



RESOLUTIONS

Iowa Association of Nursing Students

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What is a resolution?

A resolution submitted for consideration by the Iowa Association of Nursing Students House of Delegates is a piece of advocacy written by nursing students that addresses key issues seen in education and nursing practice. Resolutions are presented, debated, and adopted by a majority vote by the House of Delegates, the voting body of nursing students from the State of Iowa. Once adopted, these resolutions become the official policy of IANS.

Writing a resolution is a great way to learn about health policy as well as make your voice heard. Your resolution could be published and become the foundation for policies and actions of the Iowa Association of Nursing Students (IANS)!

IANS adheres to the NSNA Resolution Guidelines to promote uniformity and accuracy in resolution writing. It is recommended to begin writing over the summer as the submission date of resolutions is September 3.

How do I get started?

1. Choose a topic that is interesting to you and begin researching it.
 - a. Examples of previous resolutions include:
 - i. "IMPROVING COMMUNICATION FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING PATIENTS DURING TIMES OF INCREASED FACEMASK WEARING"
 - ii. "RAISING AWARENESS OF SOCIAL ISOLATION AND DEPRESSION AMONG GERIATRIC PATIENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC"
 - iii. "IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING AWARENESS OF THE LACK OF PAIN ASSESSMENTS ON PATIENTS OF COLOR"
 1. More resolutions can be found here:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/12jwfliw5mj5jqs/NSNA%20Resolutions%202021.pdf?dl=0>
 2. Or here by scrolling down to "Recent NSNA Resolutions" and by clicking on a year: [Meet the 2020-2021 Resolutions Committee!](#)
2. Ensure your resolution has not been already passed by the IANS House of Delegates in the past five (5) years (c. Fall 2016).
 - a. *It is recommended that you also ensure that your topic has not already been passed by the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) House of Delegates in the past four (4) years (c. 2017). This is, however, not required to submit to IANS.*
3. Follow the checklists and templates posted here:

- a. [Resolution Information and Forums](#)

Resolution NSNA Submission Checklist:

Incomplete resolutions will not be accepted until the requirements are met.

1. **Abstract:** (Maximum 75 words) Three or four well written sentences about purpose and intended outcomes of resolution. NSNA reserves the right to edit abstracts and titles for clarity and grammar.
2. **Estimated Cost:** Itemized estimated cost of implementing the resolution.
3. **Contacts:** (Excel File) Contact name, organization, email address and website address for organizations, agencies, and individuals cited in the “Resolved” clauses.
4. **Resolution Main File:** Use template at www.nсна.org/Publications/Resolutions.aspx for proper formatting. Work limit for title: 15 words Word limit for Whereas statements: 300 words (resolutions will be disqualified if word count is not followed).
5. **List of References:** A list of all references (in APA format) that are cited in the “Whereas” statements.
6. **Reference Documents:** All files for references listed in List of References and cited in “Whereas” statements
7. **Personal Information:** Name, school, NSNA number

Deadlines

1. Submit all files to dropbox by Friday, September 3, 2021, 11:59 pm:
 - a. <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rmvv55lf99l2r34/AAB06xHrIbG88AiPJ5WDUSeYa?dl=0>

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