**Submitting a resolution to the AAP Annual Leadership Forum (ALF)**

*A quick and easy way for a grassroots pediatrician to make a big impact*

 Have you ever thought to yourself, “If I could change one thing in pediatrics, it would be\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Have you ever felt as if you had no voice, and no chance of changing the system?

 Submitting a resolution to the American Academy of Pediatrics’ (AAP) Annual Leadership Forum (ALF) is simple and a great way for a busy pediatrician or pediatric subspecialist to make a significant impact. With a small time investment, a resolution can go a long way.

 The purpose of resolutions is to provide a formal mechanism through which AAP members can give input concerning Academy policy and activities. All resolutions submitted to the ALF or to the AAP Board of Directors directly are considered by the Board, but are advisory and not binding.

 Resolutions can be submitted pertaining to any aspect of pediatric advocacy, finance, practice, education, or AAP operations. Useful types of resolutions include:

* A request that the Academy develop a statement or otherwise take action on a particular issue.
* A request that the Academy inaugurate a new program or activity or reconsider a current AAP program or activity.
* A request that the AAP change its operating procedures.

 The Chapter leadership encourages you to get involved in this meaningful way. A resolution is strongest and has the best chance of passing the ALF if it has the support and endorsement of the Chapter, District or an AAP Section or Committee. The Chapter Executive Board is more than willing to help you with the wording of a resolution; the Board will also consider as a body whether to formally endorse your resolution, although that is not a certainty. However, the Board’s policy instituted in 2010 is that it will ensure that your resolution has a fair hearing on the floor of the ALF regardless of endorsement.

 The best way to assure successful passage of your resolution at the ALF is to engage fellow AAP Section members, Chapter members or like-minded pediatricians who can help garner support of your issue.

 For information on how to submit a resolution, visit [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org), log on to MyAAP, and click on “Annual Leadership Forum” (on the left, under Leadership Programs). You will find a link to “Guidelines for Submitting Resolutions” (<https://www.aap.org/en-us/my-aap/chapters-and-districts/Resolutions/Pages/Submitting-Resolutions.aspx>) as well as a link to a blank resolution template. The deadline for submitting resolutions to the AAP central office is at the beginning of December of each year. In order for the Chapter leadership to consider endorsement of your resolution, please submit it to the Chapter office by **the second Friday of November**.

 If the Chapter can be of assistance to you in this process, please email llee@alaap.org.