



ASCA member school councils and the ASCA Board of Directors sponsor *Proposed Advocacy Resolutions* (by January 15th) for member consideration at the (April 26th) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the association.

Resolutions passed by a majority vote at the AGM become belief statements, or directives for action, and form the advisory positions as Advocacy Policy of the ASCA.

Review and Sorting

ASCA member school councils receive copies of the *Proposed Advocacy Resolutions*, 10 weeks prior to the AGM (February 7th), to review and discuss at their school council meetings and submit responses online (for sorting purposes) - open for a seven week period (until March 27th).



Using an online form, school councils indicate their support (yes) or disapproval (no) of the proposed resolution – exactly as it is presented.



The review and sorting process assists in grouping resolutions for voting efficiency on the day of the AGM using a broader membership perspective.

Resolutions with majority support as presented, can then be grouped together as one vote (saving time), rather than voting on each resolution individually.



Block Voting (also known as OMNIBUS)

Proposed resolutions receiving **60% or more** support as presented, will be placed in a block grouping intended for one “block” vote on the entire contents, not the individual resolutions.



Resolutions receiving **less than 60%** support as presented, will not be placed in a group, but left as individual, separate resolutions for voting and potential amendment consideration.

A resolution within a block grouping may be removed at the AGM, with a delegate vote of 50% agreement to separate it from the block, and consider it individually.

Types of Resolutions (for member consideration at the AGM)

School Council sponsored Resolutions

ASCA member school councils sponsor *Proposed Advocacy Resolutions* - identifying issues affecting students they would like to see “resolved”, submitted for member consideration at the AGM.

Board of Directors sponsored Resolutions

The ASCA Board of Directors sponsors *Proposed Advocacy Resolutions* - identifying issues in education they would like to see “resolved”, submitted for member consideration at the AGM.

Special Resolutions - Bylaw Revisions

The ASCA Board of Directors appropriately reviews the Bylaws, or governing rules of the Association to ensure they reflect current operations and relevancy, and submit recommended *Proposed Bylaw Revisions* for member consideration at the AGM.

Special Resolutions must be communicated to members 21 days in advance of the AGM and receive 75% approval to pass.

Administrative Resolutions (Existing Advocacy Policy Management)

The ASCA Board of Directors appropriately reviews the existing Advocacy Policies of the Association to ensure they reflect current matters in education and relevancy, and submits recommendations for member consideration and approval at the AGM, as *Proposed Motions* to:

- **Reaffirm** - if the policy is still relevant to the current education climate, as it is presented.
- **Amend** - if the policy is still relevant to the current education climate, but requires minor changes to keep it relevant.
- **Rescind** - if the policy is no longer actionable or relevant to the current education climate.

Housekeeping details are also addressed with updates to timelines, terminology, titles, current practices, ministries, orders, or pieces of policy accomplished.



Omnibus Presentations (containing multiple items)

An omnibus presentation groups a number of items together, to be considered in one vote. One or more items can be removed from the omnibus with 50% approval to consider the item(s) separately.

Emergent Resolutions

An education issue that arose, or developed, *after* the Resolutions submission deadline*. *Emergent Resolutions* must be approved to be added to the agenda by 75% of the voting delegates at the AGM, and accompanied with print copies provided by the sponsor.

Extraordinary Resolutions

An issue that arises out of, or develops as a result of, the business (discussions/resolutions) conducted at the AGM*. *Extraordinary Resolutions* must be approved to be added to the agenda by 75% of the voting delegates at the AGM, and specific wording provided by the sponsor.

* The Resolutions Chair, in conjunction with the Parliamentarian, decide whether *Emergent Resolutions* and *Extraordinary Resolutions* meet the defining conditions to qualify for consideration.

