

## **Precinct Caucuses and our Legislation**

### Legislative Committee

On Feb. 5 the precinct caucuses are open to all registered voters. Their importance reaches beyond the selection of delegates to the series of conventions that will ultimately determine Minnesota's choice of presidential candidate for each party. The party platform also begins its formation at the precinct level, where resolutions are the first step.

Below, you will find the resolution on equal access to insurance coverage for L.Acs. The legislative committee urges all AOMAM members to go to their precinct caucuses on Feb.5. The resolutions procedure is very simple.

1. There will be a point on the agenda (toward the end) for resolutions. You stand up and read your resolution. There may be questions, which you should be able to answer without difficulty. (Refer to your Equal Access fact sheet, below, for information)
2. There may be amendments to the resolution. These are OK as long as the basic content and goal are not changed. You can accept the amendment, or if you feel it is negative, ask for a vote on the amendment after you explain why you are against it.
3. A vote will be taken on the resolution. If it passes, you will hand your copy to the caucus chair, including any amendments that pass.
4. If you have the political stamina, you can run for a delegate's seat on the next level convention, and you can volunteer to be on the resolutions committee, to help get ours one step further up the line.

That's all it takes. But it is the first essential step for getting acupuncture on your party's platform. The resolutions that pass in the caucuses go up the chain through the county, state and national conventions.

P.S. Note that we are now calling our parity efforts "Equal Access" because there has been some concern about the concept of "parity" having a negative effect on the reimbursement of L.Acs. being tied into those who use it in secondary billing.