

Resolutions 2021

We reprint section one of Article IX of the MASC by-laws here: this regulates the submission and passage of resolutions by MASC's membership.

By-laws, Article IX, Sec. 1

The Annual Meeting of the Association, to be known as the Delegate Assembly, shall be held at such hour on such business day, not earlier than September 20 nor later than November 30, in each year and at such place within Massachusetts as the Board of Directors shall determine. Resolutions and other purposes for which an annual meeting is to be held additional to those proscribed by law, by the agreement of the association, and by these by-laws may be specified by the Board of Directors and by written application made to

the Secretary-Treasurer not later than July 1 in any year by at least five active members located in at least two Divisions. Resolutions submitted by a single school committee may be presented to the Delegate Assembly upon approval by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee. If an annual meeting is not held within the dates specified above, a special meeting may be held upon call by the Board of Directors with all the force and effect of an annual meeting.

How to submit a resolution

The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6** during the **Joint Conference**. At this meeting, the delegates will review and vote on resolutions relative to Association policies or requests that legislation be filed by the Association during the 2021 legislative session.

If your school committee wishes to submit a resolution for consideration at the annual meeting, we must receive it by the deadline specified in the MASC by-laws. The deadline for receipt of resolutions at the MASC office is **JUNE 1, 2021.***

Please remember that school committees, not individual school committee members, are members of the association. Therefore, a resolution must be submitted by vote of the member school committee.

Serious thought should be given to the intent of the resolution, with careful attention to its wording to guarantee that the resolution says what you intend to say.

If the resolution will ultimately result in the filing of legislation, please include the following language: *Now therefore be it resolved that the MASC file legislation which would have the effect of . . .*

To ensure an orderly meeting, the MASC by-laws provide for a proper presentation of resolutions. Article IX stipulates two types of resolutions:

FORMAL—submitted by at least five active member school committees located in at least two divisions. A formal resolution is automatically submitted to the delegate assembly.

INFORMAL—submitted by a single member school committee. A by-laws provision permits the Board of Directors to present an informal resolution at the delegate assembly on the recommendation of the resolutions committee.

Resolutions must adhere strictly to the prescribed procedure for consideration by the delegate assembly. If your resolution is not self-explanatory, please include a rationale. Resolutions and their rationales will be printed in the 2021 Delegate Manual which will be sent to all MASC members. Please submit the name of the proponent who will present the resolution at the annual meeting. A form for submission is provided on the reverse side of this page.

***THIS IS A MONTH EARLIER THAN IN PRIOR YEARS SO AS TO ALLOW THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ADEQUATE TIME TO REVIEW THE SUBMISSIONS.**