



Service Employees

International Union

Local 503,

Oregon Public

Employees Union

2022 Committee Recommendations:

\_\_\_ Do Pass

\_\_\_ Pass as Amended

\_\_\_ Do Not Pass

**Clarify which General Council Resolutions are protected from denial because of a technicality**

**Resolution #19 – Early Vote, Online**

**Subject:** Clarify which General Council Resolutions are protected from denial because of a technicality

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**Submitted by:** SEIU Local 503 Board of Directors

**WHEREAS,** the Union’s Bylaws currently state no member’s resolution shall be denied because of a technicality and/or its format; and

**WHEREAS,** not all members may make resolutions, for example, Associate Members and Community Members; and

**WHEREAS,** the Bylaws establish criteria for resolutions, including timeliness and means of sponsorship; and

**WHEREAS,** the Bylaws should be clear that such criteria are not just technicalities that a resolution does not have to meet; and

**WHEREAS,** in practice, the criteria for resolutions is enforced, and Bylaws language and practice should be consistent; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT SEIU LOCAL 503, OPEU Bylaws ARTICLE IX, Section 6(a)(6) be amended as follows (additional text included for context):**

**Resolutions:**

(1) The object of the resolution process is to seek a plan for solving problems for which no satisfactory plan of solution exists; to express a view not previously expressed to date; or revise the Union's position on a particular economic or social concern which directly or indirectly affects members of the Union. Plans of solution and views expressed shall be compatible with the general welfare and within the purpose of the Union. A resolution shall embrace one subject only and matters properly connected therewith. \* \* \*

30 (2) [*Who may author a resolution – subject of another resolution.*] Resolutions shall be in the form  
31 outlined by the Resolutions Review Committee. Resolutions to amend the Bylaws shall address the  
32 specific language of the Bylaws with words to be removed in strikethrough and words to be inserted  
33 underlined. \* \* \*

34 (3) Resolutions may be presented at Local meetings that are Local-wide and have a quorum of Local  
35 Representatives. The Local may endorse or reject sponsorship. In the event that the Local does not  
36 endorse the resolution, the author of the resolution may, after having obtained the signatures of fifty  
37 (50) active members, present it to the Resolutions Review Committee. Resolutions written by a Standing  
38 Committee of the Union are sent directly to the Resolutions Review Committee within the same time  
39 limits provided in Section 6(a)(4).

40 (4) Resolutions submitted to the Resolutions Review Committee up to ninety (90) days before General  
41 Council convenes shall be considered timely filed. The Board, however, may submit resolutions up to  
42 thirty (30) days before General Council convenes. \* \* \*

43 (5) Untimely resolutions shall not be accepted unless the subject matter is of such an emergency nature  
44 that it could not have been submitted in a timely manner. \* \* \*

45 (6) No member's resolution **that otherwise satisfies the criteria of this section** shall be denied because  
46 of a technicality and/or its format.