



FAWCO Resolutions & Recommendations 2017 - 2019

1. Resolved: To support, strengthen and expand the FAWCO network.

Recommended:

- 1.1. Encourage FAWCO Member Clubs' membership to actively participate in conferences, regional meetings, workshops, programs, committees and Task Forces.
- 1.2. Engage geographically distant FAWCO members and expand the FAWCO network by attracting and retaining American and international clubs.
- 1.3. Reinforce the value of FAWCO membership by on-going information exchange among member clubs including unique club experiences and best practices. Continue to facilitate communication among Member Club Presidents and FAWCO Representatives - thus providing resources to encourage members to develop and sustain more successful Member Clubs.
- 1.4. Continue the development of an informative and user-friendly website where club members can access ideas, information and resources for individual and club development.
- 1.5. Stay current with the latest available technologies and encourage the utilization of blogs, webinars and social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter, throughout FAWCO to promote our programs.

2. Resolved: To improve the lives of women and girls worldwide.

Recommended:

- 2.1. Support the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals that address women and girls.
- 2.2. Continue FAWCO's engagement as an accredited UN NGO by working on global women's issues with UN Women and the UN Commission on the Status of Women, sponsoring UN events and actively seeking partnerships with like-minded NGOs.



2.3. Focus Global Task Force efforts to promote the well-being of women and girls worldwide and inform members through regular bulletins focused on global relevance.

2.4. Promote the ratification by the US Senate of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and advocate for the inclusion of American women living overseas in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

3. Resolved: To advocate for the rights of US citizens who are temporarily and permanently living abroad.

Recommended:

3.1. Serve as a recognized voice in Washington, DC for US citizens living overseas; work with the Americans Abroad Caucus in the US Congress, the Departments of State, Treasury and Defense, and partner organizations to shape US legislation and regulations that address the special needs of US citizens living overseas, including voting rights, citizenship rights, taxation and banking.

3.2. Advocate for more effective representation in Washington by providing reliable statistics on US citizens living overseas.

3.3. Work to mitigate the impact of FATCA on US citizens living overseas; collect information on its unintended consequences to be provided to Washington policy-makers; actively lend support to FAWCO members in situations of particular distress due to non-willful noncompliance, "accidental" citizenship, or excessive financial hardship.

3.4. Disseminate information on overseas voter registration, promote and facilitate voting from overseas, current immigration policies and encourage active citizenship.

3.5. Provide workshops, webinars and other resources to empower US citizens living overseas to more effectively manage the tax, banking and legal complexities of living abroad.

3.6. Keep FAWCO members informed on issues arising in the US that may impact US citizens living overseas.



4. Resolved: To practice good global citizenship and work towards a better and more peaceful world, especially in the areas of education, the environment, health and human rights.

Recommended:

4.1. Provide opportunities for FAWCO members to become involved in FAWCO's work on global issues - education, environment, health and human rights. Promote awareness and action on global issues through active participation in the Target Program, the focus of which rotates among the four global issues.

4.2. Encourage FAWCO members to be informed about customs and legislation in their country of residence that affect their rights and responsibilities as international citizens living abroad. Encourage FAWCO Members to participate actively in their communities and to collaborate with other civic organizations.

4.3. Promote issue awareness and cultural understanding in our youth to help them develop into responsible and caring global citizens.

4.4. Promote a culture of giving through philanthropy to those in less fortunate situations.

FAWCO's Administrative Guidelines require that members are provided proposed Resolutions and Recommendations a minimum of three months prior to the vote for approval. In addition, members are allowed to send comments to the committee prior to the conference and there will be open sessions for discussion during the conference on these R & Rs.

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