



## **Alaska Association of Student Governments**

### **Resolution #5**

**Allowing for a Counted Vote of the AASG Representative on the ASAA Executive Board**

**Submitted by: Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that** the Alaska Association of Student Governments (AASG) representative of the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) should not have an advisory vote but an enumerated vote that shall appear on the ballot of the ASAA Executive Board.

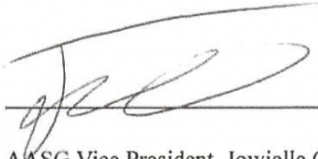
- 1. Whereas,** the AASG representative's vote currently does not count on the ASAA board and is instead counted as the only advisory vote;
- 2. Whereas,** the AASG representative is the only student on the ASAA board;
- 3. Whereas,** not counting the vote of the AASG representative allows for the voice of the students to carry less weight than the voting members of the board;
- 4. Whereas,** including the vote of the AASG representative in the official vote would provide more of a voice to the students;
- 5. Whereas,** it's disheartening for students to know their vote doesn't count;
- 6. Whereas,** including the vote of the student representative would diversify the perspectives accounted for in the votes of the ASAA board;
- 7. Whereas,** the ASAA board specifically expresses their hope for a more diverse board in a meeting on December 5th, 2022;
- 8. Whereas,** the AASG representative serves a two year term and is then replaced, allowing for the opportunity of new perspectives of representation (i.e. female student-athletes, student-athletes of different ethnicities, student-athletes from military families);
- 9. Whereas,** the ASAA board specifically mentioned the possibility of a new voting position on the board during the meeting on December 5th, 2022;
- 10. Whereas,** there are currently only eight voting members on the ASAA board, therefore adding another voting position would result in a tie being impossible;
- 11. Whereas,** the issue of an uncounted vote is a concern expressed by not only the current ASAA representative, but the former ASAA representative as well;
- 12. Whereas,** the State Board of Education and Early Development (SBEED) senior and junior representatives are the only students on a board of ten total members;

13. **Whereas**, a major point of ASAA is to improve sports and activities for students;
14. **Whereas**, utilizing the vote of the student representative would allow for the ASAA board to better understand how to improve sports and activities for students throughout the state;


**Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments** the Alaska Association of Student Governments (AASG) representative of the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) should not have an advisory vote but an enumerated vote that shall appear on the ballot of the ASAA Executive Board.

**Action Statement:** if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, this resolution will proceed to the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) for consideration and possible implementation for the 23-24 school year.

**Passed by the Spring 2023 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Skagway High School**

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AASG Vice President, Jowielle Corpuz

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AASG Executive Director, Kathleen Navarre