

RESOLUTION
The American Legion Department of Ohio, Inc.
Department Executive Committee
5 December 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 21-04

SUBJECT: To Dissolve the Department Special Olympic Committee

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON: Department Executive Committee

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Ohio has been an active and dedicated supporter of Ohio Special Olympics at the Post, District, and Department level for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, The policies; procedures; fundraising; and fund disbursement for the American Legion Department of Ohio's involvement in Ohio Special Olympics at the Department level has been directed thru a Department Special Olympics Committee consisting of one (1) District Special Olympics chairperson from each of the Department of Ohio's fourteen (14) Districts; and

WHEREAS, The Department Special Olympics Committee is authorized by the Department to conduct one (1) official meeting of the Committee annually in each American Legion program year; and

WHEREAS, The ability of the Department Special Olympics Committee to conduct the business of the Committee for the American Legion Department of Ohio at this annual meeting, including allocation of Department Special Olympic funds to selected Ohio Special Olympics programs, has been impaired for many years due to a lack of participation and attendance in Department meetings of this Committee by many District Special Olympics Chairpersons who have been members of this Committee; and

WHEREAS, The lack of participation and attendance by District Special Olympics Chairpersons in Department meetings of this Committee have resulted in the absence of a quorum to conduct the business of this Committee in at least three (3) separate American Legion program years; and

WHEREAS, At least one (1) Ohio American Legion District no longer appoints a District Special Olympics Chairperson, further impairing the ability of the Department Committee to conduct the business of the Committee for the Department; and

WHEREAS, While support for Ohio Special Olympics continues as a goal for the Department by and thru the Department Special Olympics Committee, the ability of the Department Special Olympics Committee to promote and achieve these goals established for the involvement of the Ohio American Legion in Ohio Special Olympics are continuously impaired for the reasons stated above; and, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, At the 2020-2021 Department Special Olympics Committee meeting, the Department Special Olympics Committee recommends to the Department Executive Committee; Department Finance Committee; and Department Children and Youth Committee that for the best interests of Ohio Special Olympics and the American Legion Department of Ohio, the Department Special Olympics Committee be dissolved effective as of December 2020 and Ohio Special Olympics and the American Legion Department of Ohio's involvement in Ohio Special Olympics be directed to and placed under the Department Children and Youth Committee; and

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RESOLVED, All monies maintained in the Department Special Olympics account be allocated and disbursed by the Department Children and Youth Committee thru the same manner and procedures with the Department Finance Committee as had been in place with the Department Special Olympics Committee; and

RESOLVED, The Department Children and Youth Committee meeting in regular session on July 11, 2020, concurs with the recommendation of the Department Special Olympics Committee and has passed a motion to this effect.

Origin: Department Special Olympic Committee
Submitted By: Department Special Olympic Committee
Referred To: Department Executive Committee

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REGULATIONS

Based on the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions of The American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee at its October 1956 meeting, the following regulations have been established for the procedure of Convention Resolutions:

1. Each must emanate from a Department after favorable action or from the National Executive Committee, or from any Convention Standing or Special Committee. Resolutions submitted in advance of the Convention by Departments and the National Executive Committee shall be filed with the National Adjutant, who shall refer them to the National Convention Resolutions Assignment Committee.
2. The National Adjutant shall maintain a Convention register of all resolutions received, assigned and processed which shall identify each resolution by number, indicating the Committee to which the resolution was referred and the originating source.

In submitting resolutions, the following points should be carefully observed:

- a. A resolution shall deal with only one subject. Do not attempt to deal with more than one subject in the RESOLVING clauses.
- b. All local RESOLVING clauses are to be omitted, substituting therein a clause resolving national action, i.e. the resolution as submitted should be worded for the National Convention as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 27, 28, 29, 2019, That —

If the resolving clause is not stated as above (using convention business session dates) it necessitates having to re-write the resolution to show the proper resolving clause.

- c. Each resolution is to be worded in full, including all WHEREAS clauses as well as the RESOLVING clauses.
 - d. Each resolution is to be signed in black ink and the originating source clearly typewritten or indicated, unless it is submitted as a computer file. Then the originating source is to be placed in the footer of the form.
3. In accordance with Resolution No. 21, adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on May 4-5, 2016, each resolution should be supported by the identification of the individual or group originating the resolution, and also by a written statement or brief containing the supporting arguments in favor of the action sought, and clearly establishing the material relevance of the subject to the purpose for which The American Legion was formed.
 4. In accordance with Resolution No. 50, adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on May 5-6, 1965, resolutions adopted by Departments and destined for consideration by the National Convention shall be forwarded to the National Adjutant, to be in his hands fourteen (14) days prior to the opening session of the National Convention. The only exception to this provision shall be in instances where Department Conventions are held at such time that it becomes physically impossible to comply with this provision, in which instances, the resolutions shall be forwarded to the National Adjutant immediately upon the adjournment of the Department Convention.
 5. The National Convention Resolutions Assignment Committee may return through the Secretary of the National Convention to the source, inappropriate or non-germane resolutions that may be resubmitted, when corrected, to the National Executive Committee or National Convention by the originator. Inappropriate or non-germane resolutions include, but are not limited to: Convention resolutions (1) containing more than one subject, (2) calling for or requiring the expenditure of funds, (3) containing personal attacks or derogatory characterizations, (4) outside the purview, (5) not pertinent or inappropriate for action by the National Convention or (6) unclear and undocumented. Deficient resolutions, once corrected, in order to be reconsidered, need to be resubmitted to the National Convention or National Executive Committee as provided in the National Constitution & By-Laws.