

Draft Policy on NMA Resolutions

The following policy outlines the process for submission, consideration and disposition of resolutions submitted to the NMA by its membership:

- Resolution submission to the Annual Membership Meeting (preferred method):
 - Resolutions should be submitted to the NMA at least 30 days prior to the start of the Annual Membership Meeting (annual meeting).
 - Resolutions may be submitted by an individual member, group of members, county or component society.
 - All submitted resolutions will be provided electronically to all members no later than 14-days prior to the annual meeting for viewing along with access to electronic platform to provide testimony.
 - At the annual meeting, resolutions will be presented in the order received by the NMA. Authors, or their designee, will have the opportunity to introduce their resolution followed by testimony in support of, or in opposition to, the resolution. Members may suggest amendments to the resolution during this time as well. Only registered members physically present at the annual meeting will be able to provide verbal testimony.
 - The President or designee will facilitate the resolution debate process in an orderly and timely fashion using agreed upon rules of order. A final up or down vote by the membership is to take place on each resolution
 - Members of the Board of Directors (Board) may testify in support or opposition to a resolution but must declare this as a conflict of interest at that time.
 - It is the responsibility of the Board to represent the will of the membership when acting upon resolutions while maintaining a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of the NMA and in keeping with its mission. The Board may choose not to act on a resolution if doing so would be detrimental to the Association.
 - The Board will communicate to the membership the action(s) taken and work completed by NMA staff on each resolution.

- Resolution submission directly to the Board of Directors (alternative):
 - For matters of a time-sensitive nature that cannot wait for submission to the annual meeting, members may submit a resolution directly to the Board for consideration.
 - Resolutions received directly by the Board for consideration will be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. As per the Bylaws, the Board may convene a special meeting to consider a directly submitted resolution as well.
 - The Board may solicit input, evidence, and testimony from the membership on directly submitted resolutions depending upon the circumstances of the resolution.

- The Board will then expeditiously communicate the action(s) taken on each resolution to the membership, and whenever possible, provide feedback to the membership on the reasoning behind the action taken

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