The 2020-21 ATPE Resolutions Committee met virtually April 17, 2021, via Zoom. Committee members in attendance were Chair Stephanie Stoebe, Round Rock; Susan Ambrus, Navasota; Allen Bettis, Klein; Wendy Cook, Corsicana; Karen Hill, Pecos-Barstow-Toyah; Phyllis Jarzombek, Falls City; David Ochoa, Beaumont; Felicia Robinson, Dallas; and Susan Samson, Birdville.

Also in attendance were State President Jimmy Lee, State Vice President Karen Hames, and Past State President Tonja Gray. ATPE staff members Paul Tapp, Edwin Ortiz, and Jennifer Mitchell were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by the chair.

During the meeting, committee members discussed and recommended actions on ATPE's standing and current resolutions and considered whether any new resolutions should be proposed by the committee. The committee made recommendations that the House of Delegates (HOD) retain all standing resolutions without change and allow the four current resolutions to expire. The committee also proposed an honorary resolution for ATPE’s immediate State Past President, Tonja Gray.

The committee adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

The committee's recommendations are listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Stoebe, Chairperson

Proposed Action on Standing Resolutions

The 2020-21 Resolutions Committee recommends the following actions be taken on the standing resolutions, which are a permanent supplement to the ATPE Bylaws. The 2021 HOD will approve or reject these actions.

Standing 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 prefilled 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
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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. 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 RECOMMENDATION: Readopt.

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

Standing Resolution No. 2
SUBJECT: ATPE Convention
YEAR ADOPTED: 1991
RESOLVED, that ATPE will open the HOD 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 RECOMMENDATION: Readopt.

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

Standing Resolution No. 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 RECOMMENDATION: Readopt.

RATIONALE: The committee believes such collaboration should continue.

Standing Resolution No. 4
SUBJECT: Exclusive Consultation
YEAR ADOPTED: 1992
RESOLVED, that ATPE state staff work proactively to edu-
cate members of ATPE as to the pros and cons of consultation committees and communication committees at the district level. ATPE will 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. Additional leadership may be provided to locals 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 RECOMMENDATION: Readopt.

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

Standing Resolution No. 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 RECOMMENDATION: Readopt.

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

Standing Resolution No. 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 RECOMMENDATION: Readopt.
Rationale: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.

Standing Resolution No. 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 Recommendation: Readopt.
Rationale: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.

Standing Resolution No. 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 Recommendation: Readopt.
Rationale: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.

Standing Resolution No. 9
Subject: Professional Rights
Year Adopted: 2000

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

Committee Recommendation: Readopt.
Rationale: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.
Standing Resolution No. 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 RECOMMENDATION: Readopt

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

Standing Resolution No. 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 RECOMMENDATION: Readopt.

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

Standing Resolution No. 12

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 RECOMMENDATION: Readopt.

RATIONALE: The committee believes the current policy and practice should be maintained.
Standing Resolution No. 13

**SUBJECT:** Opposing Privatization

**YEAR ADOPTED:** 2017

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Readopt.

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

Proposed Actions on Current Resolutions

Current resolutions are proposed by ATPE members and adopted by the HOD. They expire after one year unless readopted by the HOD. The 2020-21 ATPE Resolutions Committee recommends the following actions be taken on the ATPE Current Resolutions, which were adopted by the 2020 HOD.

**Current Resolution No. 1**

**RESOLVED,** that the ATPE House of Delegates urge the ATPE Board of Directors to research methods to give tiered rebates dependent on a local unit’s current needs as determined by budget, goals, fund balance, and other resources.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Allow to expire.

**RATIONALE:** The ATPE Board of Directors Membership and Volunteer Committee has continued to examine the rebate issue. The Board of Directors Policy Committee is also examining how to determine appropriate fund balances, a matter that is also tied to the rebate discussion. Rebates are reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors annually and the board will continue to consider all relevant issues in making its determination. Therefore, Current Resolution No. 1 should be allowed to expire.

**Current Resolution No. 2**

**RESOLVED,** that the ATPE House of Delegates urge the ATPE Board of Directors to research methods to give tiered rebates dependent on a region’s current needs as determined by budget, goals, fund balance, and other resources.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Allow to expire.
RATIONALE: The ATPE Board of Directors Membership and Volunteer Committee has continued to examine the rebate issue. The Board of Directors Policy Committee is also examining how to determine appropriate fund balances, a matter that is also tied to the rebate discussion. Rebates are reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors annually and the board will continue to consider all relevant issues in making its determination. Therefore, Current Resolution No. 2 should be allowed to expire.

Current Resolution No. 3
RESOLVED, that ATPE urge the state to safeguard the health and safety of students and educators by delaying in-person instruction until Texas has demonstrated a flattened curve in the number of COVID-19 cases; and
RESOLVED, that ATPE urge the state to require local school districts to include educators and parents in the development of plans for the safe re-entry of students and district employees; and
RESOLVED, that ATPE urge the State of Texas and our U.S. federal government to allocate emergency funds for substitutes in case of mandatory quarantine requirements for district personnel.
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Allow to expire.
RATIONALE: Current Resolution No. 3 was a prefiled resolution presented to and adopted by the ATPE House of Delegates in July 2020. The Board of Directors voted to designate it as “Current Resolution No. 3” and voted to direct the ATPE staff to continue its ongoing advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels relating to educational considerations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The BOD referred it to the 2021 Resolutions Committee with a recommendation that it be allowed to expire in 2021 due to the evolution in pandemic considerations and the fact that ATPE staff will continue to advocate for educator and student safety.

Current Resolution No. 4
RESOLVED, that ATPE urge the State of Texas and the U.S. Department of Education to waive requirements to administer the 2020-21 STAAR and TELPAS due to the disruption of in-person instruction caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Allow to expire.
RATIONALE: Current Resolution No. 4 was a prefiled
Proposed Action on Honorary Resolutions

The 2020-21 ATPE Resolutions Committee recommends the following actions be taken on the following honorary resolution.

Proposed Honorary Resolution No. 1

If approved by the 2021 House of Delegates, ATPE will issue an honorary resolution to State Past President Tonja Gray.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

RATIONALE: The HOD traditionally issues an honorary resolution to the outgoing state past president. Staff will prepare the resolution for presentation during the ATPE Summit.