

## Bylaws and Resolutions

See something in your National Bylaws that you don't agree with or could be made better? You can make a difference and suggest a change by proposing a resolution. To write a resolution you must cite the section in our bylaws that you think needs a change. List what it says now, what you think needs to change and why. Those are the 'whereas' section in your resolution. Then comes the 'be it resolved'. State that section xxx be changed to read ...

Refer to your Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for help in writing the resolution or contact me for assistance. The next step is to present it to your Auxiliary. If they agree by vote, it goes to your District and then on to the Department Convention. Either the Auxiliary or District level can be skipped if timing is a concern. If the resolution passes on the Department level, it will be submitted to National Headquarters and brought on the National Convention floor for consideration.

According to the National Bylaws, any resolution passed by Department Delegates and received at National Headquarters by March 31 will be presented at the following convention. Because most States were unable to hold a Department Convention in 2020 to register delegates who vote on those resolutions, this year and this year only, the National Council of Administration approved accepting resolutions passed at our 2021 Department Convention for presentation at the 2021 National Convention in Baltimore. The con of this is that our delegates will not have much time to review submitted resolutions and talk them over with our members before voting at the National Convention. But the bottom line is that we won't have to wait another year to make a change in bylaws. New resolutions passed at the local level need to be to me before May 30<sup>th</sup> for presentation at the Department Convention in Spokane.

Proposed changes and resolutions held over from the 2020 National Convention in Reno are available for your review in the National Website.

If you have questions or need any help with resolutions, let me know, I will be happy to help.

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