

# **Resolutions Committee**

## **Terms of Reference**

#### **Purpose Statement**

1.0 The HSA Resolutions Committee reviews resolutions submitted for the annual convention. The Committee makes recommendations of in-favor or opposed for consideration by convention delegates.

#### Goals

- 1.0 Review resolutions to meet the criteria of the Resolutions Policy
- 2.0 Prepare rationales to present to delegates
- 3.0 Prioritizing resolutions for debate at Convention

## **Reporting Relationships**

1.0 The Committee reports to Convention.

## **Committee Recommendations**

1.0 Committee recommendations are published in the Annual Report.

### **Composition / Membership**

- 1.0 The Committee is composed of:
  - 1.1 Vice President as Chair
  - 1.2 President (ex officio)
  - 1.3 One Member-at-Large as elected from each region. In the event that a Region's Resolutions Committee member is not available to attend a meeting(s) of the Resolutions Committee, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement from that Region to attend the Resolutions Committee meeting(s). The replacement shall be another Member-at-Large (if available) and if not available, then an Alternate MAL, in order of ranking (if available), and if not available, then a member who stood for election for Member-at-Large but was not elected, then a Steward.
  - 1.4 Additional non-voting director(s) as determined by the Board of Directors

#### **Membership Term**

1.0 To ensure continuity, the Committee term is two (2) years, ending at the conclusion of Convention.

## **Staff Support**

1.0 A senior staff person is assigned as non-voting staff support to the Committee.

## **Chair**

1.0 The Chair is the Vice President as designated in the HSA Constitution.

## **Chair's Responsibilities**

- 1.0 Send out the call for resolutions adhering to timelines outlined in the Constitution. The notice is sent to all Chapters in consultation with the Communications Department.
- 2.0 Set the meeting dates for the Committee.
- 3.0 Review the resolutions and determine the meeting agenda.
  - In consultation with staff support, consideration is to be given as to which resolutions would benefit from staff input concerning operationalizing the resolution if it were to be carried.
- 4.0 Review applicable financial policies with the Committee.
- 5.0 Develop the Report to Convention in consultation with committee members.
- 6.0 Report back to Chapters on their rejected resolutions:
  - at least 30 days prior to Convention,
  - using confirmed delivery, and
  - including the rationale for the rejection.
- 7.0 In consultation with the committee, establish the priority order of resolutions for presentation at Convention.

## **Committee's Responsibilities**

- 1.0 Review and debate all resolutions and take a position in-favor or opposed to each resolution.
- 2.0 If a committee member wishes to debate a resolution they do so from the convention floor.
- 3.0 All committee members maintain the right to speak against the committee recommendations on the floor of convention. If a committee member is going to exercise this right, it is their responsibility to disclose this at the committee meeting prior to convention start.

#### **Staff Resources**

1.0 Appropriate staff resources will be assigned by the President as required.

## **Frequency of Meetings**

- 1.0 Meetings are at the call of the Chair but are held at least annually prior to Convention as specified in the Constitution.
- 2.0 Committee members are required to attend meetings throughout Convention.

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