

Writing Resolutions, Planks to the Platform and Making Nominations

With the upcoming Alaskan Independence Party convention, participants might want to review the vitally important activities that the convention needs to perform. You are welcome to send them to my email address as an attachment.

I will not be able to produce printed copies other than for use at the podium, but will be able to display them on the projected flat screen for us to debate, tweak and comment upon.

A **Resolution** goes on public record and devotes attention to a specific issue.

A **Platform** is what the party stands for and stand on. A *Plank* is a specific portion to the party's principles.

Nominations need a Motion and a Second before debate and speeches of acceptance or non-acceptance can be made.

Resolutions ought to begin with "bullet points" that say, "Whereas". After making notable reasons for the Resolution, it concludes with "Therefore be it Resolved ..."

Here is one that I intend to introduce:

"WHEREAS the Covid crisis has created a direct threat to our liberties, and

WHEREAS it ought to be obvious by now that the danger of this alleged pandemic has been fraught with lies, ignorance, fear and over-statement by the media, medical bureaucracy and elected officials, and

WHEREAS the damage to Alaska's economy, the mental health of our citizens and the education of our children far outweigh any risks of this disease,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AIP encourages all citizens to petition their local, state and federal officials to declare the crisis over and to resume the normal range of human activity."

All resolutions accept additional points, favorable and sympathetic corrections and are reviewed in order to blend and placate similar resolutions. Normally this is done by a committee, if the number of attendees is sufficient and time permits. Otherwise, it must be hammered out in a General Session.

Eventually --- and hopefully quickly --- the Chairman calls for the question and a Voice Vote is taken. In the event of a close division, a show of hands is made and the Resolution is accepted or rejected by a majority decision.

Planks need to be short and to the point. Here is one: *The AIP continues to encourage Alaskans to vote for a state constitutional convention at the 2022 referendum.*

And another: *The AIP declares that the basis of admission of Alaska into the union of states did not follow proper procedure according to the UN Treaty of 1945 and which other Non-Self-Governing Territories under US control were granted, and calls for our local, state and federal elected officials to identify the need for a correction in regards to this and the “equal footing” doctrine with the other states.*

Nominations: Please see on the website’s Convention Agenda the various offices that need to be filled.

The AIP --- as a statewide party that is rich in ideas and principles, yet poor in material resources --- must accept the difficulties in coordinating meetings and conventions. With the advent of online technology, the party will hopefully remain in communication with its membership by frequent updating of the website and frequent and regular consultation with party officers.

Those accepting a party office must understand the need to follow APOC and Division of Election reporting requirements and while there will be compartmentalization of responsibilities, all officers must accept a portion of responsibility for the health and good name of the party and its principles.

WARNING: I have called this convention because I did not want to see the AIP languish --- or die --- without an honest effort to rejuvenate it. The legacy of its founder and its subsequent leadership and history is too important. With over 18,000 members, the AIP is in a growth spurt. While we know some have joined in ignorance thinking this was a party for “Alaskan Independent Citizens”, we also know that many, many Republicans and independent voters sympathize with the AIP and refrain from joining so that they may continue to vote in the Republican primary. We are much more influential than the numbers show. Sarah Palin’s 2008 address to the AIP convention is proof enough. Their hearts are with the AIP.

We *must* convince them that “Home is where the heart is.”

We cannot squander this legacy. Never before has the time been more conducive to our basic principles.

The involvement in party leadership is often sporadic ... but when it is necessary, the commitment of leadership must be willing to sacrifice.

And I have already stated this, but will say it again: there is no future without children. Previous conventions have identified the divisiveness of the abortion issue. If we are to be taken seriously as holding Alaska's future in our hands, we must get off the fence and make this a prolife party. After fully fifty years of legalized abortion, it ought to be obvious that this is the #1 unifying factor of the Marxist Democratic Party, a party that is now the openly declared enemy of freedom.

If you do not have the Right to be Born, you do not have the right to vote, the right to property, the right to self-determination. It is obvious.

By this basis alone, the AIP ought to forge a new direction that is perfectly compatible with its historic principles and become a new home for those who can give new life to the party, for the Republicans have squandered their opportunity to defend human life.

May God look favorably upon us.