**ONTARIO FEDERATION OF UNION RETIREES**

**RULES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE DEBATE OF BIENNIAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS**

**[A] GENERAL**

Resolutions submitted on the proper form shall be received by the Secretary of OFUR no later than sixty [60] days prior to the commencement of the Biennial Convention, signed by the Presiding Officer and Secretary of the organization submitting the resolution, to be deemed to be on time.

On time constitution amendments shall require a two-thirds [2/3] majority vote of the convention delegates.

On time bylaw amendments and all other resolutions shall require a majority vote of the convention delegates.

**[B] ROLE OF THE BIENNIAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.**

To determine that all submitted resolutions meet the following criteria:

\*Each resolution shall be of no more than 175 words.

\*Each resolution shall cover one topic only.

\*Resolutions shall be on National and Provincial topics.

\*Resolutions shall direct OFUR, not the government or other bodies.

\*Resolutions shall address one of the following categories:

*Constitution, Bylaws, Policy, Action or Miscellaneous.*

The Resolutions Committee shall have the ability to combine resolutions or prepare a composite to cover the intent of the question at issue.

The Resolutions Committee shall consider all Committee Reports and other Documents with the intent of recommending support of the Report or Document or refer back to the appropriate body.

**[C] DEBATE OF BIENNIAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS: RULES AND PROCEDURES**

All resolution sessions shall be chaired by the Chair of the convention.

No question of a sectarian religious character shall be discussed.

1. A delegate wishing to speak on a resolution shall proceed to one of the microphones. When recognized by the Chair, the delegate shall state name and organization represented and shall confine remarks to the intent of the resolution.
2. Movers of resolutions shall have up to three [3] minutes to speak on the resolution. All other speakers on the resolution shall be limited to up to two [2] minutes.
3. All speakers to resolutions shall state whether they are either in support or opposed to the resolution.
4. A delegate shall not speak more than once on a resolution.
5. A delegate shall not move a motion to amend and/or refer back after speaking on the resolution at issue.
6. A delegate shall not interrupt another speaker except in calling for a point of order.
7. A delegate shall have the right to ask a question of the affiliate/submitter of the resolution regarding issues of clarification.
8. Delegates shall have the right to propose amendments to a resolution under discussion.

Proposed amendment[s] shall be referred back to the Convention Resolution Committee. Motions of referral are not debatable.

If the motion of referral is lost, discussion shall continue on the original resolution.

If the referral is adopted by a majority vote of convention delegates the Convention Resolution Committee shall consider it and bring it back to the convention at a later time.

After a resolution or referral/amendment has been debated, the Chair shall call the question by asking those in favour of the resolution to so indicate, followed by those opposed. The Chair then declares the resolution "carried" or "lost". In case of a tie vote, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

The Chair shall explain and deal with all matters pertaining to the Rules of Order, challenges to the Chair, vote counts, standing votes and any issues related to the discussion of the debate on resolutions.

**[D] EMERGENCY AND LATE RESOLUTIONS**

Emergency resolutions shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee to determine as to when, or if, they should be debated.

Late resolutions shall be debated after all other resolutions have been dealt with by the convention depending on time.

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