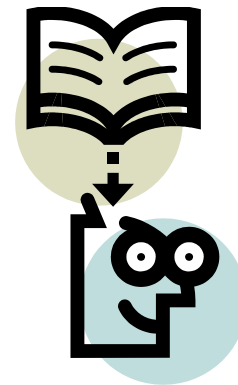


CREATING RESOLUTIONS

NSTU 2012-2013

PURPOSE OF RESOLUTIONS

An NSTU resolution is a proposal submitted to Annual Council which, when adopted sets policy and directs action for the organization.



OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES

- ◉ Addresses NSTU policy issues
- ◉ Facilitates Council proceedings to ensure effective debate.
- ◉ Encourages member participation
- ◉ Demonstrates Provincial Executive leadership
- ◉ Confirms collective voice of Council delegates



GUIDELINES

1. Issues that can be addressed by alternate means within the organization are not suitable content for resolutions.
2. A resolution that repeats existing policy is not eligible to be considered a resolution to Council.
3. Resolutions should address a single idea, concept, principle or action.



GUIDELINES

4. Resolutions should not refer to any specific NSTU program or committee.
5. The use of definitive works such as “shall”, “insist”, or “ensure” should be avoided.
6. Any resolution that proposes a change to NSTU By-Laws should make a specific reference to the item in the Constitution.
7. Resolutions and their briefs **must** present accurate and complete information.



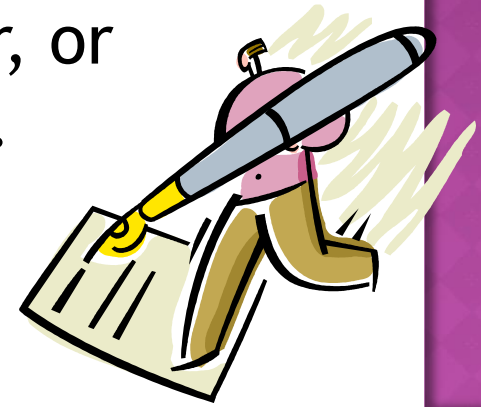
PROCEDURES FOR LOCALS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS



1. All Locals must have a Local Resolutions Committee
2. All resolutions submitted to Annual Council must be approved by a general meeting of the Local or Professional Association.
3. All resolutions must be accompanied by a brief.
4. Resolutions from Professional Associations must be submitted to the Professional Association Coordination Committee which will decide whether to forward the resolution to the Provincial Executive which will then decide whether to forward to Council as a Provincial Executive resolution.

PROCEDURES FOR LOCALS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

5. RRCs seeking to have a resolution to Council must submit the resolution and brief to the Provincial Executive which will then determine whether it will go forward as a Provincial Executive resolution.
6. All resolutions submitted by a Local, RRC or Professional Association must be **dated** and **signed** by the Local president and Local Resolutions chairperson, RRC chair, or Professional Association president.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR LOCALS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS



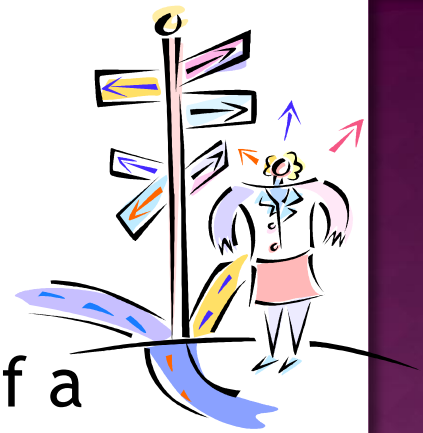
- It is recommended that all resolutions for consideration by the Local or Professional Association be submitted not less than two weeks prior to the general meeting at which the resolutions will be approved and that resolutions not be accepted from the floor of the meeting. This provides the Local Resolutions Committee an opportunity to ensure that all the resolutions being proposed meet the eligibility requirements and, should it be deemed desirable or appropriate, obtain advice concerning a resolution from NSTU central office.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR LOCALS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS



- Consider what would happen if all the Local's resolutions were adopted. For example, if there are 20 curriculum resolutions, is it likely that the Department of Education will act on all 20 recommendations? If there are 20 recommendations for the asking package, what is the likelihood that the asking package will incorporate every one? Therefore, Locals might consider prioritizing and submitting only those resolutions that they consider critical.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR LOCALS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS



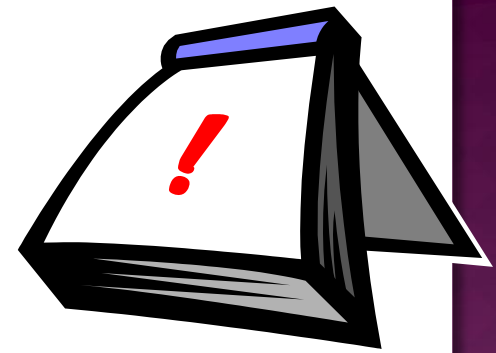
- Also consider the practical impact of a resolution; is real change the likely outcome of the resolution? Is the Union likely to be working toward the object of the resolution even if the resolution were not introduced? Are there more direct ways of achieving the desired outcome?
- What have been the results of previous resolutions on similar issues? Consult the draft disposition of resolutions provided to Local presidents and Local chairs of Resolutions.

TIMELINES



1. Locals should appoint the Local Resolutions Committee chairperson no later than October 1st.
2. The deadline for Locals by which resolutions must be received by NSTU central office in order to be considered by the immediate Annual Council is the third (3rd) Friday in January.
3. Draft Minutes of the General Meeting at which the resolutions were adopted must be received by NSTU central office by the 3rd Friday in February.
4. Professional Associations and NSTU standing committees wishing to submit resolutions to the Provincial Executive for consideration must ensure they are received by NSTU central office no later than the 4th Friday in February.

TIMELINES (CONTINUED)



4. By-Law changes cannot be introduced as “new business” because they require 30 days notice.
5. Changes to NSTU policy cannot be introduced as “new business” from the floor of Council because they require 30 days notice.
6. A Fee increase cannot be introduced as “new business” because it requires 30 days notice.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS



⦿ Eligibility requirements - one of:

- Time - an issue arises after the official closing date for resolution submission
- New Information - an issue has incurred new developments after the official closing date for resolution submission

⦿ Not eligible:

- Any resolution that could have been submitted prior to the official deadline. Failure to understand and apply the resolution criteria and guidelines on the part of the submitting Local is not sufficient for a resolution to be new business.

RESOLUTION CLASSIFICATION

- All resolutions are categorized as:
 - Action or Policy
 - Belonging to the following categories:
 - Governance
 - Curriculum
 - Economic Welfare and Working Conditions
 - Professional Development
 - Government
 - General
 - Whether the resolution requires a simple majority or 2/3 majority
 - Whether there is a cost associated with the resolution





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