any type of success. Once the hope of a better future is lost, consequences, like being expelled from school or being put in jail, really lose their sting. One of the things Kiwanis leaders can do is to make sure their clubs invest in programs that provide hope and opportunity for young children.

Hope can power the dreams of a young child and provide the motivation and determination to perseverse, no matter how difficult the circumstances. Thank you for all you are doing to keep hope alive and provide that “light at the end of the tunnel.”

Breakfast in Bain Town

Sometimes, they eat grits. Other days, they're served steamed sausage. Or tuna salad. Every Wednesday morning, the schoolchildren of Bain Town know one thing is certain: They'll eat.

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Montagu, Nassau, the Bahamas, partners with a church to serve breakfast to schoolchildren in a densely populated community called Bain Town. The club buys the necessary groceries for each Wednesday morning meal, and church members prepare the food. Kiwanis volunteers serve as many as 140 children.

"Many of the children are from families of five or more, and they look forward to Wednesdays,” says club president Christine King. “As Kiwanians, we get to meet the children one-on-one and give them a little encouragement for the day.”

If you have an inspiring Kiwanis story, follow the Kiwanis Club of Montagu, Nassau's example and share it at Share Your Story.
It's time to reach out

The 2008 House of Delegates adopted a resolution that encourages “all leaders and members … to take action to create a culture and club environment that develops and nurtures mutual respect for all and celebrates the inclusiveness of our beloved Kiwanis.”

Election results are in

Don Canaday, Paul G. Palazzolo, Dave Curry, and Sylvester Neal will serve as Kiwanis International Officers during the 2008-09 administrative year.

Club representatives elected the officers, as well as four Trustees, during the House of Delegates at the 93rd Annual International Convention in Orlando, Florida, this past June.

Don, a member of the Meridian Hills, Indianapolis, club, will serve as President.

A Springfield-Downtown, Illinois, Kiwanian, Paul will serve as President-Elect.

Current International President Dave Curry of the Silver Bow, Butte, Montana, club will serve as Immediate Past President.

Sylvester Neal, of the Valley, Auburn, Washington, club, will serve as Vice-President.

Delegates elected the following Kiwanians to three-year terms as Trustees:

- Wm. “Ed” Hutchinson, Cape May, New Jersey, club.
- James S. Jennings, Green Valley, Arizona, club.
- Garry L. Warner, Sikeston, Missouri, club.
- Robert Vande Rieviere, Tielt, Belgium, club.

Tadao Oda, a member of the Sendai, Japan, Kiwanis club, was elected as a Region IV Trustee at the 2008 Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention this past March in Jakarta, Indonesia.