

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Resolution #1 – Farm Permits Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County

WHEREAS, farms seeking permitting for agriculture building improvements and best management projects to improve environmental quality; and
WHEREAS, permitting of such projects must go through DEP, and in doing so have endured frustrating delays and bottlenecks. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that DEP transfer its permitting authority for farm projects to the State Conservation Commission (SCC); and be it further

RESOLVED, that both DEP and the Department of Agriculture oversee the SCC, therefore have the expertise within its staff of both the environmental laws and agricultural practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, since the SCC is already responsible for on farm inspections and enforcement on behalf of the DEP, it is a more logical place for agricultural permit application reviews. Therefore, hopefully cutting time for permitting!

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**Resolution #2 – Farm Permits
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

WHEREAS, farms seeking permitting for agriculture building improvements and best management projects to improve environmental quality, and
WHEREAS, permitting of such projects must go through Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and in doing so have endured frustrating delays and bottlenecks, and
WHEREAS, both DEP and the Department of Agriculture oversee the State Conservation Commission (SCC), and therefore have the expertise within its staff of both the environmental laws and agricultural practices, and
WHEREAS, the SCC is already responsible for on-farm inspections and enforcement on behalf of the DEP, it is a more logical place for agricultural permit application reviews, therefore cutting time for permitting. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) transfer its permitting authority for farm projects to the State Conservation Commission (SCC).

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**Resolution #3 – Urban Agriculture
Cumberland Valley Grange #2104, Cumberland County**

WHEREAS, some urban areas of Pennsylvania have what are called “food deserts” where there is a limited access to fresh food products because of a shortage of food markets offering such products, and
WHEREAS, these same neighborhoods suffer from poverty, lack of economic opportunity and often a loss of the sense of community empowerment, and
WHEREAS, growing vegetables and other crops in an urban neighborhood setting help restore a sense of neighborhood and community as well as supplying locally grown healthy foods for urban consumption. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislative and regulatory efforts to make fresh agriculture products available to “food desert” urban areas by encouraging the development of urban food gardens and working to overcome legal obstacles that may prevent the growth of urban agriculture.

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**Resolution #4 – Disposal of Dead Deer
Venango County Pomona Grange #57**

WHEREAS, thousands of deer are killed on Pennsylvania Highways each year; and
WHEREAS, many of the dead deer on our state and interstate highways are not picked up and properly disposed of; and
WHEREAS, dead, decaying deer create a very poor image of Pennsylvania; and
WHEREAS, dead deer can be a hazard to motorists; and
WHEREAS, dead deer can emit a very unpleasant odor; and
WHEREAS, it has been noted that Pennsylvania Department of Transportation sometimes leaves the dead deer lay where killed and dumps bags of lime on the dead deer instead of removing them; and
WHEREAS, the deer lay there until decayed; and
WHEREAS, the lime kills the vegetation or lawn; and
WHEREAS, there are very explicit laws governing disposal of dead domestic animals.
Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange support legislation detailing how dead deer are disposed of on Pennsylvania state and interstate highways, who is responsible for removal and a timeline for removal.

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**Resolution #5 – Creeks and Streams
Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #23**

WHEREAS, the creeks and streams are getting wider due to sediment and the environment; and
WHEREAS, the permits are too vague and discourages landowners from cleaning the creeks and streams. Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the state agency involved let the landowners clean the creeks and streams without a permit.

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**Resolution #6 – Opposition to House Bill 107
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

WHEREAS, Representative Godshall has introduced HB 107 of 2017, it is being considered that a 2.5% fee will be applied to current natural gas customers; and
WHEREAS, the fee being collected will be used to run new gas lines in areas that gas utilities don't feel are economically feasible at this time; and
WHEREAS, the current gas companies need to replace current gas lines due to gas leaks because of corroding gas lines before adding new gas lines; and
WHEREAS, this will eliminate competition, such as oil and propane, thus not allowing the free market to work. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Berks County Grange #43 opposes HB 107 of 2017, due to the fact that the Pennsylvania state legislature is trying to create a monopoly for the natural gas industry.

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**Resolution #7 – Grain Brokers
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

WHEREAS, grain farmers/producers in Pennsylvania labor long and hard hours as well as spend funds to produce quality grain; and
WHEREAS, these grain farmers/producers rely on grain brokers to purchase their grain and sell it to others; and
WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, grain brokers are not required to provide any indemnification coverage; and
WHEREAS, if a grain broker fails, farmers/producers do not get paid for the grain and they do not get their grain back. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, a grain broker shall provide bonding to offer security for the grain farmers/producers to receive payments; and be it further

RESOLVED, Berks County Grange #43 supports any type of legislation introduced for providing payments to grain farmers/producers.

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**Resolution #8 – Milk
Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #23**

WHEREAS, the definition of milk is an opaque white or bluish liquid secreted by the mammary glands of female mammals serving for the nourishment of their young and in the case of the cow and some other animals used for food or a source of dairy products; and

WHEREAS, the US Food and Drug Administration has neglected to enforce its own food standards; and

WHEREAS, this has allowed the marketing of hundreds of deceptively labeled dairy imitations; and

WHEREAS, these imitations have been proven to be far short of the nutrients of milk provided by mammals; and

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration’s standards of identity stipulated that products labeled as “milk” must come from lactating mammals; and

WHEREAS, it is known that Canada, the United Kingdom, and the European Union actively police improper labeling in imitation dairy products. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, the US Food and Drug Administration should immediately enforce their standards and forbid the use of the word “milk” to appear on any milk product or cheese package that is not real milk as supplied by mammals that produce this real product.

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**Resolution #9 – Definition of Milk
Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County**

WHEREAS, as a noun, milk is defined as the pale liquid produced by the mammary glands of mature mammals who have given birth; and

WHEREAS, milk contains proteins, fats, lactose, colostrum, vitamins, and minerals essential to the nourishment of their young; and

WHEREAS, milk and its antibodies are the primary source of nutrition for infant mammals, and its antibodies help reduce the risk of diseases; and

WHEREAS, milk from cows, goats, and other mammals is used as food by humans; and

WHEREAS, liquids from various plant sources are now being marketed and referred to as milk; and

WHEREAS, these plant based liquids cannot provide the same nutrients and antibodies mammal-produced milk; and

WHEREAS, it is a misrepresentation to refer to plant-based liquids as “milk” simply because their appearance resembles milk. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that only mammal-sourced liquids be permitted to be marketed as “MILK”.

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**Resolution #10 – PSU Ag Trustee Election Process
Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

WHEREAS, the current process of naming delegates for each certified agricultural organization in each county, and the calling of a County Caucus, as well as voting rights at that Caucus has caused great confusion across the Commonwealth; and
WHEREAS, the cost of the annual election at the University escalates each year, not only to the University, but for the delegates who must make the trip there for the election. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a process be established whereby each certified agricultural organization may name an authorized representative whose name would be submitted to the Trustee Office, who in turn would create a unique password to be used to cast a vote on a day and time set by the Trustee Office, at the local county Extension Office. The University shall prepare a presentation to include and address by the University President, and the Dean of the Ag College, as well as a short introductory presentation by each candidate for the position of Ag Trustee; be it further

RESOLVED, that each certified agricultural organization shall have only one vote in each county in which they are certified.

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GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES

**Resolution #11 – Open Primary
Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28**

WHEREAS, in the Primary election only Democrats and Republicans may vote for candidates; and

WHEREAS, in an open Primary all registered voters may vote. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange supports an open ballot for Primary Election.

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**Resolution #12 – Term Limits
Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28**

WHEREAS, some legislators spend a lifetime in office. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange is in favor of term limits of no more than twelve (12) years.

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**Resolution #13 – Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor’s Mansion
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States that pays for and maintains a mansion for the Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, it costs the Pennsylvania taxpayers around \$1 million/year to maintain; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tom Wolf and the Pennsylvania legislature are looking for ways to balance the 2017-2018 budget. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Berks County Grange #43 proposes that the Pennsylvania taxpayers stop funding the Lieutenant Governor’s mansion as their private residence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that another public use be found for the residence or that it be sold.

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Resolution #14 – Pennsylvania Giving Tax Money to Host Political Conventions Berks County Pomona Grange #43

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania gave \$10 million to host the 2016 Democratic Convention in Philadelphia, PA; and

WHEREAS, any monies that were not used, should have been returned; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tom Wolf and the Pennsylvania legislature are looking for ways to balance the budget. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Berks County Grange #43 suggests that Pennsylvania gives no money to host political conventions in the future.

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Resolution #15 – Providing Access for Emergency Vehicles Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County

WHEREAS, highway emergencies often create gridlock situations on our roads, thus complicating or preventing access by ambulances, fire trucks, and other emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, these situations can make it impossible for emergency personnel to safely maneuver their way to injured patients, fires, or other critical situations. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in an emergency situation on a multi-lane highway, all traffic be required to move to the nearest berm – right lane to the right berm and left lane to the left berm or median, thus creating a clear lane in the center of the highway to provide access for emergency vehicles to reach injured patients, fires, or other critical situations.

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**Resolution #16 – Veterans Benefits and Services
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

WHEREAS, the managers of the Veterans Affairs office of each county in Pennsylvania are unable to access the names of military personnel retiring from the Fort Indiantown Gap military facility because of the current state law. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Berks County Pomona Grange #43, propose that the current PA state law be changed, so that the Veterans Affairs Office be able to directly contact retirees by mail, phone, or otherwise, to advise them of the potential services and benefits available to them; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a central database should be developed to assist the Veterans Affairs Officers.

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**Resolution #17 – Abide by Laws in Other Countries
Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange #23**

WHEREAS, US citizens must abide by the laws of any country they may be in; and **WHEREAS**, people from other countries living or visiting in the US wish to force their laws and customs on our country. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any person living or visiting the United States must abide by United States laws and customs or face possible deportation.

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**Resolution #18 – Requirements for Public Assistance
Watson Grange #1068, Warren County**

WHEREAS, per present policy “The Grange supports laws that would require a drug screening before an applicant is approved for assistance through the Department of Human Services and that random drug screening be performed as a condition of continuing to receive such benefits”. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Pennsylvania State Grange and National Grange urge legislators to create a law requiring drug testing for new and current recipients of public assistance whether or not they have previously been convicted of drug related offenses.

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**Resolution #19 – Postage Stamps
PA State Grange Executive Committee**

WHEREAS, the National Grange was established in 1867 as an association where farmers banded together to help each other; and

WHEREAS, the National grange mission has grown to represent the interests of rural Americans to foster a sense of community and family values; and

WHEREAS, the National Grange is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Centennial of the National Grange was recognized by the United States Postal Service through the issuing of a commemorative stamp. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange urge the United States Postal Service to issue a stamp to recognize the 150th anniversary of the founding of the National Grange.

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**Resolution #20 — Use of Vote Cards by National Grange
Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

WHEREAS, at the 2016 session of National Grange it was observed to be difficult for the presiding officer to count votes by raised hands; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to know the number of votes cast on each resolution. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates to National Grange use color vote cards similar to those used at Pennsylvania State Grange sessions.

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**Resolution #21 — Pennsylvania State Grange Session
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania State Grange made changes to the schedule for the 2016 State Session in Shippensburg; and
WHEREAS, it now starts on Friday and all business must be finished by Saturday; and
WHEREAS, it seemed that there was so much going on that Officers, Delegates, and attendees didn't have a chance to breathe; and
WHEREAS, the previous schedule started on Saturday, Sunday allowed other activities and time for members to socialize, and business always got done on Monday. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Berks County Grange #43 suggests that the Pennsylvania State Grange go back to the previous 2015 State Session schedule, as soon as it can be done with the next hosting region.

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**Resolution #22 – Admittance to Annual National Grange Sessions
 Crawford County Pomona Grange #26**

WHEREAS, there are some states who do not use the annual password; and
WHEREAS, some states use the Annual Membership Dues Cards which indicate the degrees held by the individual member; and
WHEREAS, some members have paid for Lifetime Memberships, and hold a Lifetime Membership Card; and
WHEREAS, when attending a National Grange Convention, members carrying the Annual Membership Dues Card or the Lifetime Membership Card, the Deputy on the door has been insistent on the member giving the annual password. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange inform the host areas providing Deputies for National Conventions that the Annual Membership Dues Card or Lifetime Membership Card be accepted for admittance to the National Grange Session.

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**Resolution #23 — Distribution of Guide to Contests and Programs
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Grange departments and their committees (Program Coordinator, Family Activities, Youth, Juniors, and Community Services) meets annually to review, revise and implement contests and programs for a two-year period for its membership, and

WHEREAS, the meeting usually takes place in January to formulate these contests and programs for the two-year period, and

WHEREAS, information of these contests and programs are not distributed to the membership till after February of the following year. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Guide to Contests and Programs for the two-year period should be made available to the membership by November of each "odd" year the committee meets, and be it further

RESOLVED, when a change in Directorship and committee members in a department desires to make a change to a contest or program from the distributed Guide to Contest and Programs, they should do so via communication of the web-site, newsletter, or mailing.

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**Resolution #24 — Grange Buildings
Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #23**

WHEREAS, the Grange is a nonprofit organization and provides services to the community; and

WHEREAS, Granges allow other nonprofit organizations and groups to use their Grange buildings; and

WHEREAS, if the Granges were exempt from paying property tax, they would have more funds to help their communities; and

WHEREAS, other counties in Pennsylvania do not charge property taxes on Grange buildings. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Grange buildings are exempt from paying real estate taxes.

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**Resolution #25 – Grange Buildings
Liberty Grange #1780**

WHEREAS, many Granges in Pennsylvania are selling their Grange buildings because they are unable to pay the taxes; and

WHEREAS, having a Grange building helps a local Grange offer more opportunities to their community; and

WHEREAS, Granges are non-profit organizations but their buildings are not exempt from paying taxes due to a law that prohibits organizations who lobby for political reasons from being exempt. State and National Grange lobbies on behalf of local/Subordinate Granges. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Pennsylvania State Grange lobby for legislation for local/Subordinate Granges to be exempt from paying real estate taxes.

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**Resolution #26 – Notification of Availability of Resolutions
Crawford County Pomona Grange #26**

WHEREAS, many people do not regularly use a computer or check the PA State Grange website; and

WHEREAS, in the past members have been notified when the resolutions were available to study prior to the annual session; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 there was no notification that the resolutions were available on the website. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the notification by mail or e-mail be made when the resolutions are available for the upcoming session.

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**Resolution #27 – Provide Current List of Advocates and Point of Contact
Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

WHEREAS, approximately in 2015 it was decided to eliminate the Position of the Pennsylvania State Grange Deputies and change the name to Grange Advocates. The areas of responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws are to help organize and reorganize Granges, to see that duly elected Officers of Grange are properly installed and to aid in the promotion of all pa Grange Programs; and

WHEREAS, these appointed Advocates were to receive training and a copy of Advocate Handbook; and

WHEREAS, there are many Granges across the State of Pennsylvania that need help and assistance and a third Party to negotiate possible merges and reorganizing of their Grange. Some of these Granges are at the point of being below the number of Members needed to retain their Charter; and

WHEREAS, many Granges in Pennsylvania have not seen a list of the current Advocates, and how they are to be contacted. The only thing we have been informed of is that the State Officers are also Advocates. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange provide to all the Subordinate Granges in the State in writing an up to date list of the current Advocates and their point of contact.

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**Resolution #28 – Honorary Members
Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

WHEREAS, we the members of the Subordinate Grange are seeing some of our members are no longer able to participate in Grange activities such as meetings, contests, etc. due to physical, mental/cognitive disabilities, which through no fault of their own, are confined to 24 hr. care facilities; and

WHEREAS, some of the members have 50 years plus of service laboring diligently on all levels of the Grange; Subordinate, Pomona, State and National Grange. These members have participated in contests, serving on committees, helping with fund raising, degree work, Community Service projects and even serving as Officers, and. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Bylaws of the Pennsylvania State Grange be amended to give the Subordinate Granges the authority to designate these confined members as Home Bound Honorary Members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that since these Home Bound Honorary Members, because of their confinement would not be able to participate in meetings, contests and events of the Grange on any level. Basically, the same rights and privileges afforded the designated E-Members except the E-Members can participate in State Grange services offered on line; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Dues for the Home Bound Honorary Members be set at \$12.00 per year, the same as the E-Members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if a time comes when these designated home bound Honorary Members are no longer confined to a 24-hour care facility and can return to full membership participation, the home bound Honorary membership would terminate and the Member would be reinstated as a regular Member without any Vote of the membership, and return to the dues of a regular Grange member.

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**Resolution #29 – Date of Session – October 2019
Centre County Pomona #13**

WHEREAS, currently the Pennsylvania State Grange policy adopted in October 2013, Article 1.4.1 states that the Pennsylvania State Grange session shall hold regular annual meetings on the third weekend of October at such place as the delegate body may from time to time determine; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Region which is assigned to the 2019 Session is located in the area of Pennsylvania State University; and

WHEREAS, it is a football weekend, which impacts the availability of all hotel/motel rooms and convention centers and dictates rates, within the region and beyond, such region would like to request a date change; and

WHEREAS, the second weekend of October is also unavailable due to the scheduling of Parents Weekend at the Pennsylvania State University and all rooms and the conference center will be unavailable or at an extremely high rate. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Centre County Pomona Grange #13, having the most members in the region and representing the region, is asking that the Pennsylvania State Grange be willing to make an exception to the date of Session from the third weekend of October and move the session to the fourth weekend to be held on the dates of October 25-27, 2019. Therefore be it further resolved

RESOLVED, that this be for a period of one year.

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**Resolution #30 – Nominations for State Grange Officers
Watson Grange #1068, Warren County**

WHEREAS, in several previous elections there have been a number of unopposed candidates running for a state office; and

WHEREAS, the Nominating Committee’s job is to seek out and encourage potential candidates to run for said offices. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Nominating Committee work to obtain at least two candidates per office prior to suggestions for officers at each State Grange session.

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**Resolution #31 – Election of Officers
Valley Grange #1360, York County**

WHEREAS, At the annual Pennsylvania State Grange convention held in October 2016, Resolution #42 - regarding the announcement of the results for election of officers was passed by the delegate body; and

WHEREAS, the action was determined by the National Grange Master to be in direct conflict with the National Grange Digest of Laws and was ruled out of order by the National Grange Master; and

WHEREAS, as stated in our by-laws, the National Grange and the Pennsylvania State Grange adheres to Robert’s Rules of Order. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, as stated in the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Article I, Section 1.1.2: This Grange shall operate under the rules and regulations of the constitution, by-laws, and code as adopted by the National Grange and published in the Digest of Laws of the National Grange. Therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange adhere to the By-Laws and follow Robert’s Rules of Order Article VI, Section 38 which states that the election of officers shall be reported as follows: number of votes cast, number required for election, and how many votes each person received.

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Resolution #32 – Contest and Program Guide

Watson Grange #1068, Warren County

WHEREAS, participation in Grange contest and activities is continuing to decline; and
WHEREAS, Grangers are more likely to have free time in the winter months to complete such contest. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, the two year Guide to Contest and Programs be published and distributed no later than January 15th of 2019 and each odd year thereafter.

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**Resolution #33 – PA State Grange Session Schedule
 Crawford County Pomona Grange #26**

WHEREAS, the 2016 PA State Grange schedule was under many time constraints in conducting business of the State Grange; and
WHEREAS, when resolutions requiring bylaw changes must be read and allow for 24 hours before they may be acted on by the delegate body; and
WHEREAS, Good of the Order and the budget are always the last pieces of business to be acted on; and
WHEREAS, many of the delegates have left for home. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the official opening is at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, and concludes on Sunday at Noon with church service, Junior Degree, and installation when needed; and be it further

RESOLVED, all business requiring 24 hour action be presented following the opening of session, thus allowing time for discussion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Sixth Degree be conferred Saturday afternoon and the All Granger Banquet be held Saturday evening.

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Resolution #34 – Length of Session

Butler County Pomona Grange #17

WHEREAS, the 2016 Pennsylvania State Grange Session was planned for only three days, resulting in time being drastically cut for Officers, Delegates, Patrons, and Committees to take care of business and also enjoy some fellowship with fellow Grangers; and

WHEREAS, by eliminating any unnecessary activities on the agenda, and adding one more day to the Session, would prove to be a valuable asset to our Session. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that starting in 2018, the Pennsylvania State Grange Session run from Thursday through Sunday.

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**Resolution #35 – State Grange Banquets & Recognition
Crawford County Pomona Grange #26**

WHEREAS, the 2016 Pennsylvania State Grange Session schedule prevented delegates and guests from participating in activities; and

WHEREAS, holding two banquets is costly to delegates and guests, as well as the Host Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Family Activities, Deaf & Community Service and Lecturers awards were presented from 7:30-8:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Granger of the Year and Grange Family of the Year announcements were made on Sunday when many had left for home. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that there be only one banquet held Saturday evening, namely All Granger Banquet, and ALL awards and recognitions and Foundation Auction can be done at that time; be it further

RESOLVED, that there be no outside speaker, with the possibility of only the talent Best of Show as entertainment.

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**Resolution #36 – Grange Ritual
Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #23**

WHEREAS, the ritual and passwords are part of Grange history; and
WHEREAS, without the ritual we are no different than any other social club. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we continue the ritual and passwords to maintain our history and uniqueness of the Grange.

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**Resolution #37 – Pennsylvania State Grange Awards
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

WHEREAS, awards that are won by participants are not available for distribution at the State Session; and
WHEREAS, at the 2016 State Grange Session some awards (ribbons, plaques, monies) were not present for distribution; and
WHEREAS, some of the contests require participants to have items submitted prior to a deadline date prior to the State Session so the committee chairperson has ample time for judging and the awards can be gotten. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Committee Department Chairpersons should have ribbons, plaques, and/or monies to be awarded be available during State Session to be presented to the winner(s) or a designated person on their behalf.

	ADOPT	ADOPT AS AMENDED	REJECT	PRESENT POLICY	OTHER ACTION
COMMITTEE					
DELEGATES					

**Resolution #38 – Overview of Executive Committee Minutes
Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

RESOLVED, that the Overview of the minutes of the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee be distributed to local Grange leaders no more than one week following approval of the minutes.

	ADOPT	ADOPT AS AMENDED	REJECT	PRESENT POLICY	OTHER ACTION
COMMITTEE					
DELEGATES					

**Resolution #39 – Transfer of Dormant Grange Funds to General Fund
Valley Grange #1360, York County**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania State Grange transfers **all available funds** from the Dormant Grange Fund to the General Fund annually after a Grange has been dormant for 7 years; and

WHEREAS, this ever-changing amount of maturing funds causes a great variation in the amount of funds transferred into the General Fund annually; and

WHEREAS, this results in a wide spread in the resulting surplus or deficit in the Pennsylvania State Grange annual budget from year to year; and

WHEREAS, avoiding swings from tens of thousands of dollars available one year and zero dollars available another year would make it easier to maintain a reasonable budget surplus or deficit. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange transfer only a portion of the surplus funds in the Dormant Grange fund each year, rather than the entire available balance; and be it further

RESOLVED that the State Grange Executive Committee determine the amount to be transferred based on the amount of maturing funds in the Dormant Grange fund in any given year.

	ADOPT	ADOPT AS AMENDED	REJECT	PRESENT POLICY	OTHER ACTION
COMMITTEE					
DELEGATES					

**Resolution #40 – Two-Year Program Guides
Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange print and distribute a two-year program guide for all departments in off-election years so that there will be a continuation of program rules and contests into a new term of officers and departmental leaders.

	ADOPT	ADOPT AS AMENDED	REJECT	PRESENT POLICY	OTHER ACTION
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DELEGATES					

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