



ASCA member school councils and the ASCA Board of Directors sponsor *Proposed Advocacy Resolutions* (by January 15<sup>th</sup>) for member consideration at the (April 28<sup>th</sup>) 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 Pre-Voting

ASCA member school councils receive copies of the *Proposed Advocacy Resolutions*, 10 weeks prior to the AGM (February 8<sup>th</sup>), to review and discuss at their school council meetings for pre-voting online - open for a six week period (until March 22<sup>nd</sup>).



School councils vote online for the resolutions proposed – indicating their support (in favour) or disapproval (opposition) of the resolution – exactly as it is presented.



The pre-voting process indicates a broader membership perspective and assists in grouping resolutions for voting efficiency on the day of the AGM.

*Majority support for a number of proposed resolutions without revisions, can 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 (in favour) 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%** approval as presented, will not be placed in a group, but left as individual, separate resolutions for voting consideration.

A resolution within a block grouping may be removed at the AGM, with a delegate vote of 75% 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 60 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 75% 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.