

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

RESOLUTIONS AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

A resolution is a main motion, offered as a resolution either because of its importance or because of its length or complexity. Resolutions for this reason should always be prepared in writing.

Resolutions usually are comprised of two parts, the preamble and the resolved clause(s). However, a preamble is not required for a resolution to be proper. The preamble explains the reasons for the motion, and each idea or reason therein begins with “Whereas.” The “Resolved” clause is the motion itself, and would be written as a motion.

The Constitution of the Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary requires that:

- 1) Article V, Section 12: The Department President shall, not less than 30 days prior to the Annual Convention, appoint a Resolutions Committee consisting of five members chosen from the delegates.
- 2) Resolutions presented by an individual member must be approved by the Unit of which she is a member or the appropriate pre-convention workshop to be considered by the Convention delegation. Resolutions approved by Units must be received at Department by **June 1st**. Copies of these resolutions shall be transmitted to Units not less than 30 days before Department convention. Article V, Section 12 (1).
- 3) Resolutions passed at District Conferences must be received at Department by **June 1st** for transmittal to Units as specified in Article V, Section 12 (1). If the district conference is held after June 1st, the resolution must be submitted to the pre-convention workshop related to the subject of the resolution.
- 4) Resolutions emanating from pre-convention workshops or department standing committees will be given to the Resolutions Committee for consideration.

Friday, July 15, 2011, from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. the Resolutions Committee will be available to review all resolutions received at Headquarters, at this convention from program chairmen and district caucuses. They will consider the form, legality and merit of the resolutions.

- 1) If the resolution is in need of minor revision to be put in proper form, the committee will do this. If the resolution is hopelessly out of order and the intent cannot be determined, the committee will reject it.
- 2) The resolution will be considered for legality, that is, does the resolution call for an allowed change, or does it conflict with National or Department Constitution and Bylaws or policies? If there is a conflict, the committee will reject on those grounds.
- 3) If the resolution has not been rejected under 1 or 2 above, the Resolutions Committee will refer it to the Chairman/Committee of the program affected by the resolution. All program chairmen will be available at the Resolutions Pre-Convention Committee meeting (Friday, July 15th from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.) for the purpose of making recommendations to adopt or reject all resolutions pertaining to their respective programs on the merit of the proposal. Chairmen will return to the Resolutions Committee the resolution(s) indicating recommendation for adoption or rejection; giving reasons to assist the Resolutions Committee in making its recommendation.
- 4) If the resolution contains any change that would affect the budget, the Finance Committee will also receive a copy of the resolution when the program chairman/committee does. The Finance Committee will return to the Resolutions Committee the resolution(s) with its recommendation for adoption or rejection.
- 5) When the resolutions are returned, the Resolutions Committee will again review them for merit, and vote to recommend approval or rejection. The resolutions committee does not have to agree with the program chairman/committee and/or finance committee, but may make a recommendation to the contrary.

Once the resolutions committee and other appropriate chairmen/committees have acted on all resolutions, the chairman will report recommendations to the convention delegates. This is done at the end of each program report.