

All About Resolutions

Resolutions are the vehicles by which students may convey their ideas and opinions to those who make important decisions that influence their lives. The AASG General Assembly (GA), made up of students from around the state, debates and adopts resolutions presented by delegates at the spring and fall GAs.

Anyone can write a resolution and present it to the AASG General Assembly 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 seem 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?

When putting forward a resolution, it must be submitted to the current AASG vice president electronically within the prescribed time line, in an editable format (such as Microsoft Word or Google Docs). Resolutions will be addressed in the general assembly according to when they are received. **It is much more likely that your resolution will be discussed at the general assembly if submitted prior to the AASG conference.**

Look to the resolution template on the following pages for reference, or on our website at <http://aasg365.com/resolutions.html> for examples of resolutions that the AASG General Assembly has discussed in the past.

Submissions:

- Online submissions begin the next business day following the conclusion of the previous conference. The vice president will acknowledge receipt, review, and approve for distribution. If returned because of omissions or errors, it is not considered submitted.
- Resolutions will be presented in order by the exact date and time that the online submission of the accepted resolution (i.e. correctly submitted) was received at vice president's email address aasg.vicepresident@gmail.com after the beginning submission date.
- The author of the resolution is expected to email the vice president, at the email address listed above, after the conference at which the resolution was presented to give an update on the resolution and what has been done to implement it.

Presentation of Resolutions at Conference

The following bullet points are guidelines of discussion etiquette for resolutions in the general assemblies. They help 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 may give a two-minute platform immediately after reading the resolution.
- 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.
- Address the executive board when speaking.
- Use of "Point of Information" must be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- Keep comments concise and in good taste. No swearing, indecent gestures or personal attacks on anyone involved in the process.

Resolution Template

Alaska Association of Student Governments

(Title of resolution)

Submitted by (your high school's name if it's endorsed by your entire student council, or
your name if you yourself are submitting this resolution)

(Date written)

1. Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

2. Whereas, ...

3. Whereas, ...

4. (...)

5. Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that (insert what this resolution will implement)

Action statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, will be sent to the following:

(Insert names and contact information here.)

Work Cited

(Attach any citations that you used here.)