

2017 Proposed Resolutions

PROPOSED HONORARY RESOLUTION

If approved by the 2017 House of Delegates (HOD), ATPE will issue an honorary resolution to Past State President Cory Colby.

PROPOSED ACTION ON STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1

SUBJECT: Resolution Process

YEAR ADOPTED: 2006

RESOLVED, that the ATPE Board of Directors and officers administer the resolution process to facilitate timely consideration of resolutions and written notification of prefiled resolutions prior to discussion on the floor of the House of Delegates.

RESOLVED, that the ATPE Board of Directors shall review the status of standing and current resolutions following each annual House of Delegates meeting and direct the appropriate action. Standing resolutions shall be limited to philosophical positions and/or procedures related to the ATPE House of Delegates business. Current resolutions or motions will be directed to the appropriate committee and/or placed in the ATPE Governance Guide as administrative procedures. ~~In the event that the Board determines to place a current resolution in the ATPE Governance Guide, or to discontinue a resolution that has been placed in the ATPE Governance Guide, that action will be reviewed by the next year's Resolutions Committee.~~ Current resolutions adopted by the House of Delegates will be in effect and in force for a period of one year, after which time they will expire, unless renewed by a majority vote of the House of Delegates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Resolutions Committee shall review progress and content of all resolutions and present its annual report to the House of Delegates.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Amend and readopt

RATIONALE: In response to questions from the committee about the ATPE Governance Guide, it was determined that the guide is not an official document and does not serve an integral function in the committee's process for reviewing and acting on resolutions pertaining to HOD business or ATPE's philosophies. Since the Governance Guide serves merely as an internal archive used by the staff, the committee recommends deleting the above reference to the guide to simplify the description of the committee's process.

Resolution Number 2

SUBJECT: ATPE Convention

YEAR ADOPTED: 1991

RESOLVED, that ATPE will open the state convention with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and a prayer, excusing those whose beliefs are in conflict with this act.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current practices should be maintained. While recommending no changes to this resolution, the committee suggests that the staff or state officers consider reading ATPE's mission statement and vision aloud at the annual ATPE Summit.

Resolution Number 3

SUBJECT: Business and Education

YEAR ADOPTED: 1991

RESOLVED, that ATPE supports collaboration between business and education communities to provide an innovative education system that will prepare public school students to meet the needs of a highly technical, industrialized, and global environment.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes such collaboration should continue.

Resolution Number 4

SUBJECT: Consultation Training

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that it be the official policy of ATPE to educate members of ATPE as to the pros and cons of consultation committees and communication committees at the district level. Additional leadership may be provided to local units that may demonstrate a need for special assistance beyond the program of general education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it be the official policy of ATPE to provide consultation committee member training.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current policy should be maintained.

Resolution Number 5

SUBJECT: Cooperation with Other Independent Educator Organizations

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that the experience and history of ATPE be shared with other independent educator organizations throughout the country in an effort to establish and continue nonunion influence in education policy-making in the United States.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be continued.

Resolution Number 6

SUBJECT: Legislator Involvement in Public Schools and Classrooms

YEAR ADOPTED: 1997

RESOLVED, that ATPE encourage and support regions and local units in developing ways to actively involve legislators in local public schools and classrooms to keep them knowledgeable about current educational issues and conditions such as effects of poverty on educational outcomes.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.

Resolution Number 7

SUBJECT: Political Participation

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that it be the official policy of ATPE to encourage members to be politically active individually; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it be the official policy of ATPE to discourage local units from endorsing candidates in the name of the organization.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

Rationale: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.

Resolution Number 8

SUBJECT: Professional Status

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that ATPE recognizes educators as professionals who accept and exemplify the obligations and responsibilities of the profession. Therefore, ATPE seeks future legislative action that secures the rights, privileges, benefits, and respect befitting a true professional.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.

Resolution Number 9

SUBJECT: Professional Rights

YEAR ADOPTED: 2000

RESOLVED, that ATPE supports vigorous enforcement of due process laws.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.

Resolution Number 10

SUBJECT: Right to Work

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that ATPE supports networking with other state and national nonunion groups that support the right-to-work philosophy.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current practice of networking should be continued.

Resolution Number 11

SUBJECT: Student Members

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that the local and regional units of ATPE work in conjunction with the state staff to continue efforts to support, educate, and provide funds to help college students within their respective regions attend the region and state convention each year.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.

Resolution Number 12

SUBJECT: Overturning Exclusive Consultation

YEAR ADOPTED: 2011

RESOLVED, that ATPE state staff work proactively and provide financial support to local units to overturn exclusive consultation in districts where it exists and work to prevent it in districts with an increased potential for exclusive consultation. Financial support can include political action committee (PAC) monies (where not prohibited by state and federal laws) for school board candidates aligned with ATPE's belief on exclusive consultation.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.

Resolution Number 13

SUBJECT: Voting in Elections

YEAR ADOPTED: 2014

RESOLVED, that ATPE will work to ensure that all members who are eligible to vote are also registered to vote and understand the effects of voting to public education and our profession;

RESOLVED, that ATPE will work to ensure that our members are informed voters who have the tools and information needed to choose candidates for public office who will support the ATPE legislative program and public education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATPE will strive to educate and motivate all Texas educators and the general public to vote for candidates who support the ATPE legislative program and public education.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained and that ATPE should use its Teach the Vote resources to raise awareness of the importance of voting for pro-public education candidates.

Proposed Resolution Number 14

SUBJECT: Opposing Privatization

RESOLVED, that ATPE opposes the use or diversion of public funds and resources for non-public primary and secondary education.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

RATIONALE: The committee believes that that importance of opposing vouchers and any private use of public education funds intended for prekindergarten through 12th grade should be reflected in ATPE's Standing Resolutions as a longstanding commitment and philosophy of the association.