

2020 Resolution Report of Action

In August, the SGNA Board of Directors carefully reviewed the resolutions that were approved during the House of Delegates meeting in May. During this review, the Board takes into consideration all aspects of the organization, including strategic initiatives, financial implications, benefit to members, resources needed and more to determine the overall impact of the resolution. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to each region and the regional representative for bringing forward thoughtful resolutions. We know a lot of time and energy go into these and we appreciate your engagement with the organization.

Resolution 1: Rejected

RESOLVED, to lower the cost of the associate membership to \$50 less than the nurse membership (not including regional dues).

Rationale: The Board of Directors agrees that this resolution addresses an important topic that needs to be visited, however given the time of the proposed resolution and the financial impact the Covid-19 Pandemic has had on SGNA, it was rejected. In 2021, the SGNA Board of Directors will strategically be reviewing the value of membership. This will be re-visited and discussed by the board at a later date as part of that discussion.

Next Steps: The board and SGNA staff will re-visit the resolution in the next 18 months.

Time Frame: To be reviewed for the 2022 budget planning cycle beginning in summer of 2021.

Resolution 2: Rejected

RESOLVED, that SGNA update the suggested regional bylaw template and recommend that regions extend these certification requirements to certifications such as CFER and CER (where applicable).

Rationale: The Board of Directors rejected this resolution because they felt the resolution was not clear. The board fully supports associates and technicians serving on their regional board of directors, and does not want the language around recommending certification in the SGNA Regional Bylaws Template to limit the interest of volunteers. SGNA's current recommended Regional Bylaws Template does not specify any certification requirements for the regional board of director roles for nurses or associates.

Next Steps: We know that some of the regions do have language within their bylaws that restricts who can serve on their board of directors. Knowing that engagement within the board can be difficult the board recommends removal of restrictions within regional bylaws if they exist. A future article will be written to share additional information with our regions regarding this perspective.