

Parliamentarian's Report to the DCCW Board

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So, what's the big deal about resolutions? Why are we asked to give our input on them? Why do we take time during our annual convention to listen to them being read (and to read along) and to vote on their adoption?

A resolution is a big deal because it describes, in writing, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Board of Directors' intended actions and the reasons for those actions. It lays a foundation for affiliate, deanery, and diocesan focus and programming for the upcoming Council year and, sometimes, into subsequent years. A formally written resolution brings attention to the board's overarching priorities. In its statement it should reflect the board's compliance with the DCCW mission in alignment with the mission of NCCW.

According to *Robert's Rules of Order*, a resolution is a special type of motion put forth by any member of a governing body [that's you!], written out before it is presented to the assembly [at our convention] for adoption. A resolution has been described as "a motion in fancy dress" with all the Whereas's and Resolved's.

Because resolutions are guideposts for all DCCW members at all levels of Council, we ask that you contribute to their creation. Using the tentative agenda for this year's convention, you could use a theme or keynote address topic to formulate a resolution. You could use an intention or document of Pope Francis or a diocesan focus for inspiration. Please remember that the resolution needs to be general enough to be applicable to all members of Council.

Please see the following template for writing a resolution, and the adopted resolutions from last year's convention as examples. I hope many of you will participate – this is your DCCW!

Please submit your proposed resolution to me by **March 20, 2024**. My address is listed on the resolution template on the website, or in the roster. Thank you!

And once a resolution is adopted, please know that its implementation is not binding; however, we hope that you will prayerfully consider each adopted resolution and determine how you can use it to guide your Council and, perhaps, yourself.

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