

# REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS

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## ASSISTANCE FOR CONVENERERS

### Resolutions Conveners at all levels

The Women's Institute was built on involvement, so it was not surprising that the Resolutions Standing Committee was the first one elected in the organization and they still have a valued place in to-day's programing.

To formulate a Resolution requesting change or to implement an idea, follow the Handbook guidelines. Remember, any Resolution of Provincial, National or International importance must be channeled through the levels of our organization.

When reporting, please include all statistical information which applies at your level, i.e., number of Branches and number of Branches reporting.

### Branch Conveners

A copy of any Resolutions sustained by your Branch, including supportive material must be sent to the District Convener of Resolutions not later than March 1. Make certain someone from your Branch is prepared to speak to the Resolution at District Annual or Area Convention. You must send your report, compiled from your activities, to the District Convener of Resolutions immediately after your Branch annual meeting.

### District Conveners

Your Committee is composed of your Branch Conveners. Do you meet in person or by phone to discuss and recommend ideas?

Prior to April 1, send to your Branches a copy of all the Resolutions to be considered at the District Annual. At least 10 days prior to the District Annual, send a copy of these Resolutions to your Provincial Board Director.

Send a copy of your Resolutions Report to your Area Convener immediately after the District Annual. All District reports should be in the hands of Area Conveners in June.

## AREA CONVENERERS:

**Send copies of all Resolutions to Provincial President by September 1,** and to all Branches and Districts six weeks prior to Area Convention.

Follow closely the further directions in the Handbook re duties in the handling and reporting of the Resolutions Convener.

## REPORT

Board Directors were asked to stress closer scrutiny of Conveners' responsibilities. For example, one area report was not received until well into November and a sustained resolution did not arrive before Board meeting.

Some Area reports told of Resolutions with significant concern, which had been considered, but because of discrepancies or lack of signatures, were not sustained. Our format for Resolutions is the only way we can keep control of having a provincial voice, but it would speed things up to have guidelines followed.

After studying the 14 Area Reports, it was encouraging to

note the overall breadth of programing, however, it is hoped that some more would pick up ideas and not pass up a valuable Resolutions program during the year.

There were several examples of Resolutions being sustained at District level as Emergency Resolutions, with which your Provincial Resolutions Committee had to deal, which were almost identical in content request, to Resolutions dealt with last year.

An Emergency Resolution, re nuclear expansion, came from Manitoulin. As you know we have had a former Resolution with the same intent processed previously, so excerpts from the former Resolution were forwarded to Manitoulin.

No Resolution could receive much more constructive support than the one concerning nylon zippers in clothing. Mr. N. B. MacDonald, Executive Secretary of Canadian Slide Fasteners Manufacturing Association, requested samples of faulty zippers. Five samples with accompanying descriptions of what had happened, were forwarded. A reply was received, giving individual reasons with explanations, including tests made by the Ontario Research Foundation.

Two 'care' methods mentioned, for prolonging the life of a zipper, recommended, always close the zipper during washing, and "pull", should only be on the slider pull-tab when caught in fabric.

## RESOLUTIONS

*Thirteen resolutions, including two emergencies were considered by the Provincial Board Directors. The following were sustained.*

### EASTERN AREA

**Whereas,** light exposure for twenty-four hours, to milk in plastic pouches, causes loss of ascorbic acid (vitamin C) in ranges from 84.7 to 90.%; and

**Whereas,** whether the consumer buys Homogenized, 2% or skim milk, all types are subject to flavor deterioration when exposed to light, according to a study conducted by the Food Science Department at Guelph University;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, recommend that the Federal Minister of Health and Welfare, urge standards for the storage and display of dairy products to be reviewed and revised, in order that the Canadian consumers may derive the full advantages of nutritional value in Canadian Dairy Products that they so rightly deserve.

**Whereas,** acid rain is now recognized as being the most serious environmental problem in Canada today;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, request that the Federal and Provincial ministers of the environment co-operate intensively in tightening and enforcing the existing Canadian controls and continue to work swiftly and productively with the United States government agencies concerned, for the protection of the future of our continent.

**Whereas,** there is in our society, a large number of disabled persons who must rely on some form of Government assistance; and