

At the 2021 Annual WSPTA Convention, the delegates voted to approve the following amendments to the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws*, effective July 1, 2021.

#1	Article 5 LOCAL PTAS AND COUNCILS Section 8 Executive Committee – local PTA and council
Amended bylaw will say (new wording in bold and underlined):	<p>B. The local PTA or council executive committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve appointments made by the president to the board of directors for a term of one year. 2. Recommend actions to the local PTA board of directors or council board of directors and/or membership. 3. Perform other duties as specified in the local PTA or council standing rules. <u>4. Accept resignations from officers.</u>
2020-21 bylaws say:	<p>B. The local PTA or council executive committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve appointments made by the president to the board of directors for a term of one year. 2. Recommend actions to the local PTA board of directors or council board of directors and/or membership. 3. Perform other duties as specified in the local PTA or council standing rules.
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 about where and how officer resignations are submitted.</p>
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	<p>None.</p>

#2	Article 4 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Section 1 Membership – local PTA
Amended bylaw will say (new wording in bold and underlined):	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. <u>Membership is established by</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(i) submitting a membership registration form to the local PTA, and</u> <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>
2020-21 bylaws say:	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.
Rationale for proposed change:	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.
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	Individual membership dues may be paid either individually or by their local PTA using subsidies per the local PTA’s standing rules and WSPTA Policy, section 3.2.5.

#3	Article 4 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Section 4 Dues
Amended bylaw will say (new wording in bold and underlined):	Each local PTA shall pay annual dues <u>reflecting the number of their registered memberships</u> . 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. <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>
2020-21 bylaws say:	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.
Rationale for proposed change:	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.
Effect on your PTA or council if adopted:	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.

Amendment 4 – Supporting Membership

Amendment 4 was presented in nine parts. All nine parts formed a single proposal. The delegate body submitted a motion to refer amendment 4, in its entirety, back to the WSPTA Board of Directors. The motion was adopted with a majority vote.

The board will review the motion based on feedback received and keep the membership informed on the next steps.