AaNA Guide to Writing & Submitting a Resolution

Submit resolutions to the General Assembly to guide our work in 2027.

Resolutions are a fundamental way in which AaNA members express their ownership of our association. Resolutions passed by the General Assembly serve as a compass for action in the following year.

WHAT IS A RESOLUTION?

A resolution is a written statement that, when adopted by a vote of the General Assembly, serves as a basis for the policies and actions of the Alaska Nurses Association (AaNA). Resolutions may express a formal position of the AaNA on a specific topic or direct AaNA officers and/or staff to take action on a particular issue, which may include to inaugurate a new program or activity, affirm or modify an existing program or activity, or express the annual priorities of a specific AaNA program.

WHAT IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

The General Assembly is composed of AaNA members and is AaNA's governing and official voting body, meeting on an annual basis each October. The General Assembly serves to determine policy, approve resolutions, and set direction for AaNA for the coming year, and to review and report on AaNA accomplishments and activities over the prior year.

AaNA's 2026 General Assembly is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2026 at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Attendance will also be available via Zoom.

WHO CAN SUBMIT A RESOLUTION?

All members of the AaNA, except Associate members, are eligible to propose resolutions to the General Assembly. Resolutions may also originate with AaNA committees, governing bodies, officers or staff, or other work groups.

HOW DO I WRITE A RESOLUTION?

Determine an issue that is relevant to AaNA, nurses, the nursing profession, and/or healthcare policy. Topics must be able to be implemented within AaNA's resources, and should fall within the mission and purposes of AaNA. Click here to view resolutions previously adopted by the General Assembly.

WHAT IS THE FORMAT OF RESOLUTIONS?

All resolutions should include the following components:

Title – should reflect the action for which the resolution calls

"Whereas" clauses – should first define the issue, goal, or position clearly and describe its relevance. Think of these clauses as the reason or rationale for the resolution.

"Resolved" clauses – should be able to stand alone and request action by AaNA; these clauses propose solutions in the form of actions for AaNA or its members to take, or positions for the AaNA to adopt.

Submitted by – should list the author of the resolution. If more than one member authored the resolution, designate one member as the primary author and any additional members as secondary authors.

Citations – Authors should include citations and references when submitting a resolution.

Your Resolution Title

WHEREAS, the future of the nursing profession is dependent on the involvement of all nurses; and,

WHEREAS, failure to address issues which concern my profession most certainly will result in diminishing opportunities to provide the highest level of care for the patients I serve; and,

WHEREAS, the most direct access available to me for significant airing of my concerns about the nursing profession is through the resolution process in place for the Alaska Nurses Association;

BE IT RESOLVED, I take the initiative and submit for consideration a resolution which addresses a specific issue about which I have a concern; and,

RESOLVED, this resolution be submitted in a timely fashion and in the requested format for consideration by the AaNA General Assembly.

Submitted by:
Date submitted
Citations

HOW DO I SUBMIT A RESOLUTION?

Resolutions for consideration by the 2026 General Assembly should be submitted via email to AaNA Programs Director Andrea Nutty (andrea@aknurse.org) by close of business on September 2, 2026.