



# DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

**JCPA'S HIGHEST DELIBERATIVE BODY  
ON PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS**

# WHAT IS THE DELEGATES ASSEMBLY?

- ✓ REPRESENTATIVE
  - JCPA's highest deliberative body on public policy, made up of representatives from JCRCs and national agencies.
- ✓ INCLUSIVE
  - Its purpose is to oversee and set new policy positions for the community relations field through the resolutions process.
- ✓ STREAMLINED
  - Every JCRC and national agency has two official reps: one professional and one lay, though more are welcome to participate.
- ✓ INTERACTIVE
  - JCPA convenes the Delegates Assembly 2-3 a year, as well as on an emergency basis if needed.

# THE RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

- Each year, JCPA convenes its network of 16 national agencies and 125 JCRCs in an open, representative, and consensus-driven process to develop positions that advance the Jewish community's public affairs goals and tackle pressing issues of the day
- The journey from topic selection to final resolution passage typically spans about six months, culminating in a vote at the Delegates Assembly Voting Session, and involves many opportunities for local communities to weigh in throughout the year
- New resolution topics are typically 1) new policy not yet addressed by JCPA, 2) updates or additions to existing policy, 3) marking a recent significant event or time period important to the Jewish community and/or the country, or 4) highlighting a local program or policy scaled up to the national level
- By participating, you will help set national Jewish communal policy, which forms the basis of our advocacy and community relations work; JCPA only takes positions on issues when it has policy
- Our adopted resolutions guide our collective actions and serve as a menu of issues for our field to prioritize and activate around

# WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN RESOLUTIONS PROCESS BEYOND VOTING

- ❑ Submit a suggested resolution topic
- ❑ Help draft a resolution as a main sponsor
- ❑ Cosponsor a resolution any time before the voting session
- ❑ Review draft resolutions with your community and submit feedback to the sponsors
- ❑ As a sponsor or cosponsor, decide which suggested feedback to accept or reject
- ❑ Review and decide how to vote on the drafts scheduled for floor debate with your community
- ❑ Attend the resolutions voting session
- ❑ Speak up for or against an amendment or resolution
- ❑ Share the final resolutions with your community, including the local papers and federation

Did you know that any substantive edits that the sponsors reject gets scheduled for debate and a vote by the Delegates Assembly?



# DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES

# SETTING AND CARRYING OUT POLICY

- Attend in-person or virtual meetings
- Monitor and participate in the resolutions process with your JCRC director on your community's behalf
- Share your community's perspectives and best practices with JCPA
- Relay what is happening at JCPA and what you learn with your local JCRC Boards and Federations
- Build strong relationships with elected officials and keep lines of communication open for national strategy and advocacy efforts
- Engage in advocacy and help mobilize your community in local and national activities alongside the JCRC director

# COMMUNICATIONS

- Build rapport with local Jewish papers and Federation communications team to ensure local communities know about:
  - JCPA's education and advocacy opportunities
  - Local participation in JCPA's national activities
  - Advertise JCPA's programs and webinars
- Recruit local leaders to JCPA's national conferences
- Regularly update JCPA on local activities and programs
- Share your local projects and programs with JCPA for national attention.

# IT'S TIME TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES

- Convene
- Engage
- Advocate
- Mobilize
- Share Best Practices



Build Power and Influence