

Resolution FAQs

These notes are intended to assist members in understanding the Convention resolution process.

Who can submit resolutions?

Resolutions are submitted after approval by a majority vote at a properly constituted special meeting of groups identified in the BC NDP constitution. These groups include constituency associations, affiliated organizations, policy committees, standing committees, the YND, Provincial Council and Provincial Executive.

How is a resolution submitted?

The designated person for a group identified in the BC NDP constitution must submit resolutions via the Activist Site. E.g. by the president of a constituency association or by the chair of a policy committee.

When is the deadline to submit resolutions?

Resolutions must be received at BC NDP Provincial Office by 5:00 pm Pacific on September 4, 2017.

What is the proper language used to draft a resolution?

Resolutions must be written in plain language. For delegates familiar with traditional resolution writing, this means that “Whereas...” is replaced with “Because...” and “Therefore be it resolved...” is replaced with “The BC NDP will...”

Avoid acronyms and technical jargon. Resolutions that are

convoluted or use complicated language are unlikely to be successful.

The full resolution format can be found at the end of this document.

Is there a maximum length for a resolution?

The best resolutions are short and to the point. Fewer than 150 words is best.

What happens once a resolution is submitted to Provincial Office?

Once received at Provincial Office, resolutions are grouped by policy topics by the Resolutions Committee and each resolution is identified by the source from which it originated (e.g. constituency association).

Resolutions are then referred to the appropriate policy sub-committee for prioritization.

After prioritization, resolutions are compiled in the Convention Handbook.

What if identical or very similar resolutions are submitted?

Any identical resolutions will list all sources from which it originated.

Resolution sub-committees may propose composite resolutions where there are similarities between resolutions.

How are resolutions dealt with at convention?

Each policy area will have a designated block of time in the convention agenda. During a policy block, resolutions will come to the floor for debate in their order of priority.

It is most likely that only the first five or fewer of the priority lists will reach the floor of Convention for debate.

How can a resolution be amended at convention?

To amend a resolution, delegates must refer it to the Convention Resolutions Committee at Convention.

Amendments to resolutions cannot be proposed on the Convention floor.

How can the prioritization order of resolutions be changed?

Appeals of resolution priorities are made at Convention only and must be referred to the Convention Resolutions Committee.

Delegations wishing to appeal a resolution's priority can assist the process by contacting one of the co-chairs of the affected policy sub-committee and any other delegation that may be affected by the change.

When does the Convention Resolutions Committee meet?

The Resolution Committee establishes its own meeting times and agenda. These times are posted in the Convention office and other locations. The Committee meets on several occasions and deals with appeals for one policy

area at a time.

The Committee will hear from a delegate speaking on behalf of a delegation, from the policy sub-committee, and any other delegation affected by an appeal or amendment

Which resolutions are most likely to be debated?

Resolutions most likely to be debated on the Convention floor are clear and to the point, easy to understand, and deal with salient public policy matters relevant to British Columbians.

Resolutions that will perform most strongly will follow these criteria:

- they reflect the theme of convention 2017, *Building a Better BC*
- they support the work of the BC NDP government
- they use plain and understandable language;
- they include relevant facts; and
- they are precise about the actions delegates are being asked to support.

Who do I contact for more information?

Contact convention@bcndp.ca for more information.

RESOLUTIONS FORMAT

Please use this format when submitting resolutions on the Activist Site at <https://activist.bcndp.ca/convention-2017-resolutions>

Resolution Title: _____

Policy Area: _____

BECAUSE:

THE BC NDP WILL:

Submitted by:

First Name:

Last Name:

Organization and role:

Phone:

Resolutions must be submitted by the president via the Activist Site convention resolutions submission form no later than by 5:00 PM Pacific, September 4th. No exceptions.