



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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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.