



Resolutions—What Happens after Convention?

You were at the 2007 convention and attended all the general meetings. You listened to all of the debate on all five resolutions and were present for every vote – including all of the standing counts. When all five resolutions passed, you dutifully took that information back to your units and councils and then you filed away all of your notes. Did you ever wonder what happens to the resolutions once they are passed? Do they get filed away like your notes?

Assignment to State PTA Commissions

After Convention, the Resolutions Chairman assigns the resolutions to the various commissions based on their content. Of the five resolutions that were passed at the 2007 Convention, three were assigned to the Education Commission for implementation, **Public School Governance Authority**, **Financing California’s Public Schools**, and **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Underfunding**.

What does that mean? When the Education Commission met for the first time in July at the beginning of their two year term, the members used the resolutions to help guide the drafting of the priorities for their term. These priorities will direct the actions of the Education Commission and are a direct result of input from the grassroots membership through the resolution process.

Guiding legislative action

In addition, the legislation program will be influenced by the content of the resolutions. When looking for authority before taking a position on an issue, the Legislation Committee reads through the resolutions that have been passed by the convention body to direct their decisions – once more, grassroots input is a critical piece of the process.

These education content resolutions and the adopted 2007 resolutions assigned to Community Concerns and Health Commissions, **Comprehensive Waste Reduction in Schools** and **Inadequate Air Quality in Schools**, respectively, also give units, councils and districts the authority to speak on issues with the knowledge that the organization is behind them. This is one of the greatest benefits of PTA – a united organization speaking with authority on behalf of children. Every child. One Voice.

Resolutions Committee

