



Memorandum

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To: National Board of Directors
From: Sharon DeSousa, National President
Date: November 21, 2025
Subject: **Update of the Resolution Word Limit**

The PSAC National Triennial Convention resolution call-out is approved by the National Board of Directors each cycle and stipulates that resolutions must be limited to 150 words.

The resolution word limit was discussed during the October 2025 meeting of the National Board of Directors. There was agreement on the following points:

- The word limit for resolutions submitted in English be 150 words.
- The word limit for resolutions submitted in French be 165 words.
- The word limit includes the “Whereas” and “Be It Resolved” portions of the resolution (or clear language equivalent) but will not include the title of the resolution.
- The word limit be enforced for the PSAC National Triennial Convention.
- Any proposed language change to the Constitution included in the resolution not be part of the word count.
- In the event of a translation discrepancy, the original language the resolution was submitted in will be considered the prevailing version.

As an act of reconciliation, I have ruled that resolutions submitted in an Indigenous language will not be subject to any word limit.

These changes take effect immediately. All bodies with the constitutional right to submit resolutions to convention (PSAC national conferences, components and regional conventions, DCLs and area councils) must be made aware and enforce this limit within their own resolutions process to ensure all adopted resolutions submitted to the PSAC National Triennial Convention are eligible.

I trust that you will share this decision widely.

In solidarity,



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c.c. Directors' team

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