

Business Conducted at the Washington State PTA Convention

Voting delegates attending the Washington State PTA Convention on May 2-4, 2008 at the Seattle Airport DoubleTree Hotel voted on proposed bylaw amendments, an emergency resolution, and WSPTA officers.

Following is a summary of the decisions they made:

Officers elected

Elected officers include: Finance officer–Sherry S. Marlin; Secretary–Bonnie Kayla; Leadership Director–Kari Wilkinson; Program Director–Maureen Monson; and Nominating Committee At-Large Members: Kelly Munn and Karin Catey.

Emergency Resolution

An emergency Resolution on the 3rd credit of math graduation requirement was introduced by Kelly Munn, and was passed by convention delegates. Below is the text of this new WSPTA Resolution:

Third Credit of Math Graduation Requirement

Whereas, The 2007 Legislature passed 2SHB-1906 which directs the State Board of Education to amend high school graduation requirements to include a minimum of three credits of mathematics, one of which may be a career and technical course equivalent in mathematics, and describe the required content; and

Whereas, All four year colleges require students to complete Algebra II for admission; and

Whereas, Community and technical college academic programs, high-wage workforce programs, and most medium-wage workforce programs require Algebra II skills for entry or completion; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Washington State PTA recommends to the State Board of Education that the third credit of math shall be required for high school graduation; and be it further

Resolved, That the third credit of math be aligned with Algebra II level concepts and skills; and be it further

Resolved, That career and technical education courses with mathematics content equivalent to Algebra II also satisfy the third credit of math requirement; and be it further

Resolved, That students have the opportunity to substitute another high school math course for Algebra II, when that choice aligns with their high school and beyond plan and is consistent with guidance from the students' parents or guardians.

Bylaw Amendments

Several bylaw amendments were introduced. With the exception of Amendment #29, which addressed the purpose of the Annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly, all the amendments passed.

Amendment #29 (Article 13, Legislative Assembly, Section 1, Meeting), was amended to read: (a) An annual Legislative Assembly shall be held for the purpose of determining legislative priorities of the WSPTA, educating and mobilizing advocates and advancing the WSPTA's legislative advocacy program.

The convention delegates passed this amended version of Bylaw Amendment #29.