

2017 RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

The NIEA Resolutions Committee will review all resolutions that meet the deadline dates. NIEA reserves the right to correct grammar, misspellings, typos, and other errors; to revise resolutions to confirm to official format; to modify the resolution to more clearly articulate and fit within the scope and parameters of NIEA's mission; and/or to consolidate similar resolutions into one if they cover the same issue and call for similar actions. After final selections are made, the resolutions will be deemed ready to be presented at the Convention using the following process:

1. Non-Emergency Resolutions must be national in scope and address a single issue. They must also further NIEA's mission to better support culture-based educational opportunities for American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians throughout the United States. Both emergency and non-emergency resolutions should deepen NIEA's purpose and reflect the membership's best interests. The deadline to submit Non-Emergency Resolutions is August 6, 2017.
2. Under the bylaw amendments enacted in 2016, Non-Emergency Resolutions are due 60 days before Convention. The 60-day period will enable NIEA to engage in dialogue with Native serving organizations focused on specific issues related to our mission. This dialogue will occur between August 6th, 2017 when Non-Emergency Resolutions are due and the start of Convention on October 4th, 2017.
3. NIEA will host three (3) Sessions to review Non-Emergency Resolutions and Emergency Resolutions submitted and deemed ready for presentation by the Resolutions Committee before the beginning of the Convention. These Sessions will provide an opportunity for Members to engage in healthy discussions on the proposed resolutions and raise any concerns they may have. The Session days and times for the Resolutions will be:
 - Thursday Morning
 - Thursday Afternoon
 - Friday Morning
4. Both Non-Emergency Resolutions and Emergency Resolutions submitted before 24 hours in advance of the start of last general assembly on Saturday, October 7, 2017 will be voted on via paper ballot.
5. Voting via paper ballot for Board of Director positions, Non-Emergency Resolutions, and Emergency Resolutions submitted prior to 24 hours before the start of the last General Assembly, will begin on Friday, October 6, 2017, no later than 10:30 a.m. and will continue until 6:00 pm on Friday, October 6, 2017.
6. Emergency Resolutions submitted on Friday October 6, 2017 between 8:00 am and 24 hours prior to the start of final General Assembly, will be considered during the final general assembly if they meet the three-part test described below.

7. All adopted Resolutions will be referred to the NIEA Board of Directors for publication and implementation.
8. A report will be provided to the membership at Convention on the implementation of Resolutions adopted at the previous five-year's Conventions. Passed resolutions from previous conventions may also be found at the NIEA website.

Submitting Resolutions

Non-Emergency Resolutions

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Emergency Resolutions

Emergency Resolutions must meet this three-part test:

1. Emergency Resolutions must also be national in scope and address a single issue.
2. Emergency Resolutions must require NIEA to take action within two weeks of the last day of the Convention, October 7, 2017. If the action stated in a resolution does not have to be completed within two weeks of the last day of the Convention and is not substantially different from existing NIEA goals and objectives, then that resolution does not warrant emergency status. Absence of such actions proposed in the Emergency Resolution would mean NIEA would take direction from within the existing scope of the goals and objectives set forth in previous Resolutions and from the Board of Directors. Emergency Resolutions may be directed to the NIEA Board of Directors to take necessary action.
3. Emergency Resolutions are submitted in writing to the Resolution Committee no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the last general assembly at which NIEA business will be conducted (which will be the closing assembly that Saturday, October 7, 2017) and require actions which must be completed within two weeks of the last day of Convention.
4. Resolutions that have not been submitted to the Resolutions Committee in writing and that do not follow the above outlined process WILL NOT be considered during the Convention and will be referred to the NIEA Board of Directors for consideration.

Voting on Resolutions in 2017

As a reminder, to make the resolution process more inclusive and reflective of NIEA's entire membership, during the 2017 Convention, all Non-Emergency and most Emergency resolutions will be voted on via paper ballots when membership votes on NIEA Board candidates. As such Resolutions and Board candidates will be voted on simultaneously. This new voting process will

limit live voting during the last General Assembly to rare occasions. The exception to this process will be for emergency resolutions that are submitted and reviewed by the NIEA Board 24 hours before the last General Assembly.