



# Grain and General Services Union

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## Resolutions

Resolutions are a way for members of GSU to contribute ideas on the direction and focus of GSU.

Within GSU, a resolution is a written expression of ideas and/or proposals submitted by members of the union to any of the following GSU bodies:

- Biennial Convention (GSU's elected overall co-ordinating and governing body)
- Joint Executive Council (GSU's elected governing body between conventions)
- Board of Delegates (The overall coordinating and governing body of elected representatives between membership meetings of dispersed Locals)
- Local or Sub-Local Committees (The coordinating body of elected representatives of the Local or Sub-Local)

The subject of a resolution can be anything. Resolutions can address:

- GSU issues (such as the GSU Defense Fund, workplace bullying, dues, or union direction or structure),
- larger provincial issues (such as lobbying the government to ban asbestos, increasing the minimum wage, and improvements to Occupational Health and Safety regulations),
- small issues in a community (such as road improvement, maintaining rural schools, and support for local organizations).

Resolutions submitted, debated, and adopted by vote at the GSU Convention or the Joint Executive Council level become GSU policy.

**Sample Resolutions from the 2008 GSU Convention:**

- Be it resolved, that GSU lobby the Federal and Provincial governments to ensure that all communities in Canada have a good quality of drinking water. As there are a lot of communities in our country are still under a boil water advisory
- Be it resolved, that GSU lobby the federal government to double Canada Pension Plan benefits over a seven year time frame commencing January 1, 2010.
- Be it resolved, that GSU lobby the Saskatchewan Government as well as the Workers Compensation Board to stop the practice of encouraging Employers to implement Return to Work (RTW) policies that are harmful to an injured workers recovery.

**If there is something you would like to see implemented or changed, consider submitting a resolution.**

**If you would like help submitting your resolution or if you are interested in other ways to get your ideas to the officers of your union, contact your GSU staff representative.**