

Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws

The following three amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws will be presented to the delegates at the Wisconsin PTA Annual Meeting, April 12-14, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Please share these amendments with your members before coming to convention, so your delegates know how your unit would like them to vote on these amendments.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment: Article IX Duties of Officers

Action: Add Section 7: Immediate Past President

Current wording: None

Proposed wording:

- a. Serve as the president of WALU
- b. Work with the bylaws chair to update the WALU bylaws as needed
- c. Serve as advisor to the executive committee and other committees as designated by Wisconsin PTA policy

Rationale: Currently the IPP does not have any designated duties on the Wisconsin PTA board of Directors. Having designated duties will give the IPP a reason to stay active on the board and a sense of purpose. Changing the president of WALU to the IPP will ease the duties of the WI PTA president and place someone in charge of WALU who may be in a better position to recruit and communicate with WALU members.

Proviso: This amendment is dependent on the revision of the WALU bylaws to conform with subsections sections a & b. if WALU does not amend their bylaws to include these provisions, only section c will be included in the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws.

Note: WALU is the Wisconsin At Large Unit, a statewide PTA

Proposed Bylaws Amendment: Article XI Executive Committee

Action: Remove the legislative chairs from the executive committee

Current wording:

Section 1. There shall be an executive committee of the Wisconsin PTA, the members of which shall be:

- a. all elected officers;
- b. the immediate past president;
- c. the State Legislative Chair; and
- d. the Federal Legislative chair.

Proposed Wording: Remove subsections c and d and insert "and" after officers in subsection a

- a. all elected officers; and
- b. the immediate past president;
- ~~c. the State Legislative Chair; and~~
- d. ~~the Federal Legislative chair.~~

New wording:

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Rationale: Wisconsin PTA is beginning to attempt to increase board efficiency and cost effectiveness. Decreasing the size of the executive committee will make it easier to hold special and emergency meetings, streamline the decision-making process and be more cost effective. While the legislative positions are very important, they are no more important than other standing committee chairs and therefore, should not be singled out.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment: Article XVI National PTA, Section 3

Action: **Remove vague wording**

Current Wording:

Section 3. Each local PTA shall be entitled to be represented at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin PTA by its president or alternate, and one (1) delegate or alternate for each twenty-five (25) members, or major portion thereof, as shows on the books of the state treasurer as of March 1, preceding the annual meeting.

Proposed Wording: strike the words “or a major portion thereof,”

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New Wording

Section 3: Each local PTA shall be entitled to be represented at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin PTA by its president or alternate, and one (1) delegate or alternate for each twenty-five (25) members, as shows on the books of the state treasurer as of March 1, preceding the annual meeting.

Rationale:

“or a major portion thereof” is vague and open to interpretation causing units to not be able to anticipate how many delegates they are entitled to have and may have a different delegate count from year to year even if their membership remains the same, because the delegates are calculated by a different person.