British Columbia/Yukon Command Convention Resolutions

Refer to BC/Yukon Command By-Laws Article IX for information on submitting resolutions for BC/Yukon Command Convention.

Refer to the General By-Laws Article IX for details on Dominion Convention resolutions.

The general headings under which resolutions fall are:

- Rules over which the Legion can exercise direct control in that they deal with matters affecting the organization such as bylaw amendments.
- Rules that require submissions to governments, either at municipal, provincial or federal level, but primarily relating to the federal government and concerning desirable changes in Veterans' legislation.
- Rules of a general nature that reflect the concern of Canadians on such subjects as maintaining the strength of the Armed Forces, immigration, drug abuse, etc.

Resolutions normally originate at the branch level but may also originate at the Command Executive level. Zone meetings may send resolutions to the Command Executive Council for review, but resolutions intended for Conventions must originate at a branch. Resolutions dealt with at the Zone level must have originated from a branch. If a resolution is channelled through the Zone meeting, the Zone cannot change the resolution except to correct any inaccurate information. A Zone cannot stop a branch resolution from going forward, even if a zone meeting votes non-concurrence a branch can still send its resolution through to BC/Yukon Command.

Resolutions requiring immediate action should be referred to the BC/Yukon Command Council. The request should include a cover letter that provides a full explanation of the resolution. Resolutions intended for Convention must be clearly marked as such. Resolutions intended for a government department are referred through Command to ensure requests are in line with established Legion policy.

Resolutions must be in an appropriate format with explanation by way of one or more "whereas" sections of preamble and a "resolved" section outlining specifically what action is being requested. Resolutions involving matters where urgent action is desirable, should not be held up for submission to BC/Yukon Council or to a Convention. Such resolutions can be forwarded at any time and will be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee or to Dominion Command. There is no special form on which to submit resolutions.

BC/Yukon Command will acknowledge receipt of all resolutions. Resolutions must include the minutes of the General Membership meeting authorizing the resolution.

Election of Voting Delegates

Only a duly constituted general meeting can select delegates to Convention. This is covered in the *BC/Yukon Command By-laws*. It is appropriate for a Branch Executive Committee to make recommendations, but the final decision must be made by election at a general membership meeting. Also all delegates must be members in good standing.