

## NACM Bylaws

### **Proposed 2023 Amendment to Article X**

#### **Explanation**

In actual practice, most resolutions that come before the NACM Board are ones that are referred to NACM through NCSC's Association Management staff after having been adopted by a [NACM partner organization](#)—generally CCJ and/or COSCA—and the resolutions' purposes and reasoning are usually clear from their content. The primary issues raised by the NACM Board in such instances are whether NACM feels that there is reason for it to have a resolution on the subject and, if so, whether NACM should simply support the other organization's resolution or adopt an original resolution on the same subject. NACM almost always chooses to take the supporting path. The current resolution process under Article X of the Bylaws commonly takes at least a few months to complete, sometimes delaying NACM's official communication of support about resolutions that may be time-sensitive (e.g., to support legislation or grant activity) or simply grow stale over time.

The Resolutions Subcommittee of the Governance Committee now carries out the role of reviewing and reporting on submitted resolutions as well as in developing original resolutions when requested to do so by the President; nevertheless, there is seldom a substantive question for the subcommittee to consider or report when partner resolutions are referred to the subcommittee prior to a support determination. Even for original resolutions that are proposed by a member, necessary subcommittee deliberation may be limited to the few revisions that members sometimes suggest during the comment period. As for member comments about CCJ or COSCA resolutions, those comments usually express agreement rather than recommend any changes; therefore, they do not require any subcommittee action.

Given these facts, the current provisions in the Bylaws for the adoption of resolutions are appropriate for *original* resolutions but are excessive in most instances when the Board is merely determining whether to support the resolution of another organization. Consequently, this proposal recommends the addition of a Section 2 to Article X to allow for the simplification of the process for supporting the resolutions of other organizations. In addition, slight changes are recommended to Section 1 to allow greater flexibility and speed in receiving and handling proposals for original resolutions.

The revisions would still allow for questionable resolutions to be referred for study or to the membership for comment but does not mandate such steps. This streamlined procedure will allow the Association's leadership to respond to and share partner resolutions in a timelier manner than is currently possible.

#### **ARTICLE X** **Resolutions**

Section 1. To be considered by the Association, any proposed **original resolution** must be sponsored by a member of the Association. The member shall submit the resolution, in writing, with a brief statement of purpose and explanation, to the

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President or a chair of the Governance Committee. The President or Governance chair may refer any resolution to an appropriate Committee for review and recommendation. If so referred, the Committee's report and recommendation shall be presented to the President. All proposed resolutions, as well as related committee reports and recommendations, shall be posted on the Association's website for review and comment by the membership for no less than 30 days prior to submission to the Board for consideration. To be adopted, resolutions must be approved by a majority of the Board.

Section 2. **Supported Resolution.** The Board may vote to support a resolution that has been previously adopted by another organization. To be supported, a resolution must be approved by a majority of the Board.  
A NACM Committee or member of the Board may move that the Board vote to support the resolution of another organization. The Board may vote immediately or may defer action until additional feedback is received from an appropriate Committee or the Association membership.