

2018 Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws

The delegates at the Wisconsin PTA Convention in Janesville approved 14 amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws. The current Wisconsin PTA bylaws can be found on the Wisconsin PTA website. For questions or clarification, please contact the Wisconsin PTA office.

Amendment 1: Article V Wisconsin PTA Section 5

Old Wording:

- a. To yield up and surrender all of its books and record and all of its assets and property to the National PTA to the National PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the National PTA to be held for the benefit of another branch association established by the National PTA for the area of Wisconsin PTA.
- b. to yield up all of the books and records and all of the assets and property of any Controlled association and surrender them to the National PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the National PTA to be held for the benefit of another branch association established by the National PTA for the area of such state PTA. A controlled Association shall mean any corporation or other entity, whether nonprofit or for-profit, incorporated or unincorporated, that is controlled by such state PTA. For purposes of this section, control means ownership by vote or value of more than fifty percent of the association, power to appoint individuals to the governing body of the association representing more than fifty percent of the voting power, or ownership of more than fifty percent of the beneficial interests in the association. The state PTA shall cause the governing documents of the Controlled Association to reflect this obligation;

New wording

- a. To yield up and surrender all of its books and record and all of its assets and property, including those of the Wisconsin At Large Unit (WALU) or any other entity directly controlled by Wisconsin PTA, to the National PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the National PTA to be held for the benefit of another branch association established by the National PTA for the area of Wisconsin PTA.

Amendment 2: Article V Wisconsin PTA Section 6

Old Wording:

The Wisconsin PTA is responsible for compliance by the local, council, district or region PTAs within its areas with the National PTA Bylaws and the bylaws of the state PTA. The provisions of the Wisconsin PTA bylaws relating to the withdrawal of the charter of a local PTA (and the termination of its status as a local PTA) shall parallel the provision of the National PTA Bylaws relating to the withdrawal by the National PTA of the charter of the Wisconsin PTA and the termination of the status of the Wisconsin PTA as a branch of the National PTA.

New Wording:

The Wisconsin PTA is responsible for compliance by the local, council, district or region PTAs within its areas with the National PTA Bylaws and the bylaws of the state PTA.

Amendment 3: Article VI Local PTAs/PTSAs Sections 1d and 10 (describing a unit in good standing)

Old Wording:

- Section 1d. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the individual state PTA
- Section 10. According to the criteria prescribed by Wisconsin PTA, a local PTA in good standing is one as defined by Wisconsin PTA Policy and Procedure.

New Wording:

Section 1d. Meets the criteria prescribed by Wisconsin PTA Policy and Procedure.

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Amendment 4 Article VII Section 10 Membership and Dues

Old Wording:

The state and national portion of the dues paid by each member shall be remitted to the Wisconsin PTA on or before November 1. Additional dues shall be remitted periodically. If, by November 1, a local PTA has failed to remit its first installment of annual dues, it will not be recognized as a PTA in good standing for the current year and further service from the state office may be withheld until such remittance is made.

New wording:

The state and national portion of the dues paid by each member shall be remitted to the Wisconsin PTA during the month in which they are collected. If, by November 1, a local PTA has failed to remit its first installment of annual dues, it will not be recognized as a PTA in good standing for the current year and further service from the state office may be withheld until such remittance is made.

Amendment 5 Article VII Section 13 Membership and Dues

Old Wording:

... If dues have not been submitted by April 1, of that membership year, the PTA shall no longer be considered an active PTA and their charter shall be withdrawn.

New wording

A PTA which has not submitted a dues installment by the November 1 deadline will be contacted by the Wisconsin PTA to assess the status of the unit. If dues have not been submitted by June 30, of that membership year, the PTA shall no longer be considered an active PTA and their charter shall be evaluated for withdrawal.

Amendment 6 Article VIII Section 4d Officers Election and Vacancies

Old wording

- D. Each officer must have served a minimum of one (1) year on the state board or will have served (1) full term on the board of a local PTA/council by the time they take office
1. President elect candidates shall have served as president at the local level
 2. Vice president, secretary and treasurer candidates shall have served in any elected position at the local level.

New wording:

- D. Each officer must have served a minimum of one (1) year on the state board or will have served (1) full term on the board of a local PTA/council by the time they take office.
1. The officer candidate coming from a local unit/council shall meet the appropriate requirement:
 - (a) President elect candidates shall have served as president at the local level
 - (b) Vice president, secretary and treasurer candidates shall have served in any elected position at the local level.

Amendment 7 Article VIII Section 8d Officers Election and Vacancies

Old Wording:

d....Any accredited voting delegate of the state annual meeting may nominate a candidate for any office provided consent of nominee has been secured and a 30-day written notice prior to the annual meeting of intent to run has been provided to the president.

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New wording:

d. The committee shall report their slate of nominees for officer positions at the annual meeting during its first general session, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. Any accredited voting delegate of the state annual meeting may nominate a candidate for any office provided the nominee meets the qualifications in Article VIII, Section 4, consent of nominee has been secured and a 30-day written notice prior to the annual meeting of intent to run has been provided to the president.

Article XV, Section 8d4 Wisconsin PTA Annual Meeting, Cancellation of the Meeting

New wording:

Any accredited voting delegate of the WI State PTA Annual Meeting may nominate a candidate for any office provided the nominee meets the qualifications in Article VIII, Section 4, and the consent of the nominee has been secured. Such a nomination must have the signature of at least five (5) local PTA members and must be sent to the president of the state PTA 30 days prior to the vote.

Amendment 8 Section Article VIII Section 8 Officers Election and Vacancies

Old wording:

None

New wording:

The names of the nominees for committee/commission chairs shall be sent to each member of the state board of directors at least thirty (30) days before the election.

Amendment 9 Article X Board of Directors Section 3d & 3f

Old wording:

Section 3d the region advisors approved by the Executive Committee and/or the Wisconsin PTA Board; Section 3f those appointees designated by the president with board confirmation; i.e., the bulletin editor, liaison members, and all standing committee chairs not elected by the board, shall serve concurrently with the term of the appointing president.

New wording:

Section 3d the region advisors;

1. When a vacant region advisor position can be filled more than 30 days before the next regular Board of Directors meeting, the president may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to approve the appointment
2. If the region advisor candidate is found 30 days or less before the next regular Board of Directors meeting, the appointment will be approved by the board of directors at that meeting.

Section 3f those appointees designated by the president with board confirmation; i.e., the bulletin editor, region advisors, liaison members, and all standing committee chairs not elected by the board, shall serve concurrently with the term of the appointing president.

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Amendment 10 Article X Board of Directors Section 6 board meetings

Old Wording:

- Section 6. Regular meetings of the board shall be held at least four (4) times during the fiscal year.
- a. An agenda for each board meeting shall be prepared by the president and secretary and furnished to each board member before the opening of the session.

New Wording:

- Section 6. Regular meetings of the board shall be held at least four (4) times during the fiscal year.
- a. An agenda for each board meeting shall be prepared by the president and secretary and furnished to each board member before the opening of the session.
 - b. If a regular board meeting is cancelled, the Executive Committee will hold a special meeting to decide if the missed board meeting will be rescheduled.
 1. If the meeting is not rescheduled, the Executive Committee shall create and oversee a plan to accomplish the work that would have been done at the regular board

Amendment 11 Add new Article XIII Electronic Meetings and Communication

Current wording:

None

New wording:

Article XIII: Electronic Meetings and Communication

Section 1: Special meetings of the Wisconsin PTA Executive Committee and all Wisconsin PTA committee meetings shall be authorized to be held by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting and prior notification of the meeting has been given to the president and president elect.

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For the following amendments, articles are referenced by their old number not the new number they now have after the above Article XII I was added.

Amendment 12 Article XIII Regions/Councils Section 2c

Old wording:

Each region shall have an advisor appointed by the Wisconsin PTA President

New wording:

Each region shall have an advisor.

Amendment 13 Article XIV State and Local Relations

Current wording:

Section 1. The state president and president-elect shall review any alleged violations by local PTAs of the National PTA Bylaws, the Wisconsin PTA bylaws, (or their own bylaws) or other practices or activities of local PTAs that may tend to defeat the purposes and principles of the Wisconsin PTA and shall promptly report to the state board of directors the results of such a review and its recommendations for action.

Section 2. The Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors shall give due consideration to the report and shall accord the local PTA an opportunity to be heard and to respond to the report. If, upon such consideration and hearing, the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors finds a violation by a local PTA, it may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, require the local PTA to take appropriate action within a period of time stipulated by the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors. When such a requirement has been made by the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors, and if the recommended action is not taken by the local PTA within the allotted time, the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, withdraw the charter of the local PTA and terminate its status as a local PTA.

New wording:

Section 1. the state president and president-elect shall review any alleged violations by local PTAs or individual local/council PTA officers of the National PTA Bylaws, the Wisconsin PTA bylaws, (or their own bylaws) or other practices or activities, including mismanagement of the unit and mishandling of funds, of local PTAs or PTA officer(s) that may tend to defeat the purposes and principles of the Wisconsin PTA, and shall promptly report to the state board of directors the results of such a review and its recommendations for action.

Section 2. The Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors shall give due consideration to the report and shall accord the local PTA or PTA officer(s) an opportunity to be heard and to respond to the report. If, upon such consideration and hearing, the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors finds a violation by a local PTA or PTA officer(s), it may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, require the local PTA or PTA officer(s) to take appropriate action within a period of time stipulated by the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors. When such a requirement has been made by the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors, and if the recommended action is not taken by the local PTA or PTA officer(s) within the allotted time, the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, withdraw the charter of the local PTA and terminate its status as a local PTA or to remove the PTA officer(s) from office.

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Amendment 14 Article XV Wisconsin State PTA Annual Meeting Section 7

OLD wording:

Fifty (50) voting members present at any business meeting of the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.

New wording:

Thirty-five (35) voting members present at any business meeting of the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.