**What Authors Should Expect During Resolution Debate**

* All authors present at the Convention should stand to present the resolution when it is announced.  Please identify all authors at the beginning of the presentation. Come prepared to answer questions.
* Authors will be given the opportunity to speak in support of their resolution in the form of an “Opening statement”. Opening statements are limited to two minutes.
* Debate on each resolution will take the form of statements in support (“Pro”), statements against (“Con”), and questions for the authors. Debate on each resolution will be limited.
* Debate is not allowed on the “Whereas” statements.
* In addition to influencing the policies and positions of our state organization and possibly other organizations and governing bodies, this process also hones our skills in professional writing and public speaking, presenting information logically, debating health care topics in a professional manner, and representing our schools proudly.
* Don’t be intimidated by the process! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail a board member prior to Convention, or seek one of the board members out on Convention day.