RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2022 Annual Business Meeting

The National WIC Association will hold its Annual Business Meeting Monday, **May 16, 2022 from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm ET.** This meeting will be held **virtually.** NWA invites its voting members to attend and vote for elected positions, Bylaws changes, and other resolutions brought forth by the membership.

Among the agenda items that may be considered during that meeting are resolutions brought before the voting membership by members of the association.

A resolution identifies a specific problem, issue, or concern and calls for specific action. The purpose of a resolution is to: call attention, raise awareness, suggest solutions, provide support for others of like mind, initiate action, or link NWA with other organizations and coalitions.

**Resolutions may be submitted by any member(s).**

Copies of resolutions to be brought before the 2022 NWA Annual Business Meeting must be provided to the NWA office by **Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 EOD,** allowing time for the Executive Committee to review them and for distribution to voting members prior to the business meeting. Please email resolutions to membership@nwica.org.

Resolutions submitted for consideration during the conference will be reviewed by the Executive Committee for clarity of substance and purpose.

**Resolutions will be circulated to the voting membership prior to the conference.**

**Debate/voting on resolutions will take place during the conference's Business Meeting.**

The resolution’s title should reflect both the topic of the resolution and the position to be taken by **NWA.** It must clearly impact and explain any relationship to **NWA policies/resolutions.** Footnotes, graphs, diagrams or references may be attached. The resolution must clearly and concisely state the step(s) sponsors would like **NWA** to take. If there is a deadline by which action must be taken, it must be stated. The attached format must be used in submitting a resolution. Resolutions, received and distributed by the Executive Committee, will be accepted or rejected by a vote of the eligible membership.

Sarah E. Flores-Sievers
Chair, Board of Directors
PROCEDURES FOR VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolutions will be introduced and read to the membership by the Secretary of NWA. Copies of Resolutions will be provided on request;

2. The originator of the resolution may speak to the merits of the resolution and the reason(s) a vote is requested;

3. Debate will commence after the resolution's introduction and the originator's statement. Speakers will be allowed to speak for or against the resolutions, alternating one pro, one con. If a particular side of an issue does not have support, three speakers from the opposite will conclude debate on the resolution. Discussion must be directed towards the merits of the resolution. Unrelated arguments will be ruled out of order.

4. Vote will be by voice. If in the opinion of the Chair, the voice vote is not clear, vote will be counted by a show of hands or of persons standing in favor of the resolution(s);

5. The following motions related to debate on the issue will take precedence over the resolution itself:
   a. any member may call for a secret ballot on any of the resolutions;
   b. any member may move to amend the resolution;
   c. any member may move that the resolution be sent to committee for further study;
   d. any member may call for the question or vote on the resolution;

All of these motions must be seconded and passed by a majority. Once a vote is called for, the vote will be final, the results recorded, and the next resolution introduced;

6. Following debate and voting, any further resolutions of an emergency nature requiring immediate response that have not already been submitted to NWA will be open for introduction and discussion.
FORMAT FOR NWA RESOLUTIONS

Concerning (Title)

WHEREAS: (Statement - may be more than one paragraph)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: (Request for action)

IMPLEMENTATION: (Who, how, and what resources, if any, might be needed to implement the action)

FISCAL IMPACT: (How much it would cost – NWA or others- to implement)

SUBMITTED BY: (Which member authored the resolution)

ADOPTED: (Date of adoption by NWA)