

County Policy Platform

DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Each year, the CCAP membership reviews the *Pennsylvania County Platform*, counties' official policy statement that serves as a guidebook for Association positions on legislative and policy issues related to the role of county government. Under the CCAP bylaws, no change may be made to the *Platform* except by vote of the membership, under the process outlined in the bylaws.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE PLATFORM?

The current *Platform* is available on the CCAP website in the Advocacy section under Policy or at www.pacounties.org/advocacy/policy.

WHO CAN PROPOSE A RESOLUTION?

Any CCAP member can offer a resolution to add, change or delete something from the *Platform* as a part of the annual policy setting process. Resolutions should be submitted to the relevant CCAP policy committee in the spring; after consideration by the policy committees, resolutions are then reviewed by the Resolutions Committee and ultimately voted on by the full membership at the CCAP Annual Conference.

In addition to the annual resolutions process, under the CCAP Bylaws, all *Platform* planks are required to be reviewed by standing committees at least every four years and reaffirmed in order to remain part of the *Platform*.

WANT TO PROPOSE A RESOLUTION?

Take a moment to review the *Pennsylvania County Platform*. Is there an issue or position on policy related to the role of county government that you think is missing? Consider reaching out to a member of the CCAP Government Relations team at PACountiesGR@pacounties.org to discuss the format and/or process of submitting a resolution.

WHEN WILL I HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE ON PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS?

The full membership will have the opportunity to vote electronically either in-person or remotely during the business meeting of the CCAP Annual Conference. At this time, the membership will also review the consent agenda, a single document typically consisting of current *Platform* planks up for their four-year review and other technical and editorial changes deemed to be non-controversial.

While the schedule below lays out the traditional process, resolutions can be considered at the Spring and Fall Conferences if changes are needed to the *Platform* outside of the traditional timeline to address urgent policy matters.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR – ROLE OF CCAP POLICY COMMITTEES

In addition to the annual resolutions review, the nine CCAP policy committees provide input and guidance to the staff and membership on all public policy matters concerning county government under their jurisdiction throughout the year. Each committee also determines its work plan and suggests priorities for the coming year at its November meeting.

Agriculture

James Martin (Adams County), Chair
Barron Hetherington (SSchuylkill County), Vice Chair

Assessment and Taxation

Jeff Thomas (Huntingdon County), Chair
Scott Burford (York County), Vice Chair

Community and Economic Development

Robert Rossman (Potter County), Chair
Meghan Beck (Northumberland County), Vice Chair

County Governance

Ray D'Agostino (Lancaster County), Chair
Laura Burke (Blair County), Vice Chair

Courts and Corrections

Jeffrey Snyder (Clinton County), Chair
Lori Vargo Heffner (Northampton County), Vice Chair

Elections Reform

Jeff Reber (Union County), Chair
Deb Baughman (Bedford County), Vice Chair

Emergency Management and Veterans Affairs

Jean Foschi (Cumberland County) Co-Chair
Brian Hoffman (Sullivan County), Co-Chair

Energy, Environment and Land Use

Kimberly Geyer (Butler County), Chair
Jocelyn Cramer (Wayne County), Vice Chair

Human Services

Betsy McClure (Greene County), Chair
George Hartwick (Dauphin County), Vice Chair

Technology

James Moate (Cameron County), Chair
Anthony Shea (Armstrong County), Vice Chair

April/May

CCAP Members Propose Resolutions

All CCAP members and counties are invited to propose resolutions that add to, change or delete from the *Platform* and address statewide policy matters related to county government. Members interested in proposing changes to the *Platform* should contact a member of the CCAP Government Relations team at PACountiesGR@pacounties.org to discuss and submit any proposal for review by the committee(s) of jurisdiction.

May/June

Policy Committee Resolution Review

The CCAP policy committees meet virtually to review resolutions and the current *Platform*. Proposed resolutions, submitted by the membership or originating with the committee, are reviewed to assure they are relevant and germane to the institution of county government.

Each policy committee is also tasked at this meeting with reviewing all *Platform* elements under the committee's jurisdiction to determine whether they continue to be relevant, have been accomplished or should be amended.

In addition, the committees must review any *Platform* position that is more than four years old to determine whether that item continues to reflect the position of the membership.

June/July

CCAP Resolutions Committee Reviews Resolutions

After policy committee review, the Resolutions Committee meets to review the resolutions for germaneness and relevance. Their responsibility is to assure coordination of policy across the Association and make recommendations to the full CCAP membership in preparation for the members' consideration at the Annual Conference.

August

(CCAP Annual Conference)

Resolutions Voted on by Membership

The Resolutions Committee meets in a session open to all members at the Annual Conference to review resolutions submitted to date, accept any new resolutions or modifications to existing proposed resolutions or the current *Platform*. During CCAP's business meeting, held during Tuesday's general session, the resolutions are presented to the entire membership for discussion and all qualified CCAP voting members vote at that time on each resolution, whether they are at the conference or participating remotely. New resolutions adopted are added to the *Platform*, those amended are updated, those repealed are removed and an updated *Platform* is finalized. ▀