

## **Member Bulletin**

February 2, 2017

## **Resolutions Deadline for Spring 2017 Convention Approaching**

The deadline to submit resolutions for the spring 2017 convention is <u>February 13, 2017</u>. Complete, district-approved resolutions meeting the above requirements <u>MUST be emailed in a Microsoft Word format</u> to <u>tasha@aamdc.com</u> by the resolutions deadline.

If your district meeting has passed, and your municipality is considering bringing a resolution forward, please note that you have two options to meet the resolution deadline:

- 1. Work with a member from a different district to bring the resolution forward at an upcoming district meeting. Going through the district process provides a vetting system for resolutions.
- 2. Submit the resolution as an individual resolution, sponsored by your municipality. Not that individual resolutions still require a mover and seconder on the convention floor.

Resolutions play an important role in guiding the association's advocacy efforts and having well-written resolutions that are clear, concise and include pertinent information is essential.

- Resolutions should address issues that are provincial in scope and not focus on local issues.
- Resolutions should influence legislative changes that will impact rural municipalities.
- The issue identified in a resolution should clearly demonstrate that the AAMDC is the best organization to advocate on moving it forward.
- The structure of resolutions is important. They <u>must have</u> a title, preamble, operative clause and member background.

When drafting a resolution, members are encouraged to review the AAMDC's <u>Resolution Writing Tips.</u> In addition, AAMDC staff are available to provide resolution templates and feedback on draft resolutions and the resolution writing process. Any members wishing to take advantage of this service are encouraged to contact Tasha Blumenthal, Policy Analyst, at 780.955.4094 or via email at tasha@aamdc.com.

As per the <u>AAMDC Resolutions Policy</u>, resolutions submitted after the deadline will be review by the Resolutions Committee to determine if they are emergent in nature. In order to be deemed emergent, these resolutions **MUST** deal with an issue that has arisen since the resolution deadline has passed.

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