

# Impact Policy Through the Resolutions Process



Resolutions are generated in response to concerns identified during our day to day activities: Providing Medical Care; Educating Colleagues; Conducting Research; and Getting Reimbursed.

## ANATOMY OF A RESOLUTION

Resolutions set forth background information and propose a course of action or statement of policy. Resolutions begin with background information (“Whereas” clause/s) and conclude with a specific proposal (“Resolved” clause/s).

### WHEREAS Clause

The whereas clause should provide the rationale and background for the resolution. There may be one or more “whereas” statements. Begin by introducing the topic of the resolution.

**Tip:** Be factual rather than speculative. Provide or reference statistics or resources wherever possible.

### RESOLVED Clause

The resolved clause should be stated as a motion that can be understood without the accompanying whereas statements. There may be multiple resolve clauses. Each resolved statement must stand as a complete sentence.

**By Laws Amendment Tip:** Be sure to specify an Article and Section to be amended

**General Resolutions Tip:** Emphasize a course of action for the Board of Directors, a committee/task force, National ACP, MSSNY, or the AMA.

**Make sure to include a title and fiscal implications.**

## RESOLUTION ROADBLOCKS

- We fail to recognize the issue is facing many of your colleagues and/or patients.
- We craft work-arounds that address the issue without seeking institutional change.
- We forget to pursue a solution.

## SUBMIT YOUR RESOLUTION ONLINE

Visit the NYACP resolution resource page at: <http://www.nyacp.org/resolutions>

## Crafting a Resolution

Keep these questions in mind:

- What do I want to change?
- Is there existing policy, statute or regulation?
- Who can effect the desired change?
- Are there potential allies?
- What are the financial consequences?



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