

Who can be a delegate?

- Voting credentials are issued to voting delegates who have registered for legislative assembly and paid the registration fee established by the WSPTA board of directors.
- Local PTA voting delegates must be in PT Avenue as paid 2018-2019 members of the local PTA they represent. Council voting delegates must be in PT Avenue as paid 2018-2019 members of a local PTA in the council they represent. Delegates register for legislative assembly under the member ID associated with this local PTA paid membership.
- Delegates may only vote on behalf of one local PTA or council – the local PTA under which they have registered for legislative assembly, or its council.
- Voting credentials are non-transferable.
- The method for selecting voting delegates and alternates should be specified in a local PTA or council's standing rules.
- The president of a local PTA or council must notify WSPTA of the names of their voting delegates no later than midnight on October 12, 2018.
- Local PTAs in good standing have voting delegates determined by the number of paid members at the end of the previous fiscal year. PTAs with up to 200 members are entitled to four voting delegates; one additional delegate may be added for each additional 100 members.
- Each council in good standing is entitled to have four voting delegates at legislative assembly.
- New local PTAs and councils chartered after June 30 of the previous year are allowed delegates based on the membership number recorded in the WSPTA office 15 days prior to legislative assembly.

What will be voted on?

At the 2018 WSPTA Legislative Assembly, delegates will vote on adoption of the agenda and standing rules, and on the new 2018-2020 WSPTA legislative platform. There are 5 proposed long-term resolutions, 2 proposed principles and 12 proposed short-term legislative issues.

When will delegates vote?

Delegates will vote on adoption of the agenda and standing rules during General Session 1 (Saturday, October 20, 9:15-10:40 am); legislative principles and legislative issues during General Session 2 (Saturday, October 20, 4:15-5:45 pm) and General Session 3 (Sunday, October 21, 9:15-11:25 am); and resolutions during General Session 4 (Sunday, October 21, 3:45-5:00 pm). In addition, ballot voting to determine the top 5 issues will take place on Sunday, October 21, between 12:15-1:45pm.

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Where can I learn more about these issues?

If you are selected as a voting delegate, then you have homework! Start by reading about the proposed resolutions and legislative issues [here](#). Information on WSPTA's current long- and short-term platform can be found at <https://www.wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/>.

Prior to voting, there will be delegate-education presentations covering the proposed resolutions and legislative issues, as well as question-and-answer periods. Attendance at these sessions is strongly encouraged.

What are the responsibilities of the voting delegate?

- **Attend** all general and issue education sessions.
- **Vote** on all issues that require delegate participation.
- **Understand** the will of the PTA members they represent.
- One way to gauge member support for the proposed platform additions is to conduct a survey. WSPTA has developed a [survey](#) for local PTAs and councils to use.

How does the voting process work?

- Each resolution and legislative issue will be open for amendment and debate for 10 minutes prior to voting.
- To speak, go to the appropriate microphone (“for,” “against,” and “information” microphones will be available).
- After the chair recognizes you—by microphone identification or name—state your name, your local PTA or council number, and show your voting delegate credentials.
- To vote in general session, delegates hold up their voting credentials and are counted by floor tellers.
- Complete procedures for speaking and voting will be in the 2018 WSPTA Legislative Assembly program all delegates receive at check-in.

To learn more about the 40th Annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly visit our [website](#).