

Why Should Chapters Continue to Pass the Resolution?

Chapters should continue to consider, discuss, and vote on the Resolution because the issue before the Society has not been resolved. The President General's declaration that there will be no Special Meeting does not eliminate the membership's right to have its concerns addressed through the process established by the Bylaws. Leadership does not hold the final authority—the membership does.

The purpose of continuing to pass the Resolution is threefold:

First, it affirms the authority of the membership. The Bylaws establish a process by which chapters may bring matters of importance before the National Society. A refusal to follow that process does not invalidate the concerns of the membership or remove the obligation to address them.

Second, it ensures that chapters' voices are formally recorded. Each chapter resolution represents the independent judgment of its members and provides a documented expression of the will of the Society's grassroots membership.

Third, it preserves the integrity of the process. The date referenced in the Resolution for a requested Special Meeting does not represent an expiration date for the Resolution or the underlying issue. A procedural delay or refusal to act does not extinguish the membership's right to seek consideration of matters properly brought forward.

The Resolution is not about one meeting date. It is about whether the membership's voice will be heard and whether the governing documents of the Society will be honored. Chapters should continue to deliberate, vote, and make their position known because the ultimate authority in any member organization rests with the membership itself.