

TAASA Resolutions Purpose and Policy

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) is a membership organization that is committed to ending sexual violence in Texas. An important benefit of TAASA membership is the ability to propose and vote on resolutions.

What is a resolution?

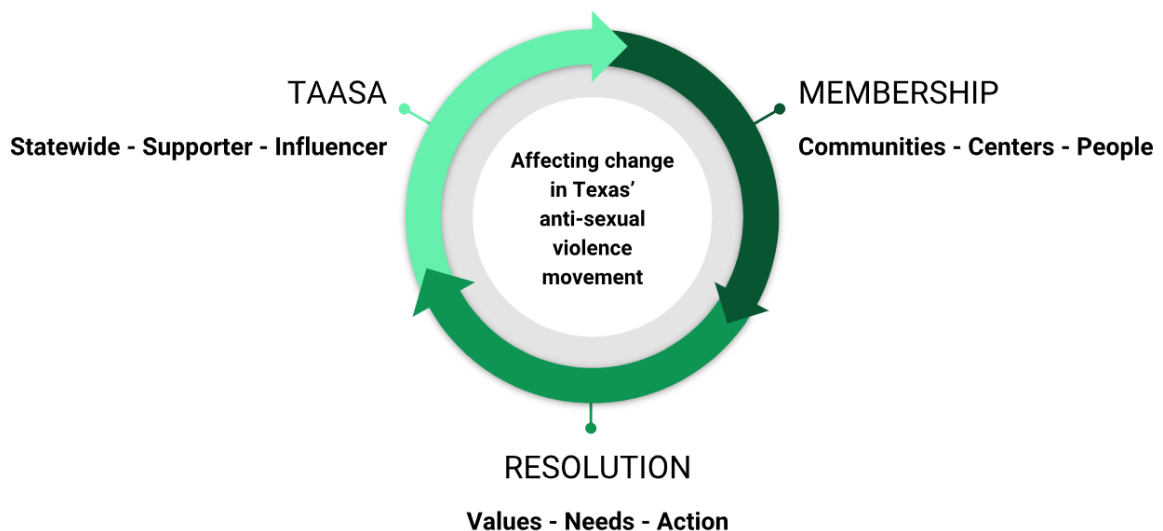
- A resolution describes an intention to take an action or make a commitment
- The goal of a resolution is to provide direction, inform change, and suggest a solution to a problem

Who can submit resolutions?

- Any individual, group, or organization that is a TAASA member
- Any staff from organizational member agencies can propose a resolution
- Contact your region representative for help with writing and submitting resolutions

Why should you or your organization submit resolutions?

- To present a stance or action that you would like TAASA to support and uphold
- Because your knowledge and experience as people working and living in the field/movement can help identify gaps, strengths, and important aspects for TAASA to recognize
- To influence messaging in support of survivors and safer, healthier communities



How does TAASA use resolutions?

- To guide and inform TAASA's organizational policy, board and shape the movement to end sexual violence in Texas
- To drive advocacy through policy and legislative work
- To provide a standard of service, build solidarity across communities, and centers statewide

How long are they in effect?

- An approved resolution will remain in effect for four years from its implementation
- TAASA members can choose to resubmit an expiring resolution if they would like it to be reconsidered and voted on by membership

If you would like to help us shape Texas policy, become a member & submit a resolution to be considered and voted on by membership*

How do I submit a proposal for a resolution?

The resolution proposal and approval process is as follows:

- 1) Review the information on resolutions above and the examples and form on page 3-4 to assist you in submitting a resolution. Please keep in mind that the resolution must be related to the mission and purpose of TAASA.
- 2) To avoid redundancy, view current resolutions in effect [here](#)!
- 3) [Click here](#) to complete the online resolution proposal form and submit before deadline provided below
- 4) Proposed resolutions that meet the resolution guidelines, shall be posted on the TAASA website no later than 30 days prior to the annual membership meeting or scheduled special meeting. This allows members to view proposed resolutions prior to taking a vote.
- 5) Individual and Organizational Members in good standing shall vote on proposed resolutions through an online ballot.
- 6) Resolutions with the majority vote will be announced and adopted at the Annual Membership meeting and posted on the TAASA website

*Important Dates for proposal and voting:

Deadline to propose resolutions: **March 1st**

TAASA will have proposed resolutions posted on TAASA website no later than **April 1st**

Online voting for proposed resolutions will open on **April 1st and close on April 30th**

Resolution Form

TITLE OF RESOLUTION:_____

SECTION 1: PREAMBLE CLAUSES - This section is where you include facts or historic justification for the action or stance you are proposing. Each reason given should have its own line beginning with "WHEREAS". Add additional lines if needed.

WHEREAS,_____,AND

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SECTION 2: OPERATIVE CLAUSES - This section is where you explain what TAASA will do to address the issue or what actions need to be taken.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT

SECTION 3: CLOSING

This is a: Statement Resolution or Action Resolution (Circle one)

If this is an action resolution, state anticipated cost_____

If this a statement resolution: The state anticipated cost of Implementation Is \$0.

Section 4: Summary of Proposed Resolutions - This should include what you want to see TAASA stand in support of, act on, or work towards AND how they will achieve it.

Example:

Prevention of Sexual Violence

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have identified sexual assault as a significant, costly and preventable health issue; and

WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified that prevention works through their experience in addressing other public health issues; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence is a complex and multifaceted issue that requires a broad-based, multisystem prevention plan from a wide array of individuals, groups, and agencies; and

WHEREAS, communities can most effectively work on prevention efforts with the support of many disciplines and areas of expertise; and

WHEREAS, local sexual assault programs have a critical role to play in the prevention of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, TAASA is committed to responding to the shifting demands placed on local sexual assault programs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that TAASA is committed to the prevention of sexual violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that TAASA is committed to promoting efforts to modify or eliminate the individual, relationship, community, and societal influences that result in perpetration, victimization, and bystander attitudes that allow sexual violence to occur; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that TAASA will assist in leading and promoting local, state and nation wide sexual violence prevention efforts.

This is a statement Resolution.

Presented by the Board of Directors

The state anticipated cost of implementation is \$0.