

AAPA STANDING RESOLUTIONS REVIEW PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

1. **March 3 – August 15, 2011** — Committee chairmen conduct resolutions reviews at their regular committee meetings or by correspondence with their committee members.
2. **August 22, 2011**—Committee chairmen report to AAPA headquarters **in writing** on the recommendations of their committees regarding standing resolutions and proposals for new resolutions.
3. **August 25, 2011** — AAPA President and Chairman of the Board review committee recommendations. Chairman appoints 2011 Resolutions Committee.
4. **September 1, 2011** — Committee reports submitted to the Resolutions Committee Chairman.
5. **September 11 – 15** — AAPA Annual Convention, Seattle, Washington

NOTE: IF A COMMITTEE FAILS TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT BEFORE THE CONVENTION MEETING OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, ITS STANDING RESOLUTIONS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DROPPED FROM CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS

WHEREAS, the American Association of Port Authorities and their member ports are committed to responsible environmental stewardship, sustainability, and have already taken a leadership role on a number of important environmental issues, and

WHEREAS, the use of domestically produced alternative and substantially cleaner conventional fuels, equipment with advanced pollution control technologies, efficiency improvements, and other strategies in the transportation sector can help achieve the goals of decreasing the dependence on foreign oil and increasing energy security, and

WHEREAS, alternative fuels are substantially non-petroleum and yield energy security and environmental benefits, including, but not limited to, natural gas, propane, alcohol (in mixtures of no less than 70% of the alcohol fuel), hydrogen, fuels derived from biological materials, electricity (substantially generated from renewable sources such as hydro, wind, and solar energy; and other renewable fuels), and other low carbon alternatives, and

WHEREAS, some member ports have extensive experience with the use of alternative and substantially cleaner conventional fuels, equipment with advanced pollution control technologies, efficiency improvements, and other strategies, and

WHEREAS, vessels, cargo-handling equipment, locomotives, buses, and trucks that support the port-related industry are generators of air pollutants and greenhouse gases, and

WHEREAS, ports and related industries are dependent upon reliable and affordable fuels, and

WHEREAS, the impact that the ports represented by the AAPA can have on reducing air pollution and reliance on petroleum-based fuels would be significant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the American Association of Port Authorities that

Section 1. The American Association of Port Authorities will encourage member ports to use alternative and substantially cleaner conventional fuels, equipment with advanced pollution control technologies, efficiency improvements, and other strategies to increase energy independence, reduce air pollution, and contribute to domestic economic vitality where feasible and practicable.

E-18 *(continued)*

USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS

Section 2. The American Association of Port Authorities will assist members, through educational venues and other methods and means, in increasing the understanding and awareness of their customers, tenants, and neighbors of the benefits of using alternative and substantially cleaner conventional fuels, equipment with advanced pollution control technologies, efficiency improvements, and other strategies; facilitating access to related technical information; and providing information about available incentives to support such strategies where feasible and practicable.

Section 3. The American Association of Port Authorities will encourage members to facilitate increased use of alternative and substantially cleaner conventional fuels, equipment with advanced pollution control technologies, efficiency improvements, and other strategies in port areas by sharing technical and educational information and by working collaboratively with each other and entities such as U.S. EPA, U.S. Dept of Energy, Clean Cities Coalitions in port areas, state and local energy and environmental agencies, alternative fuel producers and distributors, and others.

Resolution E-18 of 2010 (Halifax)

BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, shipping moves over 80% of the world's commodities and transfers around 10 billion tons of ballast water across the globe each year; and,

WHEREAS, ballast water is absolutely essential to the safe and efficient operation of modern shipping, providing balance and stability to ships; and,

WHEREAS, the discharge of ballast water into coastal waters may also pose a serious ecological, economic and health threat; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of strong international ballast water management regulations has led individual nations, political subdivisions of nations (e.g., states, provinces, cities) and some public port authorities to establish ballast water management regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of disparate ballast water management regulations does not provide consistency for environmental protection, creates potential safety and compliance difficulties for vessels, can interfere with interstate vessel movement, and alters the competitive position of ports; and,

WHEREAS, the member nations of the International Maritime Organization have adopted the "International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments" (the "Ballast Water Convention") to prevent, minimize and ultimately eliminate the transfer of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens through the control and management of ships' ballast water and sediments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Association of Port Authorities commends the member nations of the International Maritime Organization for their hard work in adopting the Ballast Water Convention; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Association of Port Authorities urges member nations of the International Maritime Organization to expeditiously ratify the Ballast Water Convention, and to adopt safe, effective, and legally binding ballast water management regulations for all vessels in accordance with the Ballast Water Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Association of Port Authorities urges Congress to adopt ~~as part of a comprehensive ballast water policy, consistent with the~~ IMO Ballast Water Convention, and implement comprehensive ballast water legislation that requires the federal pre-emption of uniformity and consistency among federal, state and other political subdivision level regulation of vessel activity related to ballast water management.

Resolution D-7 of 2010 (Halifax)

