



Service Employees

International Union

Local 503,

Oregon Public

Employees Union

2022 Committee Recommendations:

___ Do Pass

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Clarify Rights to Participate in General Council Resolutions

Resolution #28 – Early Vote, Online

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Subject: Clarify Rights to Participate in General Council Resolutions

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WHEREAS, the Union’s Bylaws state General Council Resolutions may be authored by any member; and
WHEREAS, in fact, some current categories of members, *e.g.*, associate members, community members, and those retiree members with limited participation rights, do not have the right to author General Council Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Union Bylaws currently state staff members may submit resolutions to General Council; and

WHEREAS, in fact, the Union Bylaws do not provide means for staff members to submit resolutions to General Council; and

WHEREAS, in current and past practice, staff members do not officially author General Council Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, staff members cannot vote on General Council resolutions; except that,

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and the Immediate Past President have positions in Union governance, including General Council, and may be staff members; *therefore*,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SEIU LOCAL 503, OPEU Bylaws be amended as follows:

ARTICLE III

Section 6. Staff Membership

Staff membership is open to Union staff. Staff members have the right to:

31 (a) ~~submit resolutions to General Council, v~~ Vote **in statewide votes** on dues increases and other union
32 governance issues, including economic and social policy positions, but not on issues specific to
33 bargaining units.

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37 **ARTICLE IX**

38 **Section 6. Resolutions**

39 (a) Resolution Process.

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41 (2) Resolutions may be authored by any **active or semi-active** member, **any member with full retiree**
42 **membership rights, the Executive Director, and/or the Immediate Past President.** Resolutions shall be
43 in the form outlined by the Resolutions Review Committee. Resolutions to amend the Bylaws shall
44 address the specific language of the Bylaws with words to be removed in strikethrough and words to be
45 inserted underlined. Local Representatives are responsible to provide assistance in the drafting process.