

**American Nurses Association
2004 House of Delegates**

Resolution

**Protecting the Rights of Individual Members of CMAs through
Modification of House Dues Policy**

WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association has long held the organizational norm that the members of the Constituent Member Associations (CMA) should enjoy full participatory rights in the American Nurses Association by virtue of the payment of their dues to ANA through the CMA; and

WHEREAS, Individuals choose to belong to their CMA because they want to belong to both the state association and their national professional association, the ANA; and

WHEREAS, The ANA Bylaws require CMAs to “protect individual members’ right to participate in the CMA,” reference Article II, Section 1.c.1.c; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1.c.1.a of the ANA Bylaws states that it is a CMA responsibility to include in its bylaws the obligation of the CMA to pay dues to the ANA *in accordance with policies adopted by the ANA House of Delegates*; and

WHEREAS, Permitting a small percentage of members to take away the rights and privileges of ANA membership from the vast majority of the members of a CMA who may not support disaffiliation is fundamentally unfair to the members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Nurses Association change the House of Delegates Dues Policy to include the following new paragraph 13 as follows:

That each CMA is responsible to ANA for the payment of dues in accordance with this policy until such time that 2/3 of the entire CMA membership vote to disaffiliate from ANA. “CMA membership,” for these purposes, is defined as individual members of the CMA who have ANA rights and privileges of membership as a result of their CMA membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Nurses Association inform the CMAs of their need to ensure compliance with this ANA House of Delegates policy change.