



Policy Resolutions Debate

Sunday, September 26, 2010 | 2:15 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, September 27, 2010 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Procedures to be followed during the policy debate

Moderator: Ron Chapman

1. The discussion of each resolution will open with the moderator naming the item. If a brief (one minute or less) introductory comment is necessary by the sponsoring group (submitting chamber/board of trade or policy committee), the representative should be waiting at one of the microphones and immediately get the attention of the moderator. If the relevant Canadian Chamber expert policy committee *disagrees* with the proposed resolution, the committee representative will be offered an opportunity to comment briefly before opening the discussion to all delegates.
2. Everyone is allowed to participate in the debate (discussion), but only accredited voting delegates have the right to move or second motions or amendments or to vote on them.
3. When participating in the debate, always use the microphones, which will be located in the aisles. This not only helps to maintain order, but is also for the benefit of the other delegates who want to hear what you are saying.
4. Wait to be recognized by the moderator and then identify yourself and your organization before you begin your remarks. This information is needed for the taped record of the deliberations.
5. Please keep your comments on any resolution/motion or amendment brief. The limited time available will require the full cooperation of all delegates.

6. You are responsible to make your voting decisions in accordance with your beliefs about what is in the best interests of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. You have three possible courses of action for each resolution:
 - a. to adopt it – with or without amendments – thus making it official Canadian Chamber policy that will go to the federal government as soon as possible;
 - b. to defeat it; or
 - c. to refer it to the Canadian Chamber’s board of directors for further study. While this third option precludes the item from becoming official policy at the time of the annual meeting, it does permit the board of directors to act upon it.
7. When voting, raise your card high and keep it there until the moderator directs you to lower it.
8. Please hold your proxy voting cards separately so that they are clearly visible.
9. In order to streamline the debate process to allow for the most constructive use of our time:
 - a. it will be moved that the discussion will be limited to recommendations only; i.e., **There will not be any discussion on or changes to the preamble from the floor on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010 and on Monday, Sept. 27, 2010;** and
 - b. Canadian Chamber staff has the authority and the responsibility to modify the preamble based on the input received and to ensure it is accurate and aligned with the recommendations.

General Reminders

Although the policy debate is governed by *Robert’s Rules of Order (Newly Revised)*, it is the Canadian Chamber’s policy that it takes two-thirds of the votes cast to pass any motion or amendment.

Any disagreement during the debate will be decided by the moderator.