



ASD STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

Uniting Schools and Empowering Student Voice

Resolution 2023-06: Changing the Process for Selecting “Most Spirited Region” at AASG

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Be it Resolved by the Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board that:

1. **Whereas**, the Alaska Association of Student Governments (AASG) strives to provide forums for students to experience and increase their pride in their schools and community service;
2. **Whereas**, at each AASG, one of the six regions is selected for being the “Most Spirited Region”;
3. **Whereas**, the “spirit” of a region is measured by that region’s participation in the General Assembly (GA), decorum of its delegates during the GA, and region pride displayed throughout the conference;
4. **Whereas**, by the understanding of the word, the most “spirited” region will be the region that most wants the “Most Spirited Region” award;
5. **Whereas**, generally, this award goes to the hosting region, as they typically have more delegates than other regions, and their delegates are more invested;
6. **Whereas**, all regions are told that they have an equal chance of winning this award, as it depends on their own efforts at AASG;
7. **Whereas**, delegates at AASG genuinely put forth effort into being the most spirited region;
8. **Whereas**, due to the nature of the award, the investment of the delegates, and the significance of the culture behind AASG’s region competitions, the “Most Spirited Region” award should be given with careful consideration;

9. **Whereas**, currently, AASG's PR Representative is the sole decider of the "Most Spirited Region" award;
10. **Whereas**, while there are often close calls between regions, such choices should not be decided based on which region is hosting AASG;
11. **Whereas**, it is often the hosting school, not the region, that works extremely hard to host AASG;
12. **Whereas**, the hosting school is honored and celebrated with other awards at AASG;
13. **Whereas**, it is important to show appreciation and gratitude for hospitality;
14. **Whereas**, the "Most Spirited Region" award should not be considered a way to show appreciation and gratitude for hospitality, as all regions participate under the pretext of having an equal chance of winning;
15. **Whereas**, repeatedly giving the hosting region the "Most Spirited Region" award, especially when it is obvious that the award was granted since the region hosted AASG, disincentivizes other regions from participating in region spirit, attending AASG outside of their respective regions, and promoting pride within their region at AASG and in their communities.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board will ask the AASG E-Board to change the way the "Most Spirited Region" award is currently determined, allowing the entire E-Board (excepting region reps) and steering committee to be included in the decision for "Most Spirited Region."

Action Statement: If passed by the Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board, this resolution will be given to the E-Board for discussion and implementation.