RESOLUTION GUIDELINES 2016

Topics for resolutions for 2016

CNA invites resolutions that advance its mission and goals.

Mission

CNA is the national professional voice of registered nurses, advancing the practice of nursing and the profession to improve health outcomes in a publicly funded, not-for-profit health system by:

- Unifying the voices of RNs
- Strengthening nursing leadership
- Promoting nursing excellence and a vibrant profession
- Advocating for healthy public policy and a quality health system
- Serving the public interest.

In pursuit of the vision and mission, CNA has established the following goals:

To promote and enhance the role of registered nurses to strengthen nursing and the Canadian health system.

To shape and advocate for healthy public policy provincially/territorially, nationally and internationally.

To advance nursing leadership for nursing and for health.

To broadly engage nurses in advancing nursing and health.

Criteria for resolutions

Resolutions must be submitted electronically, using the CNA template, to show the following:

- Title
- Motion, starting with “BE IT RESOLVED THAT…” (i.e., no “Whereas”)
- Name of submitter
- Rationale (explaining the reasons behind the resolution)
- Relevance to CNA’s mission and goals
- Key stakeholders (who would be interested in supporting the resolution)
- Estimated resources required or expected outcomes
- References (if applicable)
Deadline: April 14, 2016

Any individual nurse member, jurisdictional member or member of the Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties may submit a resolution throughout the year up to 8 weeks before the CNA annual meeting of members. Members may indicate whether the resolution is to be considered by the board of directors or by membership at the next annual meeting, if the deadline is met.

Sequence of activities:

1. CNA staff may work with the originator by
   a) editing the resolutions for clarity, legality, correct form, etc., without changing the intent;
   b) suggesting a collaboration with other originators should their resolutions address the same topic; and
   c) suggesting alternatives for action where the apparent intent can be accomplished in a quicker, more effective or less costly way.

2. Once the resolution is finalized, it is sent to voting delegates in advance with other resolutions and documents for the annual meeting, translated, posted on the CNA website and distributed on site at the annual meeting of members.

If the deadline is not met, the resolution will be deferred for board consideration at its November meeting.

All resolutions must be submitted electronically to CNA's manager of governance and events at dross@cna-aiic.ca for the 2016 annual meeting that will be held in Saint John, N.B. on June 20, 2016.

Presentation at annual meeting of members

1. Only voting delegates have the right to move, second and vote on resolutions at the annual meeting.

2. The chair of the annual meeting (CNA president) will report on all resolutions received and the disposition of each resolution according to the following criteria:
   a) The order of the presentation of resolutions will attempt to provide for debate on a range of policy issues from a mixture of member organizations and individuals.
   b) The time for debate will be at the discretion of the president if the time allowed for debate can be reasonably expected to limit the number of resolutions that will be on the floor.
   c) Any resolution not debated at the annual meeting will be dealt with by the board at its November meeting.
Disposition of resolutions passed at annual meeting

1. The resolutions passed at the annual meeting are not binding; they are advice to the CNA board.

2. The board has a fiduciary responsibility to review the passed resolutions, accept the CEO's interpretation of them, and give direction to the CEO in light of CNA's vision, mission, goals and strategic priorities.

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