

Resolutions Approved at the 2011 State Session

Agriculture

AG #2: Compensation for Wolf Kills

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange lobbyist work toward introducing legislation that would direct the State of Oregon to compensate the owner of a calf or lamb killed by a wolf at their value based on three times the average weaning weight and other livestock and farms animals at three times their value.

Ag #3: Caged Hens

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange be opposed to any initiative petition requiring stricter animal welfare standards, such as outlawing caged hens for poultry egg producers, than established in statute during the 2011 Legislative Session.

By-Laws

BL #4: Oregon State Grange Veterans Committee

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Convention of 2011 amend the By-laws Sections 1.16.1, Section 4.15.1 and Section 3.8.3 by adding the Veterans Committee with other standing committees.

BL #5: Subordinate/Community Grange Committees

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended by substituting the following for Article 4, Section 15.1:

Section 15, Standing Committees

4.15.1 The standing committees of a Subordinate/Community Grange shall be Agriculture Committee, Community Service/Involvement Committee, Finance Committee, Legislative Committee, Membership Committee, Youth Committee, and any others determined by the Subordinate/Community Grange. All of said committees shall serve for the current term.

4.15.2 All the Subordinate/Community Granges are encouraged to appoint the following committees: Deaf Activities and Family Health Committee, Education Committee, Grange Worker's Activities Committee, Junior Committee, Lecturer's Committee, Veterans Committee and Relief Committee. And be it further

Resolved: That the current 4.15.2 and the remainder of Section 15 be renumbered.

Education

ED #1: Financial Literacy Classes in Oregon

Resolved: That all students successfully complete a one-half credit financial literacy course prior to high school graduation or to demonstration financial literacy by alternate means specified by school districts. And be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to local legislators to encourage action in support of proposals for formal financial literacy education prior to graduation.

ED #3: Virtual Charter Schools

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support any and all forms of public funded virtual and charter schools.

Environment & Ecology

EE #1: Remove Carbon Dioxide from Gaseous Pollutants

Resolved: That the National Grange take such action as necessary that results in the removal of carbon dioxide emissions from the list of gaseous pollutants.

EE #2: Remove Earth Dust from Pollutant Regulation

Resolved: That the National Grange lobby for the delisting and removal of earthen dust from the list of particulate pollutants deemed to require governmental regulation.

Energy & Natural Resources

ENR #1: Support Use of Biomass as Fuel

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange advocate the use of biomass as fuel whenever possible and feasible. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support legislation which would encourage restriction on the use of biomass as fuel at the local, county, state, and federal levels.

ENR #2: National Grange Energy Conservation

Resolved: That the National Grange policy on Energy Conservation be amended to read:

1. The National Grange opposes the use of tax credits and incentives to support energy conservation in agriculture, industry, commerce, and the home. The National Grange support voluntary and economically viable energy conservation for agriculture, industry, commerce, and the home.

ENR #3: Klamath Basin Aid

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange reaffirm and the National Grange amend their policy to state:

1. The National Grange will work to preserve the way of life of the Klamath Basin farming community as agriculture is the number one industry in the basin.
2. The National Grange will actively work to ensure that the flow of life-giving and life-sustaining water from the Klamath lake and watershed is restored to the farmers and farm communities served by the irrigation systems.
3. The National Grange opposes the removal of water storage and electrical generation dams in the Klamath Basin for environmental and agricultural reasons.

Federal Affairs

FA #1: Sue for Public Lands in Oregon

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange lobby the Oregon State legislature to pass a resolution for the State of Oregon to sue the US government to reclaim all federal public lands within Oregon under the "eminent domain law."

FA #3: Dissolve the Bureau of Land Management

Resolved: That the Bureau of Land Management be dissolved and all the lands under their management be given to the individual states.

FA #4: Dissolve the U.S. Forest Service

Resolved: That the United States Forest Service be dissolved and their public lands be given to the individual states.

FA #6: Restore Republic Form of Government

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States, and its Bill of Rights. And be it further

Resolved: That all Grange members throughout the United States be asked to read the U.S. Constitution so that we will have the knowledge to ask questions of candidates running for public office to see if they have read the Constitution, and do they support it.

FA #8: Illegal Immigration

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports state and federal legislation making it more difficult for illegal immigrants to continue to reside in the United States by vigorously enforcing its immigration laws.

Good of the Order

GO #6: National Grange Membership Database

Resolved: That the National Grange provides a database for national membership, which will contain member information for every Grange in the United States. And be it further

Resolved: That the new database interact with State, Pomona, and Community Granges to allow timely updates on member information. And be it further

Resolved: That the new database provide timely reporting to State, Pomona, and Community Granges on membership. And be it further

Resolved: That this new database tool contain proven security measures to protect the information of Grange members. And be if further

Resolved: That additional functionality is scoped by the National Grange to provide other features, such as online dues payment to State Granges, online membership information changes, and more as determined by the National Grange.

GO #9: Oregon State Grange Stage

Resolved: That the State Executive Committee advise the State Grange members what the plan is to provide staging for the sixth degree at future State Sessions. And be it further

Resolved: That the Executive Committee's plan be both physically and fiscally responsible.

GO #12: Good of the Order Handbook

Resolved: That the collected decisions and actions affecting the activities and operations of the Oregon State Grange shall be accumulated in a notebook or 'operations manual.' And be it further

Resolved: That this manual shall be updated following each Oregon State Grange delegate session and each meeting of the Executive Committee so that it includes the most current directives, decisions, instructions and advice from current decisions by those bodies. And be it further

Resolved: That this manual be made available to members by mail for a fee if so requested.

GO #13: Written Copies of Master's Addresses

Resolved: That the Good of the Order Committee would like to request in the future that State Masters provide written copies of the Master's Address and Good of the Order Address for distribution to the membership prior to their presentation.

Grange Programs & Activities

GPA #2: Legislative Newsletter

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Legislative Committee send a regular newsletter or legislative update out, via email, while the Oregon Legislature is in session to every member who requests it.

Legislative

LE #2: Third Veterans Home to be Located in Roseburg

Resolved: That Oregon State Grange supports construction of a Veterans Home to be built in Roseburg, Oregon. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support construction of additional veterans homes in Oregon as needed.

LE #4: Merger of Metro & Three Portland Area Counties

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes the merger of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes management of Clackamas County by the Metro Council. And be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to Metro area legislators to encourage action in opposition to any proposals to combine Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington County management.

LE #5: Oppose Sales Tax Study

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes the passage of a Sales Tax Study (RE: SB 972 in 2011).

LE #9: Card Check Legislation

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange and the National Grange lobby to restore the "Card Check" legislation bill and protect workers' rights to form a union.

Transportation

TRU #1: Support Long Distance Shipping by Rail

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange should include, in its legislative policy, advocacy of long distance shipping by rail as a way of reducing our dependence on oil, both foreign and domestic. And be it further

Resolved: That, if adopted by the Oregon State Grange, this resolution should be sent to the National Grange.