

# RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT



The 2022-23 ATPE Resolutions Committee met electronically via Zoom April 17. Committee members in attendance were Chair Cathy Stolle, At-Large; Julie Fore, Dallas; Mary Gardner, Birdville; Kristy Hollingsworth, Corsicana; Michael Renteria, Amarillo; Davina Carter, Midland; and

Jennifer Adams, Ysleta. Also in attendance were State President Stacey Ward and ATPE staff members Jennifer Mitchell, John Kilpper, and Jennifer Price.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by the chair. Committee members and staff introduced themselves. Mitchell reviewed the committee charge and explained the types of resolutions that are considered each year by the House of Delegates (HOD).

Next, the chair presented and committee members reviewed each of ATPE's standing resolutions. There was a brief discussion about the merits of Standing Resolution No. 13 on privatization. The committee voted to recommend that the House of Delegates (HOD) readopt all standing resolutions without change.

Staff explained that there were no current resolutions assigned to the committee following the 2022 HOD meeting. The committee did not propose any current resolutions for the 2023 HOD to consider.

The committee proposed an honorary resolution for ATPE's immediate Past State President Karen Hames. The chair described Hames as "a wonderful lady" and praised her service to ATPE throughout her time on the Board of Directors.

The committee's detailed recommendations are listed below.

Finally, members voted to give the chair authority to approve the final committee report for review by the Board of Directors in May. Stolle thanked the committee members for their time and service. The committee adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Stolle, Chairperson*

## Proposed action on standing resolutions

*The 2022-23 Resolutions Committee recommends the HOD take the following actions on the standing resolutions, which are a permanent supplement to the ATPE Bylaws.*

### 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 pre-filed 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. 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.

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Readopt.

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

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Readopt.

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

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Readopt.

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

### Standing Resolution No. 4

**SUBJECT:** Exclusive Consultation

**YEAR ADOPTED:** 1992

**RESOLVED**, that ATPE state staff work proactively to educate 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.

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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.

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Readopt.

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

## 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.

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Readopt.

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

## 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.

**BOARD 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.

**BOARD 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.

**BOARD 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.

**BOARD 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.

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Readopt.

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

## 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.

**BOARD 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

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

## Current Resolutions

*Current resolutions are proposed by ATPE members and adopted by the HOD. They expire after one year unless readopted by the HOD. There were no current resolutions for the 2022-23 ATPE Resolutions Committee to review. The committee also did not propose any current resolutions for the 2023 HOD to consider.*

## Proposed Action on Honorary resolutions

*The 2022-23 ATPE Resolutions Committee proposes the following honorary resolution and recommends its adoption by the HOD.*

### Proposed Honorary Resolution No. 1

If approved by the 2023 House of Delegates, ATPE will issue an honorary resolution to Past State President Karen Hames.  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt.  
**BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt.  
**RATIONALE:** The HOD traditionally issues an honorary resolution to the outgoing past state president. Staff will prepare the resolution for presentation during the ATPE Summit.



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