



What are Resolutions?

Events and decisions that affect their lives naturally concern students. 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 meetings.

Anyone can write a resolution and present it to the General Assembly 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? Resolutions that address state and national issues are encouraged. Some resolutions, especially at the Spring Conference, will take a position regarding an issue currently before the Alaska Legislature. This is a powerful tool by which delegates might affect change and express the student voice to a community and state audience.

Resolutions are presented, discussed, amended, and voted on by the general assembly using parliamentary procedure. They are passed, failed, withdrawn, or postponed until a future meeting. If a resolution passes, it is sent by the AASG Vice President or Public Relations officer to the appropriate persons or agencies with authority to act on the resolutions. All considered resolutions are also posted on the AASG web site.

There is a specific format to be followed in writing a resolution. A cover sheet is required to be attached to it when it is submitted. Advisors are urged to guide students to do the work necessary to present a well-researched, well-written, and professional appearing resolution. Assistance is available from experienced advisors, students, and the State Director and Administrator, as well as some of the administrators and school board members in your district. The first workshop(s) at a conference will include a session on resolution writing for those needing last minute assistance before the submission deadline.

All resolutions must be turned in to an Executive Board Member by the announced time. Resolutions must be typed and submitted in disk form readable by Macintosh Word. The Executive Board will review all the submitted resolutions before making them available to every school for consideration at their region meetings and the general business meetings.

On the following pages are the Guidelines for Discussing Resolutions, the blank cover sheet, and a sample resolution.



Guidelines for Discussing Resolutions in the General Business Meeting

Listed below are a few guidelines for the proper etiquette to use when discussing resolutions in the general business meetings. They have been designed to help increase the efficiency with which the resolutions are dispatched and keep the often-heated debate at a professional level. They are adapted from Robert's Rules of Order.

- 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 each resolution and must wait for their second turn until all others who wish to speak have done so.
- There will be a pro and a con microphone placed on opposite sides of the auditorium. These microphones will speak alternately as indicated by the President.
- The school's correspondent must introduce the speaker before he/she may speak.
- People wishing to speak should line up behind the appropriate microphone with their correspondent and placard and wait to be recognized by the President before speaking.
- Amendments and their debate should be made at the pro microphone.
- Comments should be concise and in good taste. No swearing, indecent gestures or personal attacks on the anyone involved in the process is allowed.



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?

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

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?

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. By when should this resolution be distribute? Within 1 month? _____ 1-6 months? _____
No specific timeline _____ Unknown _____ Other _____

SAMPLE

Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #1 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 receive no paycheck for exemplary achievements in
10 academics;
- 11 **Whereas,** students deserve a substantial reward for the labors the so
12 selflessly provide;
- 13 **Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student**
14 **Governments that AASG supports a weekly paycheck for all hard**
15 **working students.**

Author's Name: _____

SB President: _____ Date Passed: _____

Advisors Signature: _____