

ALF Resolutions - 2019

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As an AAP member, you have the opportunity to advocate for and influence national AAP policy and priorities through the resolution process. Any member or trainee can write a resolution on a topic of interest on which they'd like the AAP to act. Some examples of "Top 10" resolutions in recent years addressed gun safety, immigrant health, safe dental anesthesia, and immunization strategies.

The process for submitting a resolution starts with an idea. As the District IX Chapter Forum Management Committee representative, it is my responsibility to work with any and all District IX general pediatricians, medical subspecialists, surgical subspecialists, and trainees who would like to write a resolution. Once a resolution is written, it is submitted to national AAP by the November 15th deadline for consideration. Resolutions also should be submitted to your AAP chapter for sponsorship consideration; those resolutions will also be considered by the 4 California AAP chapters for district sponsorship.

After a resolution is submitted, the CFMC committee looks at each resolution to ensure it addresses a request for the AAP to take action or develop policy on a new issue or make changes to existing AAP policy; that it does not overlap with work already being done by the relevant AAP committee, council, or section; and that it is within the scope of the AAP. Resolutions that are accepted will then be discussed at Reference Committees in February. Changes may be proposed and editing is done, and then the resolutions are presented at the Annual Leadership Forum in March; this is a meeting attended by all the chapter presidents and vice presidents; section, council, and committee chairpersons; district chairs and vice chairs; and other AAP leaders. Resolutions are debated and voted upon at ALF, and then the attendees vote for which resolutions they feel should be in our top 10 priorities. The Board of Directors addresses the Top 10 resolutions; the remainder of the approved resolutions are forwarded to the relevant AAP committee or council or section or department for further review and action.

New this year!

*Reference Committees will no longer take place at ALF. Instead, the reference committees will take place through virtual online meetings in February. This will allow for resolution authors to virtually attend the meetings and speak to their resolution.

*Top 10 voting will take place early on at ALF, allowing for more time to discuss the Top 10 and for your AAP leaders at ALF to formulate working plans to address those issues.

*The attached Guidelines for Resolutions have links to the AAP website to make it easier to search for past resolutions; current AAP policy; and any policy statement or technical reports currently in development.

Anyone can write a resolution - all you need is a good idea. Please take a look at the attachments here and contact me if you have an idea and would like help getting started.

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