
Call for Resolutions/Call to Rescind

Now is the time for local PTA/PTSA units and councils to submit resolutions and/or items to rescind from our current resolutions, basic policy & legislative program. These considerations will take place at the annual Wisconsin PTA Convention in April to be voted upon by our members.

Why should local PTA/PTSA units and councils submit resolutions to the WI PTA?

Resolutions are written calls for action that express concerns of the submitting unit. Frequently a local PTA or PTSA unit or council identifies a problem, a situation, or a concern which affects children and youth statewide and which requires statewide action for solutions. To bring the issue to the attention of other PTAs and to affect a change, a resolution may be submitted to the Wisconsin PTA to ask for action on the part of WI PTA to address these problems or issues. WI PTA cannot speak to an issue until a resolution has been adopted by the delegates at a convention. Units/councils that desire to have a positive impact upon the lives of our state's children and youth should seriously consider submitting a resolution to WI PTA.

How are resolutions constructed?

Information regarding the writing of resolutions, the selection of background material, the use of rationale, and the Resolutions' Committee process can be found in the WI PTA Resolutions Handbook*. Reading and following the simple steps presented in that guide will ensure the success of the resolution process for unit or council.

What does it mean to rescind?

Rescinding is the legal action needed to retire a motion. WI PTA's current resolutions*, basic policy* and legislative program* contain the items we take action on. Each important item was a motion our membership has voted upon and passed to reflect their views. Items in these documents that are outdated, no longer relevant or inappropriate can be submitted by units/councils for consideration to be rescinded. Once rescinded items are retired but continue to remain on historical record.

Who can submit resolutions and/or items to rescind?

Resolutions and items to rescind may be submitted by a local PTA or PTSA unit or council in **good standing** (See State PTA Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1) or by the State Board of Directors.

Contact the State Office or the Resolutions Chair if you need further assistance. All submissions are due in the State Office by JANUARY 17th. EACH submission needs to be accompanied by a "Convention Action Cover Sheet"

***The resolutions handbook, basic policy, current resolutions and legislative program can be found on the WI PTA website www.wisconsinpta.org in the "Advocacy" section or can be received from the WI PTA office by calling 608-244-1455

Convention Action Cover Sheet

(This action sheet **MUST** accompany **EACH** recommended Resolution or Item to Rescind proposed for action by the delegates to the Wisconsin PTA Convention)

NAME OF UNIT: _____

This action is from a: Local _____ Council _____ State _____

This action has been approved by: (Fill in dates action was approved)

General Membership _____ Executive Board _____

This action is a: (Please list resolution number or policy page & statement numbers for items to rescind)

_____ RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED

_____ ITEM TO RESCIND (Circle one) Basic Policy Legislative Program Current Resolution

Location number _____

_____ This action has been endorsed by other PTA groups (If the above has been checked, please attach the supporting letters.)

CHECKLIST: Is the proposed action.....

- _____ Submitted from a PTA/PTSA unit in good standing?
- _____ In accordance with PTA Objects and Policies? **(New Resolutions ONLY)**
- _____ Signed by the group's president and secretary?
- _____ Submitted with the addresses and phone number of the president and secretary?
- _____ Titled and does it include a preamble and request for action? **(New Resolutions ONLY)**
- _____ Presented with the group's name typed ON the action?
- _____ Accompanied by background data and rationale?
- _____ (If legislative) related to ___ state or ___ federal legislation or regulation? **(New Resolutions ONLY)**

Name of President _____ Signature _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

Name of Secretary _____ Signature _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____