

FAWCO Resolutions and Recommendations
2017 – 2019

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

Recommended:

1. Encourage FAWCO members to participate actively in conferences, regional meetings, workshops, programs, committees and Teams.
2. Engage geographically distant FAWCO members and expand the FAWCO network by attracting and retaining American and international clubs.
3. Reinforce the value of FAWCO membership by on-going information exchange among member clubs including unique experiences and best practices.
4. 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.
5. Continue the development of an informative and user-friendly website where members can access ideas, information and resources for individual and club development. 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.
6. Promote FAUSA membership to repatriating members.

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

Recommended:

1. Focus Global Issues Teams' efforts to promote the well-being of women and girls worldwide and to inform members through FAWCO's communication streams.
2. Champion the role of the United Nations in promoting world peace and improving lives, raise awareness among FAWCO members of UN endeavors and support the UN's mission and goals, particularly the UN's 2030 Agenda (Sustainable Development Goals - SDGs).
3. Increase FAWCO's engagement as a *UN Department of Public Information* (DPI) accredited NGO with special consultative status to the *UN Economic and Social Council* (ECOSOC) by working with *UN Women* and the *UN Commission on the Status of Women* (CSW), the *UN Framework Convention on Climate Change* (UNFCCC) and through partnerships with like-minded organizations. Raise awareness of and actively engage in UN initiatives.
4. Advocate for 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), the inclusion of American women living overseas in the *Violence Against Women Act* (VAWA), and support *Cities for CEDAW* in the United States.

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

Recommended:

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.
 2. Advocate for more effective representation in Washington by providing reliable statistics on US citizens living overseas.
 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.
 4. Disseminate information on current immigration policies, overseas voter registration, promote and facilitate voting from overseas, and encourage active citizenship.
 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.
 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:
 - 4.1.1. Education: Increase awareness of global issues in education with emphasis on equal access, literacy, continuing education and global citizenship.
 - 4.1.2. Environment: Promote awareness of the environment and the impact of climate change on peace in global society. Encourage responsible environmental stewardship and informed action within FAWCO, at both global and local levels.
 - 4.1.3. Health: Promote awareness of women's health issues such as maternal health, the impact of traditional cultural practices and gender-based violence, non-communicable diseases, mental health and aging.
 - 4.1.4. Human Rights: Advocate working to ensure human rights for all women, engage FAWCO Members in awareness and action campaigns and leverage FAWCO's unique strength as a global women's organization to help end violence and discrimination against women and girls.
- 4.2. Promote awareness and action on global issues through active participation in the Target Program, the focus of which rotates among the four global issues.
- 4.3. Promote a culture of giving through philanthropy.
- 4.4. Promote issue awareness and cultural understanding in our youth to help them develop into responsible and caring global citizens.

4.5. 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 organizations.