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ACRONYMS

ASAA (Alaska Student Activities Association)

AASG (Alaska Association of Student Governments)

AASGA (Alaska Association of Student Governments Advisors)

NASC (National Association of Student Councils)

E-Board (Executive Board)

SBEEED (State Board of Early Education Development)

Beamers (Friendly messages to other participants at conference)

RSVP (Raising Student Voice and Participation) Leadership seminar

ROSE Exchange – students exchange homes Rural to Urban

Parli-Pro – Parliamentary procedure

Cup Game – Kids participate in a cup movement game contest

3-2-1 = Environmental Conservation of Energy

Roberts Rules of Order (Rules of how we run the meetings)

GA – General Assembly...where resolutions are discussed and passed (main focus of the conference) All students must attend.

Correspondent: Person who is designated to carry placard and introduced speaker in the GA that speaks to a resolution.

Placard – The voting sign. Each school may only have one. They can bring their own or use one made at the conference.

Ban the R-Word (Ban the word Retarded)

YIG (Youth in Governance)

What you should know about AASG

AASG Mission Statement

The Mission of the Alaska Association of Student Governments is to provide leadership training, communication, and a student voice for all of its members on a local, state, and national level.

Beliefs

1. The organization should promote leadership, character, cooperation, and unity of Alaska's diverse cultures.
2. The organization should be student run.
3. The AASG Conference should promote both leadership and political action.
4. The organization should be the voice for Alaskan students on all pertinent action.
5. Conferences should be a positive experience for hosting schools. The experience of hosting a conference should provide students with many growth and leadership opportunities.

Leadership Opportunities

AASG is involved in a variety of activities, for example:

- Many AASG members\ schools are helping with the Winter Special Olympics.
- RSVP (Raising Student Voice and Participation)
- AASG members also participated in the Let's Vote Alaska program
- Each summer our organization sends a state delegation to the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) Conference.
- AASG also grants scholarships to assist students with the cost of attending the NASC Conference.

Conferences

There are two AASG Conferences each year (hosted by various member schools. In Alaska there are approximately 185 AASG member school districts. The delegates attend a general business meeting where they will submit and vote on resolutions. (This is the focus of the conference.)

- Fall: 3 day conference (Usually 700 about delegates)
- Spring: 3 day conference (Usually about 300 delegates)

****Usually there is a pre-conference conference that is beneficial to new delegates and advisors.***

AASGA

AASGA stands for the Alaska Association of Student Council Advisors. The president is selected at the Spring Conference, and must be an advisor to a second year Region Representative. The AASGA Board, or Steering Committee, are the advisors to all Executive Board members.

Executive Board Offices

President, Vice-president, Public Relations, Parliamentarian, SBEED Rep., ASAA Rep, Secretary, Registrar Fall, Registrar Spring, Region Reps. 1,2,3,4,5,6,&7)

Executive Board and AASG

Member Schools

Any school in the state of Alaska, who is a member of ASAA, is welcome to join AASG. AASG dues are: \$175 annually for schools with 50+ students, and \$25 annually for schools with less than 50 students. Non-member school delegates may still s\attend an AASG Fall or Spring conference, however, they do not receive a vote on official business matters.

Election Process

The *Executive Board* is the ruling board for the Association. Executive Board members assume the responsibility of representing the students of Alaska.

Paperwork for petitioning for office is available on the **AASG.org website**. Turn in paperwork at the registration booth at the Conference. After that, petition forms may be turned in to any of the people on the Executive Board. The positions of the *Regional Representatives* are decided, announced, and filled by the Region at the Spring Conference. These positions are occupied by the representing school for two years.

Fall Conference

Elected

President (1 yr)

Vice-president (1 yr)

Public Relations (1 yr)

Secretary/treasurer (1 yr)

(SBEED selects the representative in January and term of office is from June to July)

(Past president serves until the Winter Business Meeting.)

(Registrar changes after each conference selected by conference council.)

Interviewed

ASAA Rep. (2 yr)

Parliamentarian (1 yr)

SBEED Rep. (2 yr)

Spring Conference

Elect – two Year Position

Region I

Region II

Region III	Region IV
Region V	Region VI
Region VII	
<i>Change in odd Number years</i>	<i>Change in even number of years</i>

AASG Awards

In the fall nominations are submitted for various awards and, except for the Advisor of the Year, the winners are announced at the Spring conference. The Advisor of the Year is announced at the Fall Conference. The awards given out are selected by the Executive Board. Following is a listing and description these awards.

Student of the Year –

Turn in an application for any student, including yourself, who you feel has done a great job in student government. In the application describe the student's leadership abilities and accomplishments.

Advisor of the Year

Complete an application for your favorite Student Government Advisor. Some nominations requirements include the qualities that make your advisor eligible for this award and how your advisor fulfills the obligation of an "Advisor Guided-Student Led" organization. Turn in the completed application found on the AASG.org website.

Administrator of the Year

This is an opportunity to thank your administrator. Explain in detail how your nominee has demonstrated administrative support for your student council.

Student Public Service Award

At the Fall Conference, turn in an application for any student, including yourself. In detail, explain the specific actions the nominee has unselfishly accomplished as a service to benefit his/her community.

Annual Community Support Award (Corporate/Local)

Submit this application by Fall Conference. Be sure to include how a specific corporation or local sponsor has supported your student government activities and how it has positively affected your school.

Spring Poster Contest

Every spring there is a poster contest. Students bring the posters based on the theme to the spring meeting where they are adjudicated and prizes are awarded.

AASG Scholarships

Each spring AASG awards scholarships for students to attend the National Association of Student Councils Conference (NASCC)

Resolutions

(The main focus of our leadership conference)

Students are naturally concerned by events and decisions that affect their lives. These concerns are valid and insightful and it is important that students have a voice in the issues that impact them. AASG has provided a vehicle by which students may convey their ideas and opinions to those who make important decisions that influence their lives. AASG accomplishes this by adopting resolutions presented biannually at the spring and fall General Assemblies (GAs).

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 portray the opinion of most students? Does the resolution seem appropriate for AASG's scope of influence? Will the resolution have a positive affect on student life?

All resolutions must be turned into an Executive Board vice-president electronically by the time announced at the conference. **(Presently by March 15)** They will be addressed in the GA according to how they were received. In order to increase the efficiency with which AASG can process and dispense the resolutions, a certain protocol should be observed while creating them. (See handouts online). If they are hand delivered to AASG at the conference...bring them on a disk or a disk storage unit for inclusion in the agenda prior to the state of the conference. A copy of all resolutions should be made available to every school in attendance at the business meeting.

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. 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.

Submissions:

- **Beginning online submission date is one month before the conference (two week window)**
- **These will be reviewed and sent back. However, schools can submit resolutions online after that date or carry them in at the conference.**
- **Resolutions will be ordered by the exact date and time of the online submission received at vice-president's email address aasgvp@gmail.com**

Presentation of Resolutions at Conference

Here are a few guidelines for discussion etiquette for resolutions in the General Assemblies. *These have been designed to help increase the efficiency with which the resolutions are dispatched and keep the often heated 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 only speak twice on 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.
- Amendments and their debate should be made at the pro microphone.
- Keep comments concise and in good taste. No swearing, indecent gestures or personal attacks on anyone involved in the process.

AASG

Resolution Cover Sheet

Resolutions submitted without this cover sheet will not be brought before the general assembly until the form is completed. Also, the resolution will not be sent if the proper addresses are not included.

Title of the Resolution: _____

Name of the Author: _____ School: _____

1. Has the member school approved the resolution? _____

(If so, it will bear the name of the school. If not, it will bear the name of the author only.)

2. Who should receive a copy of this resolution? (e.g.)

- Local School Board Local Mayor/City Council
- Local Service Agencies State Legislature
- State Board of Education & Early Development
- State Agencies
- Alaska School Activities Assoc.
- Professional Associations
- State Legislature
- DEED (Department of Early Education Development)

List below the name and addresses of the individual(s) and/or agencies that are to receive a copy of this resolution.

3. What is the intent of the resolution? Does it address a statewide issue, or is it a local concern that would benefit from the support of AASG?

4. Does the resolution address a statewide issue? _____ Is it a local concern that would benefit from the support of AASG? _____

5. What have you/your school/your district already done to address this issue?

6. Did you research your topic thoroughly? Have you cited your sources in text and on a Works Cited page? _____.

6. By when should this resolution be distributed? Within 1 month? ____ 1-6 months?

_____ No specific timeline ____ Unknown ____ Other _____

SAMPLE

**Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution __
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
3 real life;
- 4 Whereas, part of real life is employment;
- 5 Whereas, school should prepare students for gainful employment;
- 6 Whereas, part of employment is a paycheck at the end of the week;
- 7 Whereas, students are required to perform tasks just as they might be
8 so required in the work world;
- 9 Whereas, “students who do internship programs do better in adult life by 10 eighty
percent” (Lee 15);
- 11 Whereas, students receive no paycheck for exemplary achievements in
12 academics;
- 13 Whereas, students deserve a substantial reward for the labors the so
14 selflessly provide;
- 15 Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student
16 Governments that AASG supports a weekly paycheck for all hard
17 working students.**

Work Cited

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

Send to:

Author's Name: _____
SB President: _____ Date Passed: _____
Advisor's Signature: _____