

Call for Resolutions

Is your branch working on a resolution of statement of principle? Is your branch or a study group within your branch working on a study or project that is an outgrowth of the current Association issue or of a particular need or interest in your community? Then you may want to submit a resolution to the AAUW of Michigan Resolutions Committee. Please check your AAUW of Michigan Bylaws (ARTICLE XVII Resolutions Section 2) **Deadline is February 15, 2021. Mail to Elizabeth Haynes, cfuw.stratplan@gmail.com or 2891 Forest Glade Drive, Windsor, Ontario, Canada N8R1L4**

Definition of a Resolution

A resolution is a formal statement of the opinion or decision of an assembly, adopted by a vote. It may establish a framework within which some kind of action may be taken

A resolution is a position statement that may address any aspect of AAUW policy or program. It is an important tool to focus, develop, and give direction.

A resolution may also serve to clarify and publicize the position of the state on a current or controversial issue.

Format and Presentation

Resolutions may be simple, consisting of a single statement beginning with the word “**Resolved.**” Or it may be long and more formal, including one or more “**whereas**” statements.

The preamble, beginning with the word “whereas” should be used **ONLY** to provide information or special reasons for the adoption of the resolution.

The “Resolving Clause” states the action to be taken such as “That AAUW of Michigan supports (or urges)...” a specific action.

A written statement should accompany each resolution and include:

- a) well documented and logical reasons for its consideration by the state.
- b) indication of where the study falls in the state program.
- c) other pertinent material, such as sources of information, phases studies, proposed solutions and implementation.

Initiation of Resolutions

Resolutions may be initiated by individual members of AAUW of Michigan, branches, state committees and their members, members of the state board of directors and the Resolutions Committee.

Adoption of Resolutions

At the 2021 AAUW of Michigan electronic Annual Meeting, members of AAUWMI will consider program-based resolutions and courtesy resolutions submitted to them by the Resolutions Committee.

At that time the Resolutions Committee will also be presenting the five year review of current resolutions as required in the bylaws.

An example of a current resolution is provided on the next page.

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