

PROHIBIT INACCURACIES

DELEGATE: I speak in favor of the Resolution. This resolution simply serves to prevent an inaccurate definition being applied to the word “woman.” We all know what a woman is. We all know what the word “woman” means.

We can’t change the meaning of words in our Bylaws to make the Bylaws say something that they don’t. The Bylaws prescribe an annual meeting of the delegates. Imagine the national officers decided that “annual” no longer means “occurring once a year.” Instead, it now means “occurring in some years.” And imagine, based on that definition, they refused to organize the annual meeting for a span of five years.

Does that sound far-fetched? Does it sound more far-fetched than saying that we’ve had the definition of “woman” wrong all these years?

Let’s be clear on that. With this new unauthorized “official policy” that conflicts with the Bylaws, the national officers are saying that DAR has incorrectly understood and applied the meaning of “woman” for its entire lifespan. DAR never knew the accurate definition of “woman.” That’s what they’re telling us.

I find that to be simply inaccurate. Woman means the same thing now as it did when the word was invented. And it certainly means the same thing it meant when DAR was founded.

I urge you to vote in favor of the Resolution.