

Annual Leadership Forum (ALF) Resolutions

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. Some examples of "Top 10" resolutions in recent years addressed gun safety, immigrant health, safe dental anesthesia, and immunization strategies.

Step 1 - the idea

The process for submitting a resolution starts with an idea. As the District IX Chapter Forum Management Committee representative, I can work with any and all District IX general pediatricians, medical subspecialists, surgical subspecialists, and trainees who would like to write a resolution. 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.

Once a resolution is written (see ***attached resolution template***), it must be submitted to national AAP by the ***November 1st deadline***.

Step 2 - the sponsorship

All resolutions need a sponsor. For trainees, SOPT has a process to debate and sponsor resolutions. Non-trainees should submit resolutions to your AAP chapter for sponsorship consideration. Resolutions submitted to chapters ***by October 10th*** will also be considered by the 4 California AAP chapters for district sponsorship (this step is optional).

Step 3 - the Virtual Reference Committees

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
- does not overlap with work already being done by the relevant AAP committee, council, or section
- is within the scope of the AAP

Resolutions that are accepted will then be discussed at ***Virtual Reference Committees*** in February; these are 2 hour conference calls to which all resolution authors and chapter officers are invited to attend and participate. Changes may be proposed and editing is done, and then the resolutions are presented at the ***Annual Leadership Forum*** in March.

Step 4 - the Annual Leadership Forum (ALF)

Your chapter presidents and vice presidents, as well as the section, council, and committee chairpersons, and district chairs and vice chairs, all attend ALF. 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. ALF attendees discuss how their chapters and districts can address the ***Top 10 resolutions***.

Step 5 - the action on your resolution

The AAP Board of Directors will continue to address the Top 10 resolutions even after ALF. The remainder of the approved resolutions are forwarded to the relevant AAP committee or council or section or department for further review and action. As a resolution author, you will be informed of that process by the fall.

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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