# SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION WRITING



### What's a Resolution?

(in its simplest form)

THE IDENTIFICATION OF A



**PROBLEM** 

THE PROPOSAL OF A



SOLUTION

(over which USJE has jurisdiction)

### Resolutions relate to:

- USJE By-laws, Finance, Regulations, or Policies
- PSAC Constitution or Regulations (including Regulation 15 re: Collective Bargaining policy)
- National Joint Council policies
- Miscellaneous

Resolutions always deal with just ONE problem.

If you want to address more than one problem...

create more than one resolution.

### Who Can Submit a Resolution?

### **LOCALS**

Resolutions adopted at Local meetings can be brought to USJE's National Convention

### **NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

Resolutions adopted by the National Executive can be brought to USJE's National Convention

### Parts of a Resolution

There are 2 parts to a resolution:

**WHEREAS** 

Identifies the problem

**BE IT RESOLVED** 

Identifies the solution

### Whereas:

- Identifies the problem clearly and provides any necessary background
- Answers: WHY? (WHY is this a problem? WHY is the solution necessary?)
- One thought per whereas

### Be It Resolved

- Identifies the solution clearly
- Needs to stand on its own
- Answers the questions:

WHAT? (What is the solution?)

WHO? (Who will undertake it?)

WHEN? (By when will it occur?)

WHERE? (Where will the solution happen?)

### Example:

WHEREAS the Component's name is representative of the Department to whom the Component membership belong; an

WHEREAS the name of USGE (Union of Solicitor General Employees) represented the Department of the Solicitor General Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of the Solicitor General Canada has been named Public Safety Canada for a few years now, and includes more specifically the groups that made up that Department;

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

our Component be named USJE (Union of Safety and Justice Employees) as soon as it has been accepted by the Component's Convention.

### The path of a USJE Resolution

An individual or a group identify a problem & a solution

This
problem can
be resolved
through
changing or
adding to:

USJE Resolution form completed

Resolution debated and adopted at:

Resolution sent to National Office

- USJE By-Laws, Finance, Regulations or Policies
- PSAC Constitution or Regulations (including Regulation 15 re: Collective Bargaining policy
- National Joint Council policies; or
- Miscellaneous (over which USJE has jurisdiction)

- Local meeting; or
- National Executive meeting

National
President
reviews
resolutions
and
provides
feedback

All submitted resolutions reviewed by Convention Committee

Convention
Committee
determines
concurrence
or nonconcurrence

Resolution is brought to Triennial National Convention 2023

- Locals change resolution & submit by deadline; or
- Locals don't change resolution

### Resolution Form

### 19th TRIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION 2023 – WHISTLER RESOLUTION FORM This resolution deals with: PSAC CONSTITUTION USJE BY-LAWS By-Law No. \_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_ Sub-Section \_\_\_\_ USJE REGULATIONS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – POLICY (do not submit bargaining demand (do not submit bargaining demands) NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL GENERAL FINANCE POLICIES MISCELLANEOUS WHEREAS \_\_\_\_\_ WHEREAS \_\_\_\_\_ BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NAME OF LOCAL LOCAL PRESIDENT

### When are resolutions submitted?



Following a call for resolutions from USJE National Office

### Late resolutions

- are received after deadline,
- were not able to be reviewed by the convention committee,
- are looked at, if time permits, during convention.

### Emergency resolutions



Deal with a problem not identified (or in existence) prior to the final date for receipt of resolutions.

### Resolution Tips

### Keep it simple

#### **WHEREAS**



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### **BE IT RESOLVED**



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WHEN? (By when will it occur?)

WHERE? (Where will the solution happen?)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED



Identifies a follow up to the solution

### Small Group work

- Using the USJE Resolution Form, create a resolution
- Report back to the full group

## Thank you!

