

Resolutions Committee Report

The Resolution Committee met virtually Monday, 9 May 2022, at 7:00 PM to discuss the fifteen resolutions submitted for consideration at the 2022 Washington State Council Annual Meeting and Convention. Resolution Committee Members included the following: PSD Eddie L Parazoo (Council 12273), GK Mario E Sanchez (Council 8150), Gordon E Rodewald (Council 15730), Joseph C Kessler (Council 676), FS David A Konzek (Council 10653) and DD Gregory G Loberg (Council 11134).

The following are recommendations of the Resolution Committee:

Ceremonial Resolutions

- Resolution 1 – Accept
- Resolution 2 – Accept
- Resolution 3 – Accept
- Resolution 4 – Accept
- Resolution 5 – Accept
- Resolution 6 – Accept
- Resolution 7 – Accept
- Resolution 8 – Accept

Resolutions Amending Washington State Council Bylaws

- Resolution 9 – Accept
- Resolution 10 – Accept
- Resolution 11 – Accept
- Resolution 12 – Accept
- Resolution 13 – Accept
- Resolution 14 – Accept
- Resolution 15 – No Action

Discussion during the meeting focused primarily on Resolution 9, Resolution 11, Resolution 12 and Resolution 13. Resolution 9 proposes amendments to Article 3. Article III of the Washington State Council Bylaws, which has the title, “Meetings.” Two changes were made to Resolution 9. The first change was in the “NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED” statement. The phrase, “1h shall be eliminated from Article VI” was removed. This phrase originally referred to a proposed “SECTION 2” that described a requirement in the currently existing Bylaws, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.h. requiring the State Deputy to call for the “Summer Meeting.” That Section of the proposed amendment was removed because it is dealt with in Resolution 11, which proposes to remove ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.h.

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.h of the current Washington State Council Bylaws requires the State Deputy to call a meeting, generally referred to as the “Summer Meeting,” where State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Past State Deputies and State Committee Chairmen are

expected to be in attendance. Resolution 11 proposes to eliminate the requirement for the Summer Meeting. There are a number of reasons for this proposal:

1. The Supreme Council has directed the State Councils to provide two training meetings for District Deputies. These meetings are paid for by the Supreme Council.
2. The cost borne by Councils sending Grand Knights, other Council officers and committee chairmen as well as others has become an excessive burden for Councils because of the cost for hotels, meals and transportation.
3. The Washington State Council subsidized part of the costs for the “Summer Meeting.”
4. Regional meetings, where there are significantly fewer participants, provide a more productive venue where State Officers and other instructors can interact more closely with Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and other Council personnel. The cost for regional meetings is borne by the Washington State Council rather than the individual Councils.
5. Unless participating with presentations, there is limited value added to the membership in general by including all State Committee Chairmen in the “Summer Meeting.”
6. While Past State Deputies have considerable experience that can be imparted to the membership through one-on-one conversations, there are other venues where this can be accomplished at less cost, which is incurred by the Washington State Council.

The “Summer Meeting” is being replaced by the Supreme Council sponsored District Deputy Training Meeting. The Supreme Council pays for the costs of training District Deputies. A second District Deputy Training Meeting, also sponsored by and paid for by the Supreme Council, will occur during December.

The Washington State Council believes that Financial Secretaries, along with the Grand Knights, provide the path to Council success. Financial Secretaries are nominated by the individual Councils. However, Financial Secretaries are appointed by the Supreme Knight. The Washington State Council is therefore including training for Financial Secretaries concurrent with the first District Deputy Training Meeting, which will be conducted during July of each year because of the complexity of the duties Financial Secretaries have accepted. The cost for the training is borne by the Washington State Council; however, Councils pay for lodging, meals and the cost for transportation to the training site.

Resolution 12 proposes an increase in the Washington State Council per capita paid by Councils based on the number of members excluding Honorary Life Members and members with disability exemptions. The discussion by Resolution Committee Members focused on the history of per capita increases with the last increase being in 2003, inflationary factors and other budget and service-related issues. There is a general consensus among committee members that a per capita increase is necessary but that there should be a clear, graphical presentation illustrating reasons for the increase and impact if an increase is not accepted by the Washington State Council members at the Washington State Council Annual Meeting.

Resolution 13 proposes an amendment to Article VIII Section 4 of the Washington State Council Bylaws. This part of the Washington State Council Bylaws describes District Deputy Duties with emphasis on reports that the District Deputy is required to prepare. District Deputies are directed to attend at least two meetings of each Council in his District during a fraternal year so that he can report on the Council's health and activities based on first-hand observations. Committee members were unanimous in their decision to require at least two visits to each Council within the District Deputy's District during each fraternal year. One of the two Council meetings must be within two months following the first District Deputy Training Meeting during July. The second Council meeting should be within two months following the second District Deputy Training Meeting during December.

Resolution 15 is indistinguishable from similar resolutions presented by the same Council during the past two years. Those resolutions were not accepted during the earlier meetings. Consequently, a recommendation for No Action has been made by the Resolution Committee.