

By-Laws and Good of the Order Resolutions Adopted at the 2018 State Grange Convention

BL #1: Unrestricted Dues Allocation

- Whereas: The Oregon State Grange By-Laws require the OSG to apply \$1 of each member's annual dues to be applied to an "Emergency Fund"; and
- Whereas: The "Emergency Fund" does not have any specific provisions other than it is under the management of the OSG Executive Committee along with the building fund and other restricted and unrestricted funds; and
- Whereas: The balances as of 7/31/17 were \$141,000 in the Emergency Fund and \$184,000 in the Building Maintenance Fund. These restricted funds are sitting and growing, while our organization is having to pull money from other funds to meet the needs of the annual operating budget. Therefore be it
- Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended to remove the \$1 per member restricted allocation to the Emergency Fund and increase the dues amount applied to the Oregon State Grange operations to \$26.20 in section 4.1 0.1(b).

BL #6: Combining of Oregon State Session Committees

- Whereas: Our overall attendance at the State Convention has not always allowed us to fill all of the Sessions committees with at least five people, and;
- Whereas: Many of the committees end up dealing with subject matter that could just as logically be applied to another committee. Therefore be it
- Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange By-Laws Article 1 Section 6, 1.6.3 be changed to read:
- The State Session Committees shall be: Agriculture, Budget, By-Laws, Credentials, Conservation, Education & Health, Financial Affairs & Insurance, Good of the Order, Grange Elections, Grange Programs and Bulletin, Legislation, Progress, Transportation & Utilities, Veterans and such other committees as the State Master may deem necessary.

GO #1: Legislative Policy

- Whereas: In about 2016 a resolution was adopted by the delegates to remove any policy that is ten years old unless readopted; and
- Whereas: The fires in the Columbia Gorge in 2017 demonstrated the vulnerability of Oregon's east/west interstate network, which the Oregon State Grange had policy on until June of 2017; and
- Whereas: It goes against basic Grange philosophy to remove policy with no action by the delegates and also that one delegate body cannot tie the hands of future bodies. Therefore be it

Resolved: Any legislative policy over ten years old that has not been reapproved will be brought before the delegate session for action to either remove or restore.

GO #3: Pomona Grange Manuals

Whereas: Efforts are being made to revitalize Pomona Granges across the nation; and

Whereas: The National Grange recently sent out new manuals; and

Whereas: These manuals are bigger (8.5"x 5 .5"), have smaller font than in previous editions, appear to have been run though a copy machine and won't hold up for long; and

Whereas: The ritual of the Pomona Grange doesn't change that often, so the Manuals should be made of material that will last for many years. Therefore, be it.

Resolved: That the National Grange reprint the Pomona Grange Manual in a soft bound book similar in size to the Subordinate/Community Manual printed in 2013, using a font of at least 12 points in size and make these available for purchase by the Granges. And be it further

Resolved: That if the National Grange isn't able or willing to implement this resolution, the Oregon State Grange ask for permission to reprint the manuals in a format more useful for our members.