

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTIONS

AT ALL LEVELS OF OUR ORGANIZATION, WE STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING THINGS IN AN ORDERLY FASHION, OF USING PROPER PROTOCOL, AND BY FOLLOWING PROPER PROCEDURES AND RULES.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO US AS AN ORGANIZATION TO SEE THAT OUR MEETINGS ARE RUN PROPERLY BY USING OUR OWN BY-LAWS, RULES, AND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED AS THE FINAL ARBITERS, IN THAT ORDER WHEN QUESTIONS OR DISPUTES ARISE.

MEMBERS CAN BE EFFECTIVE IN BRINGING ABOUT DESIRED CHANGES FOR THE GOOD OF OUR ORGANIZATION THROUGH THE USE OF A RESOLUTION. PUT YOUR IDEAS INTO WORDS!!! YOUR WORDS INTO ACTION!!!! THAT ACTION MUST THEN TRAVEL FROM THE UNIT TO THE COUNTY, AND THEN TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE FORM OF A RESOLUTION.

WHAT IS A RESOLUTION???? ROBERT'S RULES SAYS IT'S A MAIN MOTION PRESENTED IN WRITING WHEN THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT OR COMPLEX QUESTIONS OR WHEN GREATER FORMALITY IS DESIRED. IT IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE ASSEMBLY TAKES A STAND ON ASKING FOR ACTION ON SOME ISSUE. A RESOLUTION, OR A LONG OR COMPLICATED MOTION, WOULD BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING WHERE IT IS TO BE PRESENTED AND SHOULD BE OFFERED IN WRITING. IF CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT THE MAKER CANNOT READ IT, SHE SHOULD SIGN IT AND SEND IT TO THE CHAIR AHEAD OF TIME OR DELIVER IT TO THE SECRETARY BEFORE THE MEETING. IF IT IS A RESOLUTION THAT NEEDS TO COME BEFORE A CONVENTION, IT MUST BE SIGNED AND MAILED TO DEPARTMENT PER INSTRUCTIONS.

THERE ARE THREE MAIN POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT A RESOLUTION:

1. IT IS A MAIN MOTION AND ONLY DEALS WITH ONE SUBJECT.
2. THE PREAMBLE STATES THE REASON AND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED ACTION; AND
3. THE RESOLVED CLAUSE STATES THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

PRACTICE WRITING RESOLUTIONS ON A FEW ITEMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND YOU'LL UNDERSTAND HOW EASY AND EFFECTIVE IT REALLY IS.

"THE GREAT LESSON FOR DEMOCRACIES TO LEARN IS FOR THE MAJORITY TO GIVE THE MINORITY A FULL, FREE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR SIDE OF THE CASE. AND THEN FOR THE MINORITY, HAVING FAILED TO WIN A MAJORITY TO THEIR VIEWS, GRACEFULLY TO SUBMIT AND TO THE ACTION AS THAT OF THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION, AND CHEERFULLY TO ASSIST IN CARRYING IT OUT, UNTIL THEY CAN SECURE IT'S REPEAL."

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