

TIPS FOR PRESENTING RESOLUTIONS AT MY PTA MEETING

How do I present the NYS PTA Resolutions to my unit's membership? Where do I begin? The task is much easier than you think!

- Download the Proposed Resolutions packet.
- Send out the Proposed Resolutions packet to your PTA membership prior to your meeting.
- Obtain a vote of confidence.

NOTE: You do not need to be an expert in legislation to present Resolutions to your membership, most of the resolutions are forthright and understandable. Your membership's vote of confidence allows you to cast your unit's vote as you see fit and in the spirit of their wishes.

How to Vote On a Resolution

Voting on a resolution may be done in several ways.

At the start of the meeting state:

- You may vote on each resolution individually or in what is called a Block (Gross) Vote. When there are several resolutions it saves time to vote in a Block. This means that you can vote on all the resolutions at once, or all the resolutions in a category or group at once.
- If there are no objections we will vote in Block. (Answer any questions pertaining to Block voting.)

To vote on resolutions individually you would:

- * Present the resolution
- * Discuss the resolution
- * Say, "Seeing no further discussion we are ready for the vote (question). All in favor, say aye (I), all opposed say no.
- * The ayes (I) have it and the Retention Resolution # ____ is adopted (The no's have it and the Resolution is defeated.)"

To vote on the resolutions in a Block (Gross):

- Present the resolution
- When all the resolutions are presented, either by group or in entirety say, "Are there any resolutions to be pulled from the Block to be voted on

separately? If there are no objections, the Retention Resolutions #1 – 10 are approved.”

- *If someone wants a resolution pulled for a separate vote*, for example number 5, “We will now vote on Retention Resolutions #1-4 and 6-10. Hearing no objections, #1-4 and 6-10 are adopted.”
- “We are now ready to vote on Retention Resolution #5 (Read the Title of the Resolution) All in favor say Aye. All opposed say no. The ayes have it and Resolution #5 is adopted. Or, “The no’s have it and resolution #5 is defeated.”

This process would be used in the same way for Updated Resolutions and Rescinded Resolutions.

How to Vote on a Resolution (virtual PTA meeting)

At a traditional PTA meeting, voting can be done by voice or show of hands. If your unit is meeting virtually, voting can be done online.

Some useful websites for voting:

- Google forms - send a link via memberhub
- Doodle poll (doodle.com) - send a link via memberub
- Survey Monkey (surveymonkey.com) - send a link via memberhub
- Zoom polling or chat voting - This requires the secretary of your unit to cross-check votes with active/paid PTA members.