

ALL ABOUT RESOLUTIONS

It is important that students have a voice in the issues that impact them. Students can take a leadership role and convey their ideas and opinions to others. AASG General Assemblies debate and adopt resolutions presented by delegates at the spring and fall General Conferences.

Anyone can write a resolution and present it to the GA of AASG for review.

When writing a resolution, students should ask themselves the following questions:

Does the resolution accurately express my opinion?

Am I building a logical, persuasive argument to encourage others to support my resolution?

Does the resolution appropriate for AASG's scope of influence?

Will the resolution have a positive effect on student life?

What actions do I want AASG to take?

All resolutions must be turned into an Executive Board vice-president electronically or on disk within the prescribed time line. They will be addressed in the GA according to when they were received. The format for resolutions is on the web site under Conferences. All resolutions will be made available to every school in attendance at the AASG conference, according to the published policies and by-laws. At the conference, the resolution will be read, discussed, amended, and is either adopted or fails. If a resolution is adopted, it will be sent to all of the individuals/agencies that were identified on the cover sheet.

A sample resolution (purely fictitious) can be found on the following pages. This has been included as a helpful guide to the fledgling resolution writer.

Submissions:

- **Beginning online submission date is at least one month before the conference. All schools will be notified by email of the specific date for each conference. Resolutions will be accepted through the first day of the conference.**
- **The Vice President will acknowledge receipt of the resolutions, and will review and approve resolutions for distribution. If a resolution is returned to writer because of omissions or errors, it is not considered submitted. Please note, the more information is documented (NOT Wikipedia!), the better!**
- **The packet of accepted resolutions will be available for reading by delegates two weeks before the conference. The Vice President will prepare the materials and the Regional Reps and Executive Director will send to schools via email. They will be available on the web page as well.**
- **Resolutions will be ordered by the exact date and time of the online submission of accepted resolution (i.e. correctly submitted) received at vice-president's email address aasgvp@gmail.com after the beginning submission date.**
- **If a resolution is not voted on during the GA, the resolution dies. It can be resubmitted for the next GA.**

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS AT THE CONFERENCE

AASG uses Robert's Rules in the General Assemblies. The following procedures are intended to increase the efficiency with which the resolutions are dispatched and keep the spirited debate at a professional level.

- The author (or author's representative) will read the resolution.
- The author has the first chance to debate immediately after the reading of the resolution.

- Each school may speak only twice on the resolution and must wait for their second turn until all others who wish to speak alternately as indicated by the president.
- A speaker on the floor must be introduced by their *school's correspondent* before speaking.
- People wishing to speak should line up behind the appropriate microphone with correspondent and placard and wait to be recognized by the President before speaking.
- Speakers address the Executive Board when speaking.
- Use of "Point of Information" must be in accordance with Roberts' Rules.
- Amendments and their debate should be made at the pro microphone.
- Speakers who speak pro or con must go back into speaker order to speak again.
- Keep comments concise and in good taste. No swearing, indecent gestures or personal attacks on anyone involved in the process.
- The President presides over the protocol, with guidance from the Parliamentarian.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #__ (set by Vice president, based upon date of submission)

Resolution Title: Student Payment

Submitted by Tropical Trees High School

October 32, 2010

1. **Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**
2. **Whereas**, school should prepare students for the rigors and rules of real life;
3. **Whereas**, part of real life is employment;
4. **Whereas**, schools should prepare students for gainful employment;
5. **Whereas**, part of employment is a paycheck at the end of the week;
6. **Whereas**, students are required to perform tasks just as they might be so required in the
7. work world;
8. **Whereas**, "students who do internship programs do better in adult life by
9. eighty percent" (Lee);
10. **Whereas**, students receive no paycheck for exemplary achievements in academics;
11. **Whereas**, students deserve a substantial reward for the labors so selflessly provide;
12. **Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that**
13. **AASG supports a weekly paycheck for all hard working students. Be it resolved that**
14. **AASG will supplement each weekly paycheck by 10%.**

Work Cited

Lee, Andy. Internship Programs and Success. NY: Harper Row, Inc, 2008.

Submitted by:

Author's Name: _____

Student Council President: _____ Date Passed: _____

Advisor's Signature: _____