

# Proposed Amendments to WSPTA Uniform Bylaws 2021

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**Additions** – Bold and underline

#1	Summary/Purpose: Clarification of where officer resignations should be submitted.
Current bylaws say:	<p><b>Article 5 LOCAL PTAS AND COUNCILS</b>  <b>Section 8 Executive Committee – local PTA and council</b></p> <p>B. The local PTA or council executive committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve appointments made by the president to the board of directors for a term of one year.</li> <li>2. Recommend actions to the local PTA board of directors or council board of directors and/or membership.</li> <li>3. Perform other duties as specified in the local PTA or council standing rules.</li> </ol>
Rationale for proposed change:	<p>This addition is a clarification of duty for local PTA and council officers. It provides instruction regarding who accepts resignations of officers. There is an accompanying policy manual addition regarding this proposed Bylaw addition. This came about due to confusion arising from where and how officer resignations be submitted.</p>
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in strikeout; new wording in bold and underline):	<p><b>Article 5 LOCAL PTAS AND COUNCILS</b>  <b>Section 8 Executive Committee – local PTA and council</b></p> <p>B. The local PTA or council executive committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve appointments made by the president to the board of directors for a term of one year.</li> <li>2. Recommend actions to the local PTA board of directors or council board of directors and/or membership.</li> <li>3. Perform other duties as specified in the local PTA or council standing rules.</li> <li><b><u>4. Accept resignations from officers.</u></b></li> </ol>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	None.

#2	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Clarification of, and removing barriers for, PTA membership.
Current bylaws say: (include Art, Sect)	<p><b>Article 4 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES</b> <b>Section 1 Membership – local PTA</b></p> <p>Without discrimination, membership in each local PTA shall be open to anyone who supports the purposes and basic policies of the National PTA, WSPTA and the local PTA, and who has paid dues required by the local PTA.</p>
Rationale for proposed change:	<p>This proposed amendment seeks to add flexibility and provide guidance for local PTAs on how to support potential members joining the PTA. By amending the wording that associates membership dues with a paying individual, local PTAs may, if they choose, carry the cost of individual memberships, and remove the financial barrier for joining a local PTA. The wording below also clearly defines what constitutes a membership transaction, which protects local PTAs from unexpectedly or unintentionally incurring membership dues from unclear or incomplete transactions.</p>
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in strikeout; new wording in bold and underline)	<p><b>Article 4, Membership and Dues</b> <b>Section 1 Membership – local PTA</b></p> <p>Without discrimination, membership in each local PTA shall be open to anyone who supports the purposes and basic policies of the National PTA, WSPTA and the local PTA, <del>and who has paid dues required by the local PTA.</del></p> <p><b><u>Membership is established by</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>(i) submitting a membership registration form to the local PTA and</u></b></li> <li><b><u>(ii) paying the required membership dues. Each member of a local PTA must pay annual membership dues as determined by the local PTA. Membership dues may be paid using subsidies as specified in WSPTA Policy and the local PTA’s standing rules.</u></b></li> </ul>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	<p>Individual membership dues may be paid either individually <i>or</i> by their local PTA using subsidies per the local PTA’s standing rules and WSPTA Policy, section 3.2.5.</p>

<b>#3</b>	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Clarification of, and removing barriers for, PTA membership dues.
Current bylaws say:	<p><b>Article 4 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES</b>  <b>Section 4 Dues</b></p> <p>Each member of a local PTA shall pay annual dues as determined by the local PTA. The amount of dues shall include the portion payable to the National PTA as determined by the National PTA and the portion payable to WSPTA as recommended by the WSPTA board of directors and approved by a two-thirds vote of voting delegates at the WSPTA convention. The WSPTA and National PTA portions of any dues collected shall be submitted to the WSPTA.</p>
Rationale for proposed change:	<p>This is a companion to the proposed change to Article 4, Section 1 (proposed amendment #2). This proposal generalizes that a local PTA must pay the dues to National PTA and WSPTA for the number of registered members they have. It takes the burden and possibly, barrier of payment from the individual and makes it the responsibility of the local PTA to submit the appropriate dues to WSPTA. This is also a response to WSPTA Policy updates regarding local PTAs and their ability to subsidize membership dues.</p>
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in strikeout; new wording in bold and underline):	<p><b>Article 4 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES</b>  <b>Section 4 Dues</b></p> <p>Each <del>member of a local PTA shall pay annual dues as determined by the local PTA</del> <b><u>reflecting the number of their registered memberships</u></b>. The amount of dues shall include the portion payable to the National PTA as determined by the National PTA and the portion payable to WSPTA as recommended by the WSPTA board of directors and approved by a two-thirds vote of voting delegates at the WSPTA convention. The WSPTA and National PTA portions of any dues collected shall be submitted to the WSPTA. <b><u>Each local PTA shall pay annual dues reflecting the number of their registered memberships in accordance with state and federal nonprofit laws and regulations and WSPTA Policy.</u></b></p>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	<p>Local PTAs will still collect dues as they have in the past. However, they may institute use of a subsidy program for memberships, with the approval of their membership and per their standing rules and WSPTA Policy guidelines. If use of a subsidy program is instituted, then all National PTA and WSPTA dues will come directly from the local PTA and not the individual member.</p>

#4	Amendment 4 is in nine parts. All nine parts form a single proposal; a single vote will be taken on all the parts together. Sections will be renumbered as applicable if amendment is passed.
#4.1	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Creates a new class of membership
Current bylaws say:	<p><b>Article 4 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES</b>  <b>Section 2 Membership – WSPTA</b></p> <p>Each member of a local PTA is also a member of WSPTA.</p>
Rationale for proposed change:	<p>The proposed amendment seeks to create a new class of membership within WSPTA, known as a “supporting membership.” This addresses an expectation of National PTA that state congresses should be able to directly accept members. 43 out of 54 state congresses (approximately 80%), have made this change.</p> <p>This amendment allows WSPTA to participate in National PTA programs such as the agreement with Mountain America Credit Union that provides a membership in a state PTA for new account holders.</p> <p>This change is supported by proposed changes to WSPTA Policy, section 2.7. The amount of a supporting membership is set at \$25, to avoid competition with local PTAs. Additionally, the rights of supporting members differ from those of “full members” who have joined a local PTA. The specific rights to which a supporting member is entitled are addressed in the parts of this amendment that follow.</p> <p>This proposed amendment allows for expansion of WSPTA’s membership base by allowing individuals who support the purposes of WSPTA, but who are not directly associated with a PTA in their community, to join the state association as a member. It diversifies revenue and creates opportunities for improved service to local PTAs, as well as more effective advocacy at the state level.</p>
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in strikeout; new wording in bold and underline):	<p><b>Article 4 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES</b>  <b>Section 2 Membership – WSPTA</b></p> <p><del>Each member of a local PTA is also a member of WSPTA.</del> <b><u>A member of WSPTA is either a full member or a supporting member.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Section 3 Full membership – WSPTA</u></b>  <b><u>Each member of a local PTA is also a full member of WSPTA.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Section 4 Supporting membership – WSPTA</u></b>  <b><u>An individual who supports the purposes and basic policies of the National PTA and WSPTA may be a supporting member of WSPTA by paying dues directly to WSPTA. A supporting member has none of the rights of membership except as specified in these bylaws and may receive other benefits as prescribed by WSPTA policy. A supporting member may become a full member of WSPTA by becoming a member of a local PTA.</u></b></p>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	None.

<b>#4.2</b>	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Defines how an individual becomes a supporting member and specifies to whom dues will be paid.
Current bylaws say:	<p><b>Article 4 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES</b>  <b>Section 4 Dues</b></p> <p>Each member of a local PTA shall pay annual dues as determined by the local PTA. The amount of dues shall include the portion payable to the National PTA as determined by the National PTA and the portion payable to WSPTA as recommended by the WSPTA board of directors and approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates at the WSPTA convention. The WSPTA and National PTA portions of any dues collected shall be submitted to the WSPTA.</p>
Rationale for proposed change:	The proposed amendment adds language that defines how an individual becomes a supporting member, and to whom dues are paid by supporting members. Policy related to this change, including the amount of dues for supporting members, is included in proposed changes to WSPTA Policy section 2.7.
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in <del>strikeout</del> ; new wording in <b>bold</b> and <u>underline</u> ):	<p><b>Article 4 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES</b>  <b>Section <del>4</del> <u>6</u> Dues</b></p> <p>Each member of a local PTA shall pay annual dues as determined by the local PTA. The amount of dues shall include the portion payable to the National PTA as determined by the National PTA and the portion payable to WSPTA as recommended by the WSPTA board of directors and approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates at the WSPTA convention. The WSPTA and National PTA portions of any dues collected shall be submitted to the WSPTA.</p> <p><b><u>Each supporting member of WSPTA shall pay annual dues directly to WSPTA. The amount of dues shall be determined by the WSPTA board of directors and shall include the amount payable to the National PTA as determined by the National PTA.</u></b></p>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	None.

#4.3	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Defines the rights of membership for supporting members; defines the class of membership required to serve on the WSPTA nominating committee
Current bylaws say:	<p><b>Article 7 WASHINGTON STATE PTA</b>  <b>Section 2 Nominating committee — WSPTA</b></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>
Rationale for proposed change:	<p>This proposed change defines that to serve on the WSPTA nominating committee, full membership in a local PTA is required. Supporting members would not be eligible to serve on the WSPTA nominating committee.</p> <p>This change, together with others, ensures that full members of local PTAs will continue to hold the right and the responsibility for the governance of the association. Supporting members of WSPTA will not have rights or responsibilities associated with governance.</p>
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in strikeout; new wording in bold and underline):	<p><b>Article 7 WASHINGTON STATE PTA</b>  <b>Section 2 Nominating committee — WSPTA</b></p> <p>B. The members of the WSPTA nominating committee <del>shall have been PTA members</del> <b><u>shall be full members of WSPTA and shall have been full members</u></b> for at least 30 days preceding their election. A member may not serve more than one consecutive term on the WSPTA nominating committee.</p>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	None.

<b>#4.4</b>	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Defines the rights of membership for supporting members; defines the class of membership required to run for WSPTA office.
Current bylaws say:	<p><b>Article 7 WASHINGTON STATE PTA</b>  <b>Section 2 Nominating committee — WSPTA</b></p> <p>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.</p>
Rationale for proposed change:	<p>This proposed change defines that to run for WSPTA office, full membership in a local PTA is required. Supporting members would not be eligible to run for office, nor serve on the WSPTA board of directors.</p> <p>This change, together with others, ensures that full members of local PTAs will continue to hold the right and the responsibility for the governance of the association. Supporting members of WSPTA will not have rights or responsibilities associated with governance.</p>
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in <del>strikeout</del> ; new wording in <b>bold</b> and <u>underline</u> ):	<p><b>Article 7 WASHINGTON STATE PTA</b>  <b>Section 2 Nominating committee — WSPTA</b></p> <p>D. After the WSPTA nominating committee’s list of candidates is reported to the membership, any <u>full</u> 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.</p>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	None.

<b>#4.5</b>	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Defines the rights of membership for supporting members; defines the class of membership required to serve as a WSPTA delegate at National PTA events.
Current bylaws say:	<p><b>Article 7 WASHINGTON STATE PTA</b>  <b>Section 4 Duties of officers — WSPTA</b></p> <p>A. PRESIDENT</p> <p>The WSPTA president shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preside at meetings of the WSPTA board of directors and at membership meetings.</li> <li>2. Serve as spokesperson for WSPTA.</li> <li>3. Make one-year appointments to positions and committees.</li> <li>4. Be an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.</li> <li>5. Represent WSPTA at the National PTA convention.</li> <li>6. Appoint members to represent WSPTA as delegates at National PTA events.</li> </ol>
Rationale for proposed change:	<p>This proposed change defines that to represent WSPTA at National PTA events, full membership in a local PTA is required. Supporting members would not be eligible to represent WSPTA as delegates.</p> <p>This change, together with others, ensures that full members of local PTAs will continue to hold the right and the responsibility for the governance of the association. Supporting members of WSPTA will not have rights or responsibilities associated with governance.</p>
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in strikeout; new wording in bold and underline):	<p><b>Article 7 WASHINGTON STATE PTA</b>  <b>Section 4 Duties of officers — WSPTA</b></p> <p>A. PRESIDENT</p> <p>The WSPTA president shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preside at meetings of the WSPTA board of directors and at membership meetings.</li> <li>2. Serve as spokesperson for WSPTA.</li> <li>3. Make one-year appointments to positions and committees.</li> <li>4. Be an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.</li> <li>5. Represent WSPTA at the National PTA convention.</li> <li>6. Appoint <u>full</u> members to represent WSPTA as delegates at National PTA events.</li> </ol>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	None.



<b>#4.6</b>	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Defines the rights of membership for supporting members; defines the class of membership required to attend legislative assembly.
Current bylaws say:	<b>Article 9 WSPTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Section 2 Voting delegates — legislative assembly</b>  E. Any member of a local PTA may attend the legislative assembly upon payment of registration fees.
Rationale for proposed change:	This proposed change defines that any member – both full members and supporting members – may attend legislative assembly upon payment of registration.  This change does not include any delegate or voting rights; the right to determine voting delegates among (full) local PTA members remains with local PTAs and councils.  Improving attendance at WSPTA events enables WSPTA to keep prices lower.
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in strikeout; new wording in bold and underline):	Article 9 WSPTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Section 2 Voting delegates — legislative assembly  E. Any member of a <del>local PTA</del> <b><u>WSPTA</u></b> may attend the legislative assembly upon payment of registration fees.
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	None.

<b>#4.7</b>	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Defines the rights of membership for supporting members; defines the class of membership required to submit legislative issues, legislative positions, legislative principles, and resolutions at legislative assembly.
Current bylaws say:	<p><b>Article 9 WSPTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Section 5 Legislative issues, legislative positions, legislative principles, and resolutions — legislative assembly</b></p> <p>A. New and amended legislative issues, legislative principles, and resolutions submitted by PTA members, local PTAs or councils in good standing, or WSPTA committees, may be considered 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.</p>
Rationale for proposed change:	<p>This proposed change defines that both full members and supporting members may submit a proposal for a legislative issue, position, principle, or for a resolution to be considered for legislative assembly.</p> <p>WSPTA’s legislative platform and positions are essential to the advocacy work done by the state association, and it is of benefit to the association to apply the broadest possible criteria for participation and inclusion at this level.</p> <p>This change does not include any delegate or voting rights.</p>
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in strikeout; new wording in bold and underline):	<p><b>Article 9 WSPTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Section 5 Legislative issues, legislative positions, legislative principles, and resolutions — legislative assembly</b></p> <p>A. New and amended legislative issues, legislative principles, and resolutions submitted by <del>PTA members</del> <b>WSPTA members</b>, local PTAs or councils in good standing, or WSPTA committees, may be considered 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.</p>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	None.

<b>#4.8</b>	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Defines the rights of membership for supporting members; defines the class of membership required to attend convention.
Current bylaws say:	<b>Article 10 WSPTA CONVENTION</b> <b>Section 2 Voting delegates — convention</b>  E. Any member of a local PTA may attend the convention upon payment of registration fees.
Rationale for proposed change:	This proposed change defines that any member – both full members and supporting members – may attend convention upon payment of registration. This change does not include any delegate or voting rights; the right to determine voting delegates among (full) local PTA members remains with local PTAs and councils.  Improving attendance at WSPTA events enables WSPTA to keep prices lower.
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in <del>strikeout</del> ; new wording in <b>bold</b> and <u>underline</u> ):	<b>Article 10 WSPTA CONVENTION</b> <b>Section 2 Voting delegates — convention</b>  E. Any member of a <del>local PTA</del> <u><b>WSPTA</b></u> may attend the convention upon payment of registration fees.
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	None.

<b>#4.9</b>	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Defines the rights of membership for supporting members; defines the class of membership required to submit legislative positions and resolutions for consideration at convention.
Current bylaws say:	<p><b>Article 10 WSPTA CONVENTION</b>  <b>Section 5 Legislative positions and resolutions — convention</b></p> <p>A. New and amended resolutions submitted by PTA members, local PTAs or councils in good standing, or WSPTA committees, may be considered 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.</p>
Rationale for proposed change:	<p>This proposed change defines that both full members and supporting members may submit a proposal for a legislative position or resolution to be considered for convention.</p> <p>WSPTA’s legislative positions and resolutions are essential to the advocacy work done by the state association, and it is of benefit to the association to apply the broadest possible criteria for participation and inclusion at this level.</p> <p>This change does not include any delegate or voting rights.</p>
If adopted, what the new bylaws will say (deleted text in strikeout; new wording in bold and underline):	<p><b>Article 10 WSPTA CONVENTION</b>  <b>Section 5 Legislative positions and resolutions — convention</b></p> <p>A. New and amended resolutions submitted by <del>PTA members</del> <b><u>WSPTA members</u></b>, local PTAs or councils in good standing, or WSPTA committees, may be considered 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.</p>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	None.