

What Is a Resolution?

According to the Merriam Webster On-Line Dictionary, it is “a formal expression of opinion, will, or intent voted by an official body or assembled group”

For our purposes, a resolution is an idea or a suggestion for a change in work procedures, a new product, new methods to improve customer service or working conditions, or increasing revenue. It’s basically anything that will help us do our jobs better. LEAGUE members have many good ideas as to how we can improve the way we do business or our working conditions, and this is one way to get those ideas heard by your district, area or postal headquarters.

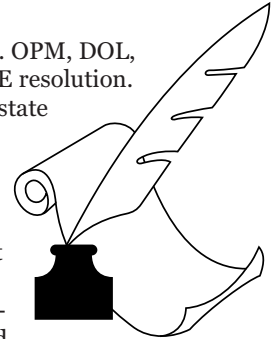
Before any resolutions can be submitted to the LEAGUE’s National office, they must be voted on and passed at your state convention. That is why each state should have a Resolutions Committee that serves at their state conventions. The committee can be as few as three members or as many as any particular states feels is necessary.

Each state resolutions committee must determine whether or not an idea is pertinent to our jobs. That is, does it pertain to the U.S. Postal Service and/or does it come under the jurisdiction of the Postal Service. Changes to the policies or proce-

dures of another federal agency (i.e. OPM, DOL, etc.) cannot be offered as a LEAGUE resolution.

Once a resolution is passed by a state convention and only if it has a national scope, it is to be submitted by Certified Mail to the LEAGUE’s National Office, marked *Attn: Resolutions Committee* and it must be received by July 15th. The state president must sign each resolution to attest that it was presented and enacted at the state convention. Passed resolutions should also have the name of a contact person who will be at the National Convention in case the committee has any questions on the intent or content of the resolution.

Once a resolution is passed by the National Convention body, it is presented to Postal Headquarters for deliberation. Headquarters action or not, it is printed in the *Advocate*. •



How do we prepare a resolution?

A resolution consists of two parts. The first part is the preamble, and the second is the enactment.

The preamble gives the reasons for the resolution. Each reason why the resolution is presented should be stated in a separate paragraph. The paragraph begins with the conjunction, “Whereas” followed by a comma (,). Each paragraph of the preamble closes with a semicolon (;) followed by the word “and”, with the exception of the last paragraph, which just needs the semicolon (;).

The enactment begins with the word, “Resolved” followed by a comma (,). Use “That” as the first word of the enactment. Each enactment paragraph closes with a semicolon (;) and the word “and” except for the last enactment paragraph which closes with a period (.)

RESOLUTION

Whereas, _____; and

Whereas, _____;

Resolved, That _____; and

Resolved, That _____.

Branch: _____

Signed: _____
(State President)

Each resolution should be typed, and must be signed by the state president. After the state convention, all National level, approved resolutions must be sent to the National LEAGUE Office by Certified Mail to be received before July 15. Each state should bring a copy of their resolutions to the National Convention and you should check with the LEAGUE office at the convention to be sure the Resolutions Committee has a copy. Late resolutions cannot be considered.

—John Olson, Chairman, Resolutions Committee