

Position Paper

Nominating Committee



Region 2

Your Nominating Committee is the most important committee in your PTSA!! Its members will select your future leaders - so it's vital that these people are chosen carefully.

They should be respected, enthusiastic, smart people. They must demonstrate tact, discretion, integrity in their dealings with others. They should know your PTA. And they need to get an early start.

If this committee is in place early, its members can make important observations about who is involved and who seems ready for and interested in a leadership position. They can attend events and watch how potential leaders interact with others. They can observe the work of your PTSA and get a feel for what qualities are needed in its leaders. Starting early is just a really smart practice.

This committee must be elected at a General Membership meeting. The Nominating Committee is to consist of at least three (3) members from a list of five (5) or more nominated from the floor. It's ideal for the committee to consist of an odd number of people, and if possible, try to include representatives from your major constituencies –feeder schools, community school and special programs, and so on. This is an incredibly powerful way to invite bi-lingual members of your community to participate in PTA leadership.

The Nominating Committee is always pleased to hear from interested candidates - but it's important to understand that the final decision rests with the Nominating Committee. So while everyone is encouraged to call and say, "Please consider me for a position as an officer," it's not OK to say, or assume, "I'll take the VP spot."

A couple important notes:

- Neither the President nor the school Principal can be a member of the Nominating Committee.
- No one can serve two consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee publishes the slate of nominees 15 days before the General Membership meeting where the election will take place. (Ideally this meeting will allow you enough time to register your newly elected leaders for Convention in early May!) Before that time, they do not need to reveal the names of any candidates to anyone in your PTSA. In other words, this is one Committee that does not need to get Board Approval! The minutes of their meetings remain strictly confidential and should be destroyed once the committee has been discharged.

Further details can be found in our Nominating Committee handbook, which your President received in hard copy or which you can view on the State PTSA website at www.wastatepta.org. I urge you to read this now - and get to work on electing a Nominating Committee.