

**MEMORANDUM**  
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To: AIUSA Board of Directors

From: Stephanie McKinney, Chair, National Resolutions Committee

Date: September 25, 2013

Re: Resolution Submissions to the 2013 Regional Conferences

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This memorandum contains the two (2) properly submitted resolutions for the 2013 Regional Conferences. Please review each resolution that is on the agenda of one or more regional conference. Due to conflicts in the timeline for preparation of resolutions for the regional resolutions packets and the Board meeting date, the exact wording may be different in the final packets.

The National Resolutions Committee will try to address questions that result from your discussion.

CC: AIUSA Board Office, AIUSA Membership (electronically via the AIUSA website, Members Section)

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## **Resolution 1: Late and Non-Binding Resolutions Rule Changes**

*Submitted for Consideration at all Regional Conference*

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**[A] WHEREAS** the National Resolutions Committee (NRC) is responsible for the orderly administration of the AIUSA Membership Resolutions Process (MRP);

**[B] WHEREAS** the existing policy for considering Late and Non-Binding (also referred to as “emergency”) resolutions requires clarification;

**[C] CONSIDERING** that the NRC has the responsibility to make the initial determination as to whether such resolutions are in order, and should be properly brought before Regional Conferences and/or AGMs for discussion and voting;

**[D] RECOGNIZING** that the attendees at these conferences need democratic pathways to determine whether to discuss and vote upon such resolutions;

**[E] THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following amendments be made to the MRP Standing Rules to clarify the procedures for considering Late and Non-Binding resolutions and this replace 3(B)(1)(b) and (c):

(b) Late resolutions may be presented at the Regional Conference, subject to a determination by the NRC Regional Representative that they are in order, and the following requirements are met:

- (i) the sponsor or presenter is eligible to vote at the Conference;
- (ii) the resolution does not propose an amendment to the Bylaws or these Standing Rules; and
- (iii) the resolution is submitted to the NRC Regional Representative on paper and electronically, and the sponsor/presenter bears responsibility for providing copies of the resolution text for members of the voting body.

(c) The NRC Regional Representative will determine that a Late resolution is in order if

- (i) the resolution or other resolutions substantially the same have not already been assigned or defeated at the same Conference;
- (ii) the resolution is timely, meaning that it either addresses a human rights issue arising after the resolution submission deadline, or AI policy or procedural issues on which volunteer input is necessary and appropriate, arising from the floor of the Conference; and

(iii) the resolution is urgent, meaning that it addresses an issue that cannot wait until the next resolutions cycle.

**[F] THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this is to replace 3(C)(1)(c), and add (d):

(c) Non-Binding resolutions may be presented at the AGM, subject to a determination by the NRC that they are in order, and the following requirements are met:

- (i) the sponsor or presenter is eligible to vote at the AGM;
- (ii) the resolution does not propose an amendment to the Bylaws or these Standing Rules; and
- (iii) the resolution is submitted to the NRC on paper and electronically, and the sponsor/presenter bears responsibility for providing copies of the resolution text for members of the voting body.

(d) The NRC will determine that a Non-Binding resolution is in order if

- (i) the resolution or other resolutions substantially the same were considered at any Regional Conference(s) in the same resolutions cycle, and failed to pass at any such Conference;
- (ii) the resolution is timely, meaning that it either addresses a human rights issue arising after the Regional Conferences, or AI policy or procedural issues on which volunteer input is necessary and appropriate, arising from the floor of the AGM; and
- (iii) the resolution is urgent, meaning that it addresses an issue that cannot wait until the next resolutions cycle.

**[G] THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this be added as 3(E):

- (e) Late and Non-Binding resolutions determined to be out of order by the NRC may nevertheless be considered by the Regional Conferences or AGM if the voting body votes to add the resolution to the agenda by a 2/3 majority.

## **Resolution 2: Health Care Rights for Children**

*Submitted for Consideration at the Western Regional Conference*

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**[A] WHEREAS** Amnesty International has expanded its focus in recent years to include the full spectrum of human rights, including the right to adequate health care;

**[B] THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Amnesty International USA will work to protect the rights of children whose parents or guardians withhold lifesaving medical care from their children by engaging in educational and advocacy activities, wherever possible, to raise awareness of the issue, and to lobby for and support legislation to correct, reduce or eliminate the problem.