

2026 HSA CONSTITUTION EXCERPTS - CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS AND DELEGATES

Article 7

Section 4. Resolutions

- (a) Members of the Union may bring matters before a Convention for consideration by means of resolutions submitted to, and approved by, their Chapter. These resolutions may include proposed constitutional changes or policy matters.
- (b) The Board of Directors, standing, and special committees may submit their own resolutions to Convention.
- (c) All resolutions for submission to Convention must be received at Union head office at least 65 days prior to Convention or they will not be considered. This requirement does not apply to special conventions.
- (d) All policy resolutions shall not exceed 250 words.
- (e) Copies of resolutions shall be sent to all Chapters at least 30 days before the Convention except in the case of a Special Convention.
- (f) The Board of Directors shall arrange that each delegate to Convention shall be sent a copy of all resolutions to be presented to the Convention, together with a copy of reports to be submitted to the Convention at least 14 days prior to the Convention date except in the case of a Special Convention.
- (g) An extraordinary resolution may be submitted from the floor of the Convention, but only if it arises from circumstances that prevented the resolution from being submitted in the normal manner.

Section 5. Delegate Status at Convention

- (a) Representation shall be based on the following: Chapters with up to and including 49 members shall be entitled to one delegate who shall be the Lead Steward or their Alternate. Chapters with over 49 members will be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional 50 members or portion thereof.
- (b) Members are eligible to be elected as delegates if they are employed in the Chapter they seek to represent.
- (c) The Lead Steward shall call a Chapter meeting to elect the delegate(s) and shall advertise it in order to provide sufficient notice for members to attend. The meeting should take place not less than six weeks prior to the Convention.
- (d) It is the responsibility of the delegates to attend the Convention and to report back to the Chapter on significant results of the Convention.
- (e) Chapters that have elected their complete delegate entitlement can elect up to five additional members as alternates in the event that a (the) registered delegate(s) is (are) unable to attend. Alternates may also be selected to fill unfilled delegate seats within their region.

Section 6. Board of Directors and Members-at-Large Delegates

Board of Directors and Members-at-Large, Directors-elect, and members of committees reporting to Convention are automatic delegates with voting rights.