

Proposed Bylaws Amendments 2018

Proposed Amendment #1

ARTICLE III – PURPOSES

Now reads:

SECTION 2. Awareness: The purpose of both the National PTA and the Michigan PTA is promoted through an advocacy and educational program directed toward parents, teachers and the general public; developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and governed and qualified by the policies and principles set forth in Article IV and V.

Will read:

SECTION 2. Awareness: The **purposes** of both the National PTA and the Michigan PTA **are** promoted through an advocacy and educational program directed toward parents, teachers and the general public; developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and governed and qualified by the policies and principles set forth in Article IV and V.

Rationale: This change puts our bylaws in line with the terminology used by National PTA.

NOTE: All other sections remain the same.

Proposed Amendment #2

ARTICLE IV - PRINCIPLES

Now reads:

c. The organization shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth, and shall seek to promote collaboration among parents, schools, and the community at large.

Will read:

c. The organization shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth, and shall seek to promote collaboration among **families**, schools, and the community at large.

Rationale: This change puts our bylaws in line with the terminology used by National PTA.

NOTE: All other sections remain the same.

Proposed Amendment #3

ARTICLE VI – RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA

Now reads:

SECTION 1. The Michigan PTA is a branch of the National PTA and exists for the purpose of accomplishing, at the state level, the purpose of the National PTA in accordance with its policies. Within the framework of the responsibility that it shares with the National PTA for the implementation of the Objects of the National PTA and its obligations to comply with the Bylaws of the National PTA, the Michigan PTA is a self-governing organization with independent legal existence..

Will read:

SECTION 1. The Michigan PTA is a branch of the National PTA and exists for the purpose of accomplishing, at the state level, the purpose of the National PTA in accordance with its policies. Within the framework of the responsibility that it shares with the National PTA for the implementation of the **Purposes and Principles** of the National PTA and its obligations to comply with the Bylaws of the National PTA, the Michigan PTA is a self-governing organization with independent legal existence.

Rationale: This change puts our bylaws in line with the terminology used by National PTA.

NOTE: All other sections remain the same.

Proposed Amendment #4

ARTICLE VII - REGIONS

Now reads:

Does not exist

Will read:

SECTION 3. Each Region shall have a Region Director responsible for coordinating Field Service Representatives and member services for the region.

Rationale: This change is for clarity.

Proposed Amendment #5

ARTICLE XIII – CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

Now reads:

Councils shall:

SECTION 3.d. Not sell individual memberships but may sell business memberships.

SECTION 3.e. Be comprised of Local Units (whose eligibility is determined by the Michigan PTA Board of Directors), and business memberships.

SECTION 3.f. Elect board members who shall be a member of a Local Unit within its area.

SECTION 4. Local Units shall:

a. Be chartered in any geographical area within the State where no local unit for college, high school, junior high/middle school, elementary school, preschool, or special education group exists. The Unit shall be known as _____ Parent, Teacher (Student) Association, in membership with the Michigan PTA and National PTA, and shall conform to such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the Bylaws of the Michigan PTA and National PTA, they may in their bylaws prescribe.

b. Have ten (10) or more members to qualify for a charter and twenty-five (25) or more annually to sustain the charter. Any unit found to be in violation of this section shall be able to appeal the withdrawing of their charter through the procedures as outlined in the Standing Rules.

c. The Standards of Affiliation with Michigan PTA shall be as follows:

i. Remit annual dues.

ii. Register officer names and contact information with the state office.

iii. Remit membership dues to the state office by the 28th of each month, as provided in Article X

iv. Submit a copy of their annual budget, audit and Form 990 to the state office.

v. Review and/or revise bylaws every three (3) years and submit them to the state office for approval. A copy of the minutes from the meeting in which the bylaws were approved must be included with the submission

Will read:

Councils shall:

SECTION 3.d. Not sell individual memberships. **Councils may sell business memberships.**

SECTION 3.e. Be comprised of Local Units (whose eligibility is determined by the Michigan PTA Board of Directors), and business **who have purchased membership in that council.**

SECTION 3.f. Elect board members who shall be members of **the Local Constituent Units.**

SECTION 4. Local Units shall:

a. Be chartered in any geographical area within the State where no local unit for college, high school, junior high/middle school, elementary school, preschool, **special education group, or similar community-based unit already** exists. The Unit shall be known as _____ Parent, Teacher (Student) Association, in membership with the Michigan PTA and National PTA, and shall conform to such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the Bylaws of the Michigan PTA and National PTA, they may in their bylaws prescribe.

b. Have ten (10) or more members to qualify for a charter and **submit members annually to sustain the charter.** Any unit found to be in violation of this section shall be able to appeal the withdrawing of their charter through the procedures as outlined in the Standing Rules.

c. The Standards of Affiliation with Michigan PTA shall be as follows:

i. Remit annual dues.

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iv. Submit a copy of their annual budget, audit and Form 990 to the state office.

v. Review and/or revise bylaws every three (3) years and submit them to the state office for approval. A copy of the minutes from the meeting in which the bylaws were approved must be included with the submission

vi. **Obtain liability insurance for the Constituent Organization to protect the assets of the unit/council.**

Rationale: This addresses all family structures; it reflects of units to maintain active membership; it accommodates units which are not school-based; protects the constituent association and officers.

Proposed Amendment #6
ARTICLE VIII – CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

Now reads:

SECTION 6. Should a constituent organization fail to elect officers, hold at least one (1) meeting prior to December 1st, and pay the applicable constituent organization dues by December 1st, the constituent organization shall:

SECTION 9. d. Approval of disbandment shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting body, a quorum being present. The Local Unit secretary shall notify the Region Director, Vice President for Outreach and Support and Michigan PTA State Office of the decision.

SECTION 10.e. Dues shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors, and shall include membership in both the Michigan PTA and National PTA and a subscription to the Michigan PTA Bulletin, with the remaining money being placed in the State PTA general fund.

Will read:

SECTION 6. Should a constituent organization fail to satisfy the requirements in Section 4.b. by December 1st, the constituent organization shall:

SECTION 9. d. Approval of disbandment shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting body, a quorum being present. A member of the state Board of Directors (or designee) may be present at the vote. The Region Director, Vice President for Outreach and Support and Michigan PTA State Office shall be notified of the decision.

SECTION 10.e. Dues shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors, and shall include membership in both the Michigan PTA and National PTA and the benefits granted through such membership, with the remaining money being placed in the State PTA general fund.

Rationale: Some changes for clarity; The Michigan PTA Bulletin is no longer published; to protect the rights of members and maintain objectivity and gravity.

Proposed Amendment #7
ARTICLE XIV - GOVERNING BODIES: A. ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

Now reads:

SECTION 3. The voting body shall consist of:

- a. Members of the Michigan PTA Board of Directors.
- b. All living past Michigan PTA Presidents
- c. The President and a Vice President of councils or their alternates.
- d. The President or alternate, and one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, from each Local Unit, provided the Michigan and National portion of membership dues has been received by the Michigan PTA Treasurer by February 28th preceding the convention.
- e. A new or reactivated unit chartered by the Michigan PTA between February 28th and fifteen (15) days prior to the annual convention shall be entitled to the President or alternate, one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof.

SECTION 5. The convention of the Michigan PTA shall be open to all members of the Michigan PTA who pay the registration fee. The privilege of making motions, debating and voting shall be limited to the members of the voting body.

Will read:

SECTION 3. The voting body shall consist of:

- a. Members of the Michigan PTA Board of Directors.
- b. All past Michigan PTA Presidents
- c. The President and a Vice President of councils or their alternates.
- d. All chairs of active state committee
- e. The President or alternate, and one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, from each Local Unit, provided the Michigan and National portion of membership dues has been received by the Michigan PTA Treasurer by April 28th preceding the convention.
- f. A new or reactivated unit chartered by the Michigan PTA between April 28th and fifteen (15) days prior to the annual convention shall be entitled to the President or alternate, one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof.
- g. There shall be a limit of one credential issued to any individual, which shall be issued at the highest office held by that individual.

SECTION 5. The convention of the Michigan PTA shall be open to any attendees who pay the registration fee and such guests as provided for by the structure of members of the Michigan PTA. The privilege of making motions, debating and voting shall be limited to the members of the voting body.

Rationale: Allows Committee Chairs to obtain voting credentials. Changes in submission dates reflect changes in date of convention. Clarifies how individuals who qualify for multiple credentials obtain them. Additional changes serve to welcome guests to our convention.

Proposed Amendment #8

ARTICLE XVI – NOMINATING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Now reads:

SECTION 9. In 2014 all seven (7) positions will be appointed by the Board of Directors. The details of this process will be outlined in the Standing Rules and Procedures. Of these appointed positions, two (2) positions will be for a one (1) year term (Class A), three (3) positions for a two (2) year term (Class B), and two (2) positions for a three (3) year term (Class C). As these positions become vacant they will be filled as described above. This section expires and will be removed following the 2017 annual convention.

Will read:

(remove)

Rationale: Intended to be removed after last convention.

If you have questions regarding these changes please visit one of the

Bylaws and Parliamentary Q & A Sessions

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