

Resolution Rejection Process Reform

MAPE Proposal to the Board of Directors

Send Proposals to: C&RCommittee@mape.org

A resolution proposes a change to the MAPE Constitution or Election rules. Everything else should be a policy proposal, this includes bylaws and policy. Policy proposals can be reviewed and implemented by the Board of Directors anytime throughout the year. The Board of Directors may vote to send the proposal to the Delegate Assembly for a vote.

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Whereas...

- MAPE's Executive Committee may object to the consideration of a Delegate Assembly resolution which does not modify MAPE governing documents.
- A rejected resolution may be appealed at a MAPE Board of Directors meeting, where the Board may decide to sustain or to overrule the Executive Committee's decision.
- As the Delegate Assembly is the highest governing body of our union, the ability for members of our union to submit resolutions to the Delegate Assembly should be protected, save for rare exceptions, and safeguards should be put into place to prevent resolutions from being obstructed before they can be heard at Delegate Assembly.
- A rejection appeal to the Board, which cannot be performed on work time, should be compensated by the Board in recognition of the time the author is taking from work due to the Executive Committee's rejection.
- These resolution rejection process reforms would enhance member participation and democratic accountability in our union.

Resolved....

Article X, Section 5 of the MAPE bylaws shall be amended to limit the resolution rejection process, and lost time shall be made available for resolution rejection appeals.

Passed by	Date
MAPE Local 401 Leadership Team, Solidarity Caucus	4/4/2025

September 4, 2025

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(Underscoring denotes wording inserted (inserted wording), and strike-through denotes wording deleted (~~deleted wording~~).

What is being amended?	Resulting Language
<p>Section 5. Resolutions Submitted to the Delegate Assembly.</p> <p>(This section does not apply to resolutions modifying a governing document.)</p> <p>Before the mailing and posting of proposed resolutions to the DA, any member of the statewide Executive Committee can object by motion to the consideration of the question <u>for one of the following reasons only:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The resolution promotes any form of discrimination, bigotry, hatred, bullying, unethical behavior, criminal behavior, and/or harassment.</u> • <u>The Constitution and Rules committee determines that the resolution is not ready to debate, either because the resolution conflicts with statute, or because it contradicts MAPE governing documents, Delegate Assembly Standing Rules, and/or the resolution itself.</u> <p>If the objection motion is passed by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, the resolution will be dropped, not mailed, and not posted, and the resolution’s submitter will be notified as soon as possible.</p> <p>The submitter of a resolution rejected by the Executive Committee may appeal to the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting. A two-thirds vote of the Board members present and voting would sustain the Executive Committee’s action. If less than two-thirds of the Board members present and voting vote to sustain, the resolution will be posted and mailed. <u>Lost time shall be made available to the submitter of a resolution for the appeal of a rejection.</u></p>	<p>Section 5. Resolutions Submitted to the Delegate Assembly.</p> <p>(This section does not apply to resolutions modifying a governing document.)</p> <p>Before the mailing and posting of proposed resolutions to the DA, any member of the statewide Executive Committee can object by motion to the consideration of the question for one of the following reasons only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The resolution promotes any form of discrimination, bigotry, hatred, bullying, unethical behavior, criminal behavior, and/or harassment. • The Constitution and Rules committee determines that the resolution is not ready to debate, either because the resolution conflicts with statute, or because it contradicts MAPE governing documents, Delegate Assembly Standing Rules, and/or the resolution itself. <p>If the objection motion is passed by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, the resolution will be dropped, not mailed, and not posted, and the resolution’s submitter will be notified as soon as possible.</p> <p>The submitter of a resolution rejected by the Executive Committee may appeal to the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting. A two-thirds vote of the Board members present and voting would sustain the Executive Committee’s action. If less than two-thirds of the Board members present and voting vote to sustain, the resolution will be posted and mailed. Lost time shall be made available to the submitter of a resolution for the appeal of a rejection.</p>