



Guidelines for Closure of alPHA Resolutions

Since 2000, alPHA members have passed an average of 11 Resolutions each year, and until 2013 there was no formal trigger for closing them beyond complete satisfaction of the operative clauses. This has resulted in a large number of still-active Resolutions for which alPHA's members may still reasonably expect action by alPHA staff, but for which such action may not reflect current priorities.

In order to keep the list manageable while ensuring that still-relevant issues are not lost, the alPHA Board was therefore asked to approve another set of criteria by which Resolutions could be closed, even if the operative clause was not satisfied as worded. The following list was endorsed by the alPHA Board in April 2013.

The alPHA Board may choose to close Resolutions passed by the membership for the following reasons

- 1) Complete Satisfaction of Operative Clause(s)
- 2) The alPHA Board determines that policy actions taken satisfy the intent of the Resolution even where the Operative Clause(s) have not been completely satisfied
- 3) The alPHA Board is of the opinion, based on indications from policy makers, that the satisfaction of the Operative Clause(s) is improbable.
- 4) A more recent alPHA Resolution builds upon or preserves the intent.
- 5) The Resolution, while it may speak to some unresolved issues, was made in a context whose relevance has declined over time. Examples include responses to specific reports and policy recommendations, bills of the legislature that were not passed, or particular events.
- 6) Other circumstances that, in the opinion of the Board, are reason enough to close a given Resolution.

Closing a Resolution means only that it will no longer be the focus of specific advocacy efforts by alPHA. It will remain available for viewing on the alPHA Web site, along with the rationale for its closure, as part of the record of alPHA's positions on various public health topics. These positions may be used at any time to inform current actions on related subjects.