

Proposed Amendments to WSPTA Uniform Bylaws 2020

Deletions – strikethrough

Additions – Bold and underline

#1	
Current bylaws say:	Article 3 Constituent Organizations, Section 2C C. In the case of revocation of its charter by WSPTA, each local PTA and council shall: 1. Surrender its books, records, assets and property to the WSPTA office. 2. No longer use any name that implies or connotes association with National PTA or WSPTA. 3. Carry out promptly, under the direction of WSPTA, all proceedings necessary for the purpose of disaffiliating the local PTA or council.
Rationale for proposed change:	Last year, membership voted to amend the bylaws to remove the requirement that a PTA return PTA-branded materials when disaffiliating in Section 3 of this Article. Removing this statement from Section 2 brings consistency and completeness.
If adopted, what the new bylaw will say (new wording in bold and underlined):	Article 3 Constituent Organizations, Section 2C C. In the case of revocation of its charter by WSPTA, each local PTA and council shall: 1. No longer use any name that implies or connotes association with National PTA or WSPTA. 2. Carry out promptly, under the direction of WSPTA, all proceedings necessary for the purpose of disaffiliating the local PTA or council.
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	Only impacts PTAs that are disaffiliating from WSPTA.

#2	
Current bylaws say:	Article 6 WSPTA Regions, Section 2 A. The region director shall be a member of a local PTA, reside within the region to be served, and have served at least two years in some combination as a local PTA or council officer and/or as a region service delivery team member.
Rationale for proposed change:	This amendment removes the requirement that a person serving as region director reside within the region to be served. We have regions without region directors, and someone who lives in a neighboring area may be willing to serve in that role. It is a benefit to the association to reduce barriers to service.
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in bold and underlined):	
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	No effect on local PTAs or councils; may increase the likelihood of all PTAs and councils being supported by a region director.

#3	
Current bylaws say:	<p>Article 7 Nominating Committee, Sections 2 & 3</p> <p>Section 2 Nominating committee – WSPTA</p> <p>A. Two members of the WSPTA nominating committee shall be elected by the WSPTA board of directors in even-numbered years for a term of two years at the first board meeting after the even-numbered year WSPTA Convention. Three members shall be elected by ballot by the membership for a two-year term at the annual WSPTA Convention in even-numbered years. A plurality vote shall elect. If only three candidates are nominated, the election may be by voice vote. A vacancy on the WSPTA nominating committee shall be filled as prescribed by <i>WSPTA Policy</i>.</p> <p>B. The members of the WSPTA nominating committee shall have been PTA members for at least 30 days preceding their election. A member may not serve more than one consecutive term on the WSPTA nominating committee.</p> <p>C. The WSPTA nominating committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each office to be elected. The WSPTA nominating committee shall submit a report to the WSPTA board of directors and to the membership by deadlines as prescribed by <i>WSPTA Policy</i>.</p> <p><u>D. After the WSPTA nominating committee’s list of candidates is reported to the membership, any member may declare himself or herself a candidate for WSPTA office. A self-declaration of candidacy shall be submitted no later than the deadline specified in policy, and this deadline must be at least fifteen days after the WSPTA nominating committee has published its list of candidates to the membership.</u></p> <p><u>E. Nominations may not be made from the floor during the convention.</u></p> <p>Section 3 Officers and their election – WSPTA</p> <p>A. The officers of WSPTA are president, vice president, five area vice presidents, secretary, finance officer, advocacy director, family and community engagement director, leadership director, membership director and program director.</p> <p>B. WSPTA officers shall be elected at the annual WSPTA Convention in odd-numbered years for a term of two years and until their successors</p>

	<p>are elected. <u>A member must be a candidate to be eligible for election.</u></p> <p>The election of the WSPTA officers shall be by ballot vote. A majority vote shall elect. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by voice vote. In the event of a tie vote, the tie shall be broken using an impartial method determined by the elections oversight committee and the parliamentarian.</p>
Rationale for proposed change:	<p>This amendment brings the <i>WSPTA Uniform Bylaws</i> into alignment with our current practices and policy. While the proposed additions may seem excessive, it is especially important to clarify the process where our practices differ from those outlined in Robert’s Rules of Order.</p>
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	<p>community engagement director, leadership director, membership director and program director.</p> <p>B. WSPTA officers shall be elected at the annual WSPTA Convention in odd-numbered years for a term of two years and until their successors are elected. <u>A member must be a candidate to be eligible for election.</u> The election of the WSPTA officers shall be by ballot vote. A majority vote shall elect. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by voice vote. In the event of a tie vote, the tie shall be broken using an impartial method determined by the elections oversight committee and the parliamentarian.</p>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	No effect on local PTAs and councils as this only pertains to WSPTA elections.

#4	
Current bylaws say:	Article 9 WSPTA Legislative Assembly, Section 2D, part 4 4. The <u>Members of the WSPTA board of directors</u> , WSPTA region advocacy chairs and advocacy director , <u>and WSPTA region directors</u> shall be voting delegates at legislative assembly.
Rationale for proposed change:	This amendment, together with proposed amendment #5, makes consistent who voting delegates are for all meetings of our association. All members should have equal voice and vote in the business of our association. Although the board does have input on issues, principles, and resolutions ahead of the assembly, those items may be altered by amendment from the floor in ways that substantively change the submission. The board should be able to speak to those changes.
If adopted, what the new bylaw will say (new wording in bold and underlined):	Article 9 WSPTA Legislative Assembly, Section 2D, part 4 4. <u>Members of the WSPTA board of directors</u> , WSPTA region advocacy chairs, <u>and WSPTA region directors</u> shall be voting delegates at legislative assembly.
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	This amendment only affects practices at the WSPTA Legislative Assembly.

#5	
Current bylaws say:	Article 10 WSPTA Convention, Section 2D, part 4 4. Members of the WSPTA board of directors <u>and WSPTA region directors</u> shall be voting delegates at convention.
Rationale for proposed change:	This amendment, together with proposed amendment #4, makes consistent who voting delegates are for all meetings of our association.

	All members should have equal voice and vote in the business of our association.
If adopted, what the new bylaw will say (new wording in bold and underlined):	Article 10 WSPTA Convention, Section 2D, part 4 4. Members of the WSPTA board of directors <u>and WSPTA region directors</u> shall be voting delegates at convention.
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	This amendment only affects practices at the WSPTA Convention.

#6	
Current bylaws say:	<p>Articles 9 & 10 WSPTA Legislative Assembly & WSPTA Convention, Section 5A in each article</p> <p>Article 9, Section 5 Legislative issues, legislative positions, legislative principles, and resolutions – legislative assembly</p> <p>A. <u>New and amended legislative</u> Legislative issues, legislative principles, and resolutions submitted by PTA members, local PTAs or councils in good standing, or WSPTA committees, may be considered <u>only if they meet the criteria prescribed by WSPTA Policy and they have been approved by the WSPTA board of directors. The WSPTA board of directors may amend a submission before presenting it to the legislative assembly.</u> providing the following criteria have been met:</p> <p>1. Shall be submitted to the advocacy or resolutions committee by the deadline date as prescribed by WSPTA Policy.</p> <p>2. Shall be statewide in scope.</p> <p>3. Shall supplement but not conflict with the WSPTA legislative platform or with National PTA resolutions or position statements.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Article 10 Section 5 Legislative positions and resolutions – convention</p> <p>A. <u>New and amended resolutions</u> Resolutions submitted by PTA members, local PTAs or councils in good standing, or WSPTA committees, may be considered <u>only if they meet the criteria prescribed by WSPTA Policy and they have been approved by the WSPTA board of directors. The WSPTA board of directors may amend a submission before presenting it to the convention.</u> providing the following criteria have been met:</p> <p>1. Shall be submitted to the resolutions committee by the deadline date as prescribed by WSPTA Policy.</p> <p>2. Shall be statewide in scope.</p>

	3. Shall supplement but not conflict with the WSPTA legislative platform or with National PTA resolutions or position statements.
Rationale for proposed change:	This amendment allows the criteria and process for review to be better detailed in <i>WSPTA Policy</i> , which is the more appropriate governing document for this level of information and process. Additionally, this amendment allows the board to make amendments to the submissions before they are brought forward to legislative assembly or convention; having only one version presented to the membership will make it easier for voting delegates to understand what is being voted on. If a submitter disagrees with a board amendment, they would be allowed to propose an amendment from the floor at legislative assembly or convention.
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Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	No impact on local PTAs or councils.