

Resolutions Process

The Report

As a delegate, you will receive a copy of the resolutions report in your delegate package - prior to the AGM.

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The Research

Review the resolution report. Research and educate yourself on any topics you aren't fully aware of.

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The Consideration

Think about each resolution and its implication for you and your farm, your industry etc.

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The Discussion

During the resolution's portion of the annual meeting, there will be opportunity for discussion regarding each of the proposed resolutions. So long as they have a mover and a seconder to proceed to a vote.

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The Vote

Once discussion on the resolution has ended, you will be asked to vote in favour or opposition of the proposed resolution.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is a resolution?

As part of NSFA's issues management process, County Federations and Affiliated Commodity Groups have the opportunity to put forward an issue to be worked on by the Federation. The format of a resolution is two part. In the first section, the statements start off with "Whereas,..." and indicates the context of the issue - what is the issue, who is involved and the implications. The second section indicates the solution or the actions. These statements start with "Therefore be it resolved...".

How does a resolution differ from Standing Policy?

Both resolutions and standing policies impact our farmers, the main difference is standing policies are targeted to address issues felt by our general membership regardless of county or commodity, while a resolution tends to be more specific and targeted to a group of commodities of farmers, or a particular county or region. Both resolutions and policies make up the advocacy priorities of the Federation over the following year and progress is reported on regularly.

From an administrative perspective, there is one significant difference between resolutions and standing policies - that's the origin. Standing policies stem from long standing issues that have broad industry implications. In saying this, there is background work and supporting information including the policy preamble in support of the policy statement. The Standing Policies are also vetted by Council of Leaders before making their way to membership. Resolutions are grassroots by nature as they are put forward by member organization and on rare occasions by individual members. To reduce a perceived bias, NSFA does not conduct background checks or a review document on resolutions submitted.

What can I as a member do to prepare for resolutions on the agenda at the AGM?

Read up on the resolution a head of time. Think about what this resolution means to you and your farm. Will this resolution be beneficial to your farm or have no impact?

Maybe this resolution will have a negative impact on your farm. What does it mean to the broader industry and is it something that Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture - a general farm organization - should make a priority?