



Leadership Development
Physicians Caring for Texans

Resolution-Writing Workshop

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Welcome!



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Program Objectives

Explain policymaking best practices, including:

- Define a resolution;
- Evaluate a resolution (weak or strong);
- Discuss what items are part of TMA's scope of work;
and
- Discuss what happens to a resolution once it goes to the House of Delegates.



What Is a Resolution?

A resolution is a formal expression of opinion, will, or intent voted by an official body or assembled group.



What Is a Resolution?

- Titles and resolves are key
- Consider your requested action
 - Does it fall within TMA's scope of work?
 - Is it demanding vs. requesting?
- Be specific
- Be realistic
- Rely on colleagues and mentors
- What to consider for a strong resolution



Priorities of a Resolution

- Title
- Resolves
- Research



Strong vs. Weak Resolution

- Identify stakeholders
- Seek additional support
- Write concisely
 - Separate out each item in a new resolve
 - State the action you wish to the house to take
 - Include any specific wording for addition to the TMA Policy Compendium
- Research existing policy



Subjects Within TMA's Scope of Work

- Resolution 310 2019: Restricting the Sale of Electronic Cigarettes to Minors
 - Became TMA Policy 315.031
- Resolution 403 2019: Prior Authorization Approval
 - Became TMA Policy 235.040
- Resolution 102 2022: Preserving the Viability of Independent Physician Practice
 - Established a Committee on Independent Physician Practice



The Best Resolutions:

- Help patients and physicians
- Meaningfully alter TMA policy or positions in a way that a majority of TMA members support
- Strengthen TMA
- Are timely
- Stick to the science and practice of medicine
- Are sponsored by the largest contingent of TMA (your county, section, or delegation)



Resolution Timelines

- Start now!
- Visit the House of Delegates webpage at www.texmed.org/HOD for updates and important dates and deadlines
- Read the Speakers' Letter



Breakout – Discuss/Record Ideas



Wrap-Up – Review Ideas



Next Steps

- Seek support, input, and feedback from:
 - Colleagues and mentors
 - Your county medical society
 - Your caucus and sections
 - TMA councils and committees
 - Specialty societies
- Remember timelines
- Reach out to TMA leadership with questions/concerns
 - Council and committee chairs and staff: texmed.org/BCCInfo

TMA Online Resolution Resources

www.texmed.org/HOD

- House of Delegates Guide
- Policy Compendium
- Audit Trail
- Election Process
- Balloting Procedure

www.texmed.org/Policy

Find TMA Policy

The TMA Policy Compendium is a searchable database of official Texas Medical Association policy as passed by the TMA House of Delegates.

[Search Current Policies](#)

[View Current Policies Index](#)

Deleted Policy Archive

A searchable archive of previous TMA policies.

[View Deleted TMA Policies](#)

Ethics Opinions

An index of the official ethics opinions adopted by the TMA Board of Councilors.

[Search TMA Ethics Opinions](#)

TMA Audit Trail

A searchable record of action items passed by the House of Delegates during the past 10 years.

[View Audit Trail](#)

TMA House of Delegates

An online resource for information on TMA's House of Delegates, including current meeting details.

[House of Delegates](#)



Final Tips

- Do lots of research on the topic
- Find out who is in opposition and exactly why, and discuss with them
- Be familiar with online TMA resources
- Ask for assistance from TMA staff
- Confirm with TMA staff that the resolve is within TMA's scope of work
- Remember that titles and resolves are the key portions of the resolution
- Work to obtain broad support early

How to Report CME for Credit

- Scan the QR code or click, or copy and paste this link to your web browser: <https://cmeportal.texmed.org/>
- Log in using your TMA website account log-in credentials.
 - Forgot your username (email address)? Request a reset link at knowledge@texmed.org.
 - Forgot your password? Request a reset on the log-in page.
- On the List Events with CME page, use the dropdown menu to select **Online**, and the year, **2024**
- Click the **Filter** button to see **TMA Resolution Writing Workshop** and click the blue link, **Record Attendance**.
- On the **Events Details** page, enter the total number of credits you earned in the box, select the checkbox to certify the information is correct and click **Record CME** button.



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