

2016-2017 NEA Resolutions Committee Winter Meeting Summary

This is a general summary of the action and discussion items included on the agenda of the NEA 2017 Resolutions Committee (RC) Winter Meeting. The voting technology by phone provided the number of yes and no votes and the votes cast by each eligible voting member of the committee. There were thirty-four (34) items up for discussions. Twenty-three (23) items were adopted by the Resolutions committee.

Winter Meeting Sessions: March 2nd and 4th 2017

The committee convened for its winter meeting session on Thursday, March 2nd at 8:00pm EST and March 4th at 2:00 pm EST. The Resolutions Committee Chairperson gave brief opening remarks and introduced the agenda and structure for the winter session. The first session would consist primarily of open discussion on proposed business, and second would be a more formal and would include debate and voting. He also advised the committee regarding general “rules of the road” for the winter meeting.

DISCUSSION: LEADING POLICY ISSUES

The committee discussed policy interests directed toward critical NEA association issues and actions. There was discussion and debate regarding policies that reflect current activities and initiatives experienced at the local, state or national level. Part of the winter meeting agenda provided an opportunity for the committee to prioritize its discussion on some of the leading concerns affecting NEA members, and included general committee discussion, and action on business items for the committee’s consideration.

DISCUSSION: SUBCOMMITTEE WORK

Much of the committee’s work on newly proposed resolutions or complex amendments to existing resolutions is conducted via small group discussion through the establishment of internal subcommittees of the RC. This part of the winter meeting agenda provided an opportunity for the committee to discuss the work, charges, appointment of co-chairs and committee members for both existing subcommittees and/or new subcommittees, and to prioritize action on business items brought forth by an existing subcommittee.

A report on subcommittees work will be provided during the committee’s summer meeting in conjunction with the 2017 NEA Representative Assembly. Members were encouraged to access to internal subgroup sites by subcommittee members for use in facilitating online communication and information sharing by members in advance of and during the committee’s summer meeting.

DISCUSSION: GENERAL ACTIONS AND INFORMATION

The committee chair, moved to the final category of business for discussion during the committee’s first meeting session, which included presentation by members of the IEC and response to questions and comments from RC members, on log items.

At the conclusion of discussion on items in this category of business, the IEC chair provided some brief details related to the Saturday, March 4th meeting session, whereupon the winter meeting was called to recess until the second meeting session.

Second Meeting Session: Saturday, March 4, 2017

The committee convened for its second session of the 2017 Winter Meeting on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at 2:00pm EST, Resolutions Committee Chairperson, delivered brief opening remarks that included an overview of the second session's debate and voting procedures on proposed items up for consideration by the committee.

ACTION: GENERAL ACTIONS AND INFORMATION

The committee considered proposed items in the General Actions and Information category for winter work. There were proposed amendments and information items contained in the log items in this category of business, which the Editing Committee moved, and the full committee debated and voted on separately, including any consideration of any subsidiary motions duly requested by committee members and submitted in advance of the second meeting session.

A number of action and non-action items received by the committee may be routine in nature, such as information items and memorandums, Association reports and briefs; committee documents; and proposed resolutions amendments. This part of the winter meeting agenda provided an opportunity to compile and act as necessary on such items after addressing the committee's higher priority items.

The committee regularly reports its winter committee meeting work to national and state leaders by providing a summary of winter committee meeting actions. This *final* summary is completed approximately *two to four weeks after the conclusion of the winter meeting*. The summary document is distributed to national and state leaders and is also provided to delegates when they register at the 2017 NEA Representative Assembly.

The 2017 Winter Meeting of the NEA Resolutions Committee was adjourned at approximately 4:00PM EST, Saturday, March 4, 2017.

Please see a list of discussed action items listed below.

Diversity in Instructional Materials and Activities

Promotion of Teaching as a Career Choice

Early Childhood Education

Independent Reading Skills

Effective Communication

Student Attendance

Expanding Student Graduation and Promotion Options

Vocational, Career, and Technical Student Organizations

Teacher Preparation Programs: Content and Evaluation

Teacher Preparation Programs: Recruitment and Promotion of the Field

Professional Development for Education Support Professionals

NEA Policy Statement on Charter Schools

Human Rights

Education Employee Evaluation

Gun-Free Schools and the Regulation of Deadly Weapons

Institutional Discrimination

Expanding Student Graduation and Promotion Options

Physical and Science Education

Comprehensive School Health, Social, Psychological Programs and Services

Gun-Free Schools and the Regulation of Deadly Weapons

Licensure and Retirement