HOW THE NAACP’S LEGISLATIVE POLICIES ARE DEVELOPED

One of the NAACP’s greatest strengths is our active and engaged grassroots membership. For this reason, the NAACP’s legislative policies, our guiding principles, whether they be at the local, state, regional or national level, are developed and driven by our grassroots members throughout our Nation.

Through a democratic process, issues and positions are brought up and debated first at the local branch level. If the branch agrees that the issue warrants state, regional or national attention or support, it is brought before the national NAACP membership in the form of a resolution during the annual convention. During the convention, resolutions are debated, possibly amended, and finally voted upon.

If a resolution passes it becomes the policy of the national NAACP. This means that all the NAACP’s resources, from local units to state conferences to regional offices to national staff are utilized to promote or implement the policy.