

Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws Amendments Passed at Convention, April 28-30, 2017 (effective July 1, 2017)

Passed bylaws amendment A:	Remove business date from bylaws; provide updated information about waiver submittal process in policy.
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Article 3, Section 2.A. Local PTAs shall be chartered under the authority of WSPTA in the service area in which the local PTA functions, in conformity with these bylaws. Twenty-five or more members are required to organize or continue as a local PTA. A waiver to the 25-member minimum may be granted by the WSPTA executive committee, as prescribed by WSPTA policy.

Effect on your PTA or council if amendment is adopted: Check with your region director or refer to WSPTA policy, available on the WSPTA website, for the date by which a membership waiver must be received by the WSPTA executive committee.

Passed bylaws amendment B:	Replace the term “dissolution” with “disaffiliation.”
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Article 3, Section 3 Disaffiliation of a local PTA or council

- A. A local PTA or council wishing to disaffiliate shall notify the WSPTA office and its membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which members consider disaffiliating the PTA. The region director or an alternate appointed by the region director shall be present at the meeting.
- B. Upon the disaffiliation of the local PTA or council, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, or organizations that have established tax-exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are in accordance with those of WSPTA.
- C. A local PTA or council shall be considered disaffiliated when the membership has approved the disaffiliation and the manner in which assets shall be distributed ~~or when a local PTA fails for two consecutive years to either enroll 25 members or submit a request for an annual waiver to the 25 member minimum to the WSPTA executive committee before February 1. (Note: the strikethrough portion is a conforming edit based on the adoption of amendment C)~~
- D. Each local PTA and council shall, upon disaffiliation, surrender to the WSPTA office all PTA-branded property along with documents pertaining to the legal status of the disaffiliated local PTA or council.

Effect on your PTA or council if amendment is adopted: Check your standing rules and other legal documents to correct inconsistent and/or incorrect language.

Passed bylaws amendment C:	Replace “dissolution” with “disaffiliation”; separate local PTA-initiated actions from WSPTA-initiated actions; remove business date from bylaws and place in WSPTA policy.
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Article 3, Section 3.C. A local PTA or council shall be considered disaffiliated when the membership has approved the disaffiliation and the manner in which the assets shall be distributed.

Effect on your PTA or council if amendment is adopted: Check with your region director, refer to WSPTA policy, or refer to the current standards of affiliation (SOA) agreement for requirements to remain in good standing.

Passed bylaws amendment E:	Eliminate annual fee for Outstanding Local PTA/Council of the Year.
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Article 4, Section 4.

Effect on your PTA or council if amendment is adopted: The annual \$5.00 fee will no longer be invoiced or collected by WSPTA. Your local PTA may eliminate this expense from its budget.

Check with your region director or current WSPTA policy to determine whether money has been set aside in WSPTA’s annual budget to provide a remittance to the Outstanding Local PTA/Council of the Year for use in its own community.

Passed bylaws amendment F:	Add a mechanism for removal of an officer from the board of directors.
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Article 5, Section 6.I. (New subsection.) An officer of a local PTA or council may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting or at a meeting called for such purpose, should there be cause for removal, such as violation of the ethics, policies, or principles of PTA.

Effect on your PTA or council if amendment is adopted: Your PTA will have an option to remove an officer if needed. Check your standing rules and update the language to reflect this change.

Passed bylaws amendment G:	Replace five days' notice with ten days for special meetings of members.
Article 5, Section 10.C. For a local PTA, special membership meetings may be called by the president, a majority of the board of directors, or by five percent of the local PTA membership currently enrolled in the WSPTA membership database. Notification of place, date, time and purpose of the meeting shall be provided to members at least ten days before the special meeting in a manner specified in the local PTA standing rules.	
Article 5, Section 10.D. For a council, special meetings may be called by the president, a majority of the board of directors, or by ten percent of the voting body. Notification of place, date, time and purpose of meeting shall be provided to members at least ten days before the special meeting in a manner specified in the council standing rules.	
Effect on your PTA or council if amendment is adopted:	Update your standing rules to reflect Washington State law regarding notification requirements for special meetings of members.

Passed bylaws amendment H:	Area vice presidents will be elected by all voting delegates.
Article 7, Section 3.C. The area vice presidents shall represent geographic areas prescribed by WSPTA policy with two of the area vice presidents representing PTAs east of the Cascade Mountains. All WSPTA board of directors members shall be elected by all voting delegates.	
Effect on your PTA or council if amendment is adopted:	Voting delegates should review information about all candidates in order to cast their votes for the best candidate for each position.

Passed bylaws amendment I:	Broaden eligibility criteria for area vice presidents.
Article 7, Section 3.F.3. For the office of area vice president, a member shall reside within the geographic area to be represented and before taking office shall have served on the WSPTA board of directors for at least one year, as a region director for at least one year, as a council president for two years, or on a service delivery team for two years.	
Effect on your PTA or council if amendment is adopted:	This will increase the pool of candidates for area vice president statewide.

Passed bylaws amendment J:	Make WSPTA board member removal language consistent with WSPTA's Articles of Incorporation.
Article 7, Section 6.E.5. (The WSPTA board of directors):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May remove from office any member of the board of directors by a two-thirds vote of the members of the board of directors. 	
Effect on your PTA or council if amendment is adopted:	None. This refers to the WSPTA board of directors only.