

All About Resolutions & Resolution Template

Resolutions are vehicles by which students/schools/communities may convey their ideas and opinions to those who make important decisions that influence their lives. AASG General Assemblies (GA's), made up of students from around the state, debate and adopt resolutions presented by delegates at the spring and fall GA's.

Any student 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?
- How will I respond to difficult questions?
- If it passes at AASG, what will I do with the resolution?

Look to the resolution template for reference, or on our website at <http://aasg.org/aasg-resolutions/past-resolutions/> for examples of resolutions that the GA of AASG has discussed in the past.

Submissions:

- Beginning submission date begins the next day after 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 must be submitted, by email, to the vice president in an editable format (Such as Google Docs, and Microsoft Word).
- 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 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 to give an update on the resolution and what has been done to implement it.

Presentation of Resolutions at Conference:

The following bullet point are guidelines for 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.

For the author/presenter:

1. The author (or author's representative) will read the resolution.
2. The author may give a two minute platform immediately after the reading of the resolution.
3. The author may not speak, unless is directed to by the chair, this generally stems from a point of information.

For the speaker/debater:

- A speaker on the floor must be introduced by another delegate from their school before speaking
- People wishing to speak should line up behind the appropriate microphone with their introducer and placard, and wait to be recognized by the chair (president) before speaking.
- Address the Executive Board when speaking.
- Keep comments concise and in good taste. No swearing, indecent gestures or personal attacks on anyone involved in the process.
- Exhibit active listening skills.



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution # __

[Title]

Submitted by: [organization/school that has endorsed the resolution or author/presenter's name(s) if it has not been endorsed by a organization]

[Date submitted]

Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

1. **Whereas**, all whereas statements are purely factual (NO OPINIONS);
2. **Whereas**, resolutions always use font Times New Roman, point size 12;
3. **Whereas**, all evidence must be cited;¹
4. **Whereas**, resolutions must be submitted to aasg.vicepresident@gmail.com;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports/opposes [what you want to change with your resolution]

Action Statement: if passed by the general assembly of AASG, [what you want to do/happen with the resolution if it is passed] *action statements are optional*

Sources:

1. List all your sources in here and reference them throughout the whereas statements using superscripts