

**Resolutions from the Maine State Grange Convention
October 21 and 22, 2010**

I have given the “resolved” only to cut down on typing and space. I’ll have the complete resolutions with me at the next meeting for those who wish to read the entire resolution – note: as you are reading remember the vote was on the committee recommendations.

1. Junior Deputy Compensation

**Resolved, that Junior Deputies receive the same compensation for mileage for one visit per year to each Subordinate Grange in their jurisdiction as Deputies receive in the event that they do not live close enough to each other to travel together or the Junior Deputy cannot visit at the same time as the Deputy inspects.
Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation - ought to pass**

This Resolution did not pass

2. Jurisdiction of the National Master

**Resolved, that section 4.5.7 of the Digest be changed to read “Criteria – Whenever the number of active Subordinate Granges in a State Grange is reduced below six, the State Grange is working in violation of the law and usages of the Order, the State Grange refused or is unable to hold meetings, or the State Secretary’s report or dues are not received by the National Grange for two consecutive quarters within 90 days of the close of the second quarter, it shall be the duty of the Master of the National Grange to suspend or revoke the Charter of the State Grange having jurisdiction over said Subordinate Granges, if it is the determination of the Master of the National Grange that the good of the order requires such action”
Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation - ought to pass**

Resolution passed

3. Farm Stands

**Resolved, that a bill be submitted to the Maine Legislature that all vegetable stands be required to display sign adjacent to all purchased vegetables and other raw foods, with a font size of no less than 24, informing the public from what person or company the produce was purchased, and be it further
Resolved, the stand operator also have on hand for public inspection upon request, receipts showing where and by whom the product was purchased, the sale date and the quantity purchase, and be it further
Resolved, all products claimed to be grown by the owner, said owner be able to give the location where the product was grown and that location be available for inspection by State Officials from the Department of Agriculture and that civil fine be imposed for violators, with larger fines imposed for repeat offenders.
Committee – Agriculture – recommendation - ought not to pass**

Passed

4. Affiliated Grange Membership

Resolved, that Subordinate member affiliations be unrestricted so long as a member is in good standing, and be it further

Resolved, that affiliated membership “in good standing” be defined by the Subordinate Grange so long as it does not conflict with the By-laws of the National or Maine State Grange, and be it further

Resolved, that the National and Maine State Grange adopt a more liberal definition of policy as regards member affiliations among Subordinate Granges.

Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation – ought not to pass

Passed

5. State Board of Corrections

Resolved, that the Maine State Grange support legislation to repeal and replace the Board of Correction with a new board friendlier to counties and restore local control of our county jails.

Committee – Legislative – recommendation – ought not to pass

Did not pass

6. Registration Fee

Resolved, that a registration fee of \$5.00 per person attending State Grange Session be implemented to assist with the costs, and be it further

Resolved, that an exception be made for members taking their Fifth and Sixth degrees.

Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation – ought not to pass

Passed

7. Police Vehicle License Plate

Resolved, that all police vehicles “marked” and “unmarked” be required to display license plate(s), in the usual manner, to designate state, county and/or municipal “Police” vehicle authority.

Committee – Legislative – recommendation – ought not to pass

Passed

8. Biodegradable Trash Bags

Resolved, that all municipalities be encouraged to purchase trash bags made only of biodegradable materials.

Committee – Legislative – recommendation – ought to pass and to be submitted to National Grange

Passed

9. Disposable Diapers

Resolved, that all disposable diapers be manufactured with biodegradable materials.

Committee – Legislative – recommendation – ought to pass and to be submitted to National Grange

Passed

10. Reduced Lighting in Parking Lots

Resolved, that parking lot lighting be reduced to 1/3 (one -third) total usage during non-business hours.

Committee – Legislative – recommendation – ought not to pass

Passed

11. Rotary/Roundabout Construction

Resolved, that all new rotaries and roundabouts be designed and constructed for larger commercial truck traffic.

Committee – Legislative – recommendation – ought to pass

Passed

12. Resolutions at State Convention

Resolved, that resolutions may be presented the first day of state session by committees and/or delegates on the floor, and be it further

Resolved, to re-insert “Resolutions” into the order of business at the session.

Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation – ought not to pass

Passed

13. State Grange Sashes

Resolved, that directors and committees no longer have sashes, but use a name badge as official designation

Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation – table until next session, needs further study

Passed

14. Cell Phones

Resolved, that all cell phones should be turned off, or set on vibrate, during meetings, and be it further

Resolved, that the owner of said noisy phone shall pay a penalty of \$1.00 toward a fund for the hearing impaired.

Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation – ought not to pass

Passed

15. Membership participation

Resolved, that the Grange authorize any member in good standing in their home Grange to affiliate with up to and including four other Granges in the Maine State Grange jurisdiction thereby supporting one another with their resources, time and talents.

Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation – ought not to pass

Passed

16. Installation

Resolved, that the National Grange go all the way and authorized any qualified installing officer to install themselves.

Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation – Out of Order

17. Secretary

Resolved, that, We the members of Maine State Grange of the great and sovereign State of Maine, now assembled, urge that the By -Laws be affirmed and practiced in its present form and strongly encourage each Subordinate and Pomona Grange to elect separate members for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, and be it finally

Resolved, that all Members strive to adhere, as far as possible, to the By -laws in this particular instance, as well as embrace, learn and practice in our meetings and daily lives the precepts of our Order.

Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation – ought to pass

Passed

18. Legal Maiming & Abuse of Animals

Resolved, to make it illegal to alter in any way, that is not beneficial to the health and well being of such animal, such as declawing, cropping the ears, docking their tails and or removing a dog's vocal cords rendering it unable to bark.

Committee – Legislative – recommendation – ought not to pass

Passed

19. New England Grange Building Junior Grange Craft Exhibit

Resolved, that the New England Junior Grange display be given the same type of exposure allotted to the Women's Activities Department, including identification by name and state; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the six other Northeast State Granges for action at their 2010 State Sessions.

Committee – Good of the Order – recommendation – ought to pass

Passed

