

**Catholic Women's' League of Canada
Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan Council
Resolutions Communique # 2**

TO: Resolutions Chairs
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There is much from our national chair about undertaking changes in the resolutions process. A committee was struck to look for areas of improvement particularly when members debate “wordsmithing” rather than the content of a resolution on the convention floor.

The hope is to streamline the process and focus on the issues addressed in resolutions. The committee wishes to emphasize the role of the spiritual advisor as part of the committee. The matter in question is how to move issues of concern from parish to national level in an acceptable format. Parish councils should focus on the topic and consider utilizing experienced members in the writing of resolutions. It needs to be emphasized that a well written resolution is a strong statement of the League's position.

Some of the proposed improvements to the resolutions process being carried out by the national resolutions committee are many. You can find them on the website of the resolutions national chair.

Please continue to study and take appropriate action on current resolutions.

A committee has been struck to look at areas of improvement. The changes will be coming out in the next communique on the presentation of resolutions on the convention floor as well as updates to the resolutions supplement to the executive handbook. The new process for resolutions will be tested for the 2019 convention year. You can read more about this on the national chair's website.

The resolution is a position of the league forming policy. Resolutions should be addressed to a league position. Does it speak to the concerns of the membership?

Some things we are asked to consider for the future are: a resolution committee that continues regardless of the elections cycle; a professional committee to develop the final draft of a resolution and expertise including a parliamentarian/editor and two to three members who are expert at writing resolutions; develop a list of resource persons/experts on specific topics to share with provincial councils.

A busy time with resolutions but an important topic that can make a difference. Let us work together to accomplish this.

This concludes my report.
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