

Convention Tidbits

Resolutions and Committee's - a little information:

- The State Master does not lobby for or against any resolutions.
- The State Master does assign the Chairperson and committee members.
- The Chairperson is ideally someone who has knowledge of the committee scope through previous committee participation and/or work in either Grange, Government or Private Sector practices and understands the procedures and responsibilities of the job and can lead a "herd of cats" – lol.
- The committee chair runs their committee in an orderly fashion.
- Committees are formed with an attempt to balance a mix of individuals that have either expressed interest in a particular committee or that have personal interest and/or knowledge of a committee subject matter.
- Members of a committee are free to interact within the committee within the scope and management set out by the committee chair.
- ANYONE can attend any committee meeting as a guest BUT they cannot participate in any way unless the chair permits and that participation is limited to Questions and Answers.
- An author of a resolution is not permitted to actively lobby a committee. That work is saved for the delegate floor.
- If an author happens to be within a committee they must remove themselves (temporarily) from the committee member role and must be treated as a guest, only to speak when acknowledged.
- The Community Grange Master / Secretary (with passage of selected resolution by their membership) of each individual Grange, submit their own resolutions without interference from anyone outside their own Grange.
- No one can get involved with selection or culling of any Granges resolutions (unless found to be out of Order by the State Master). This is the work and purpose of committees.
- IF, two resolutions are written exactly identical to each other, the authors (or Sponsor) will be combined on the "Submitted by" when formatting for the State Session.
- Per the National Grange Digest, the State Grange Master does not vote in session unless as a delegate representative of his or her Subordinate or Pomona Grange. However, the State Master may vote in case of a tie vote. (Section 4.7.3 National Digest).
- As State Master, I do see the titles & authors of resolutions prior to delegate distribution to review committee assignments and assess the amount of work assigned to any committees.
- As State Master, I do not read the resolutions until they are distributed to the delegate body. Unless informed by the Secretary of a circumstance that needs the State Master's attention.
- The State Master's role is to provide order utilizing Roberts Rules of Order and to ensure that Grange law is followed in session.
- The State Master can contribute to a committee, as a guest.