

Resolutions Information and Guidelines

While the DPW State Convention is still several months away, the deadline for County Parties to adopt and forward resolutions that could be considered there is fast approaching. Each County Party may send up to 10 resolutions to their CD Conventions, which will be occurring from March through May. The CD Conventions in turn will select up to 10 resolutions to forward to the DPW State Convention via the DPW's Platform and Resolutions Committee. For resolutions to be considered at the State Convention they must be 100 words or less, not including the title. Resolutions that address state or national issues have the best chance to be adopted at the DPW Convention. The process and format for state-bound resolutions is described below.

Resolutions bound for the State Convention are limited to 100 words, not including the title. The Congressional District resolutions should be sent to the DPW P&R Committee Chair (Chris Schmidt) as soon as possible after the conclusion of your CD convention (please do not forward County Party resolutions to the DPW P&R Chair). When the P&R committee meets it will, as it does every year, review the resolutions and combine duplicates and make suggestions regarding adoption of the resolutions. It saves the committee a great deal of time if the resolutions are provided electronically, preferably by email, and if they are formatted properly. Specifically, the format DPW P&R uses follows this pattern:

TITLE

WHEREAS, (informational statement 1);

WHEREAS, (informational statement 2);

WHEREAS, (informational statement 3); and,

WHEREAS, (informational statement 4);

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, (resolved clause 1);

FURTHER RESOLVED, (resolved clause 2); and,

FINALLY RESOLVED, (final resolved clause).

Note that the resolution is structured like a compound sentence – each WHEREAS is joined by a semicolon, and the word “and” precedes the final WHEREAS statement. A similar pattern is followed in the RESOLVED clauses. The word “and” may be dropped to make the word count. The number of WHEREAS and RESOLVED clauses can be whatever you want, with a minimum of one each. The committee will not reject resolutions that do not fit this form BUT the committee will edit them to fit the form, which in some cases requires wordsmithing. To best maintain the intent of your resolutions, please try to follow the form.

Thank you for taking the time to craft resolutions. These are a critical yet often underappreciated part of the activity of our party.

Sincerely,

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