

The *Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws* are the rules adopted by our members to provide a framework for operation of local PTAs, councils and WSPTA. The bylaws provide an outline of our basic purposes, a structure for the governance of the association, and a description of the rights and responsibilities of membership. By their affiliation with National PTA and Washington State PTA, all local PTAs/PTSAs and councils are required to abide by and conform to those bylaws.

The voting delegates, representing a quorum as defined in the bylaws, voted on amendments to the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* at the 109th Annual WSPTA Convention in general session on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

This document is provided as a service to local PTAs and councils as they prepare for the upcoming year. Adopted amendments to the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* become effective on July 1, 2022.

Changes are shown as a ~~strickthrough~~ for deletions and as **underlined bold font** for additions.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 1

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 2, Basic Policies, by inserting a new paragraph K:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
(None)	<u>K. WSPTA may hold a convention, legislative assembly, or meeting of the board of directors using remote communication where all participants may hear one another and participate substantially concurrently.</u>	K. WSPTA may hold a convention, legislative assembly, or meeting of the board of directors using remote communication where all participants may hear one another and participate substantially concurrently.

Rationale:

The proposed addition is a result of the Washington State Nonprofit Corporation Act that went into effect January 1, 2022. This will bring us into compliance with the new legislation regarding adding language about remote meetings to our bylaws. This addition also aligns us with recommendations from National PTA, WSPTA legal counsel and what WSPTA has been advising local PTAs and councils to add to their Standing Rules. The labeling of where to place this addition will streamline the bylaws and keep them in a logical order.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 2

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 5, Local PTAs and Councils, Section 2, Basic policies – local PTA and council, by inserting a new paragraph H:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
(None)	<u>H. Each local PTA and council may hold membership and board of directors meetings using remote communication where all participants may hear one another and participate substantially concurrently.</u>	H. Each local PTA and council may hold membership and board of directors meetings using remote communication where all participants may hear one another and participate substantially concurrently.

Rationale:

The proposed addition is a result of the Washington State Nonprofit Corporation Act that went into effect January 1, 2022. This will bring us in compliance with the new legislation regarding adding language about remote meetings to our bylaws. This addition also aligns us with recommendations from National PTA, WSPTA legal counsel and what WSPTA has been advising local PTAs and councils to add to their Standing Rules.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 3

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 9, WSPTA Legislative Assembly, Section 2, Voting delegates – legislative assembly, paragraph E, by inserting the following words:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
E. Any member of a local PTA may attend the legislative assembly upon payment of registration fees.	E. Any member of a local PTA may attend the legislative assembly upon payment of registration fees. <u>Invited guests and staff may also attend as prescribed in WSPTA Policy.</u>	E. Any member of a local PTA may attend the legislative assembly upon payment of registration fees. Invited guests and staff may also attend as prescribed in WSPTA Policy.

Rationale:

This amendment was submitted in response to recurring questions about attendance at WSPTA Legislative Assembly. This will provide clear direction in the *Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws* about member attendance as well as invited guests and staff. The language is careful to specify “invited” guests as the event is not a public event, but a member event. It also directs to more specific information in the Washington State PTA policies.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 4

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 10, WSPTA Convention, Section 2, Voting delegates – convention, paragraph E, by inserting the following words:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
E. Any member of a local PTA may attend the convention upon payment of registration fees.	E. Any member of a local PTA may attend the convention upon payment of registration fees. <u>Invited guests and staff may also attend as prescribed in WSPTA Policy.</u>	E. Any member of a local PTA may attend the convention upon payment of registration fees. Invited guests and staff may also attend as prescribed in WSPTA Policy.

Rationale:

This amendment was submitted in response to recurring questions about attendance at WSPTA Convention. This will provide clear direction in the *Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws* about member attendance as well as invited guests and staff. The language is careful to specify “invited” guests as the event is not a public event, but a member event. It also directs to more specific information in the Washington State PTA policies.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 5

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 7, Washington State PTA, Section 3, Officers and their election – WSPTA, by removing paragraph C:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
C. The area vice presidents shall represent geographic areas prescribed by WSPTA policy. All WSPTA board of directors members shall be elected by all voting delegates.	C. The area vice presidents shall represent geographic areas prescribed by WSPTA policy. All WSPTA board of directors members shall be elected by all voting delegates.	(None)

Rationale:

This proposed amendment eliminates redundancies and streamlines the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws*. Paragraph C of Article 7, Section 3, contains the same information in the same bylaws location in Article 7, Section 3, paragraphs A, B, and F3. Removing this and adjusting the lettering accomplishes this task of removing extraneous information.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 6

Proposed bylaw amendment 6 is in two parts. Together, these parts form a complete proposal; a single vote was taken on both parts as a whole. The rationale for both parts follows Amendment 6.2.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 6.1

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 7, Washington State PTA, Section 6, Board of directors — WSPTA, Paragraph E, by removing item number 7:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
<p>7. In the event WSPTA’s affiliation with National PTA requires a change for specific language in the <i>WSPTA Uniform Bylaws</i>, or the bylaws need to be updated to be in compliance with state or federal law, the WSPTA board of directors shall have the authority to make said changes prior to convention. If changes of this nature occur, the board shall inform the membership within 30 days of said change(s). The board shall report this information to the membership at the next convention.</p>	<p>7. In the event WSPTA’s affiliation with National PTA requires a change for specific language in the <i>WSPTA Uniform Bylaws</i>, or the bylaws need to be updated to be in compliance with state or federal law, the WSPTA board of directors shall have the authority to make said changes prior to convention. If changes of this nature occur, the board shall inform the membership within 30 days of said change(s). The board shall report this information to the membership at the next convention.</p>	<p>(None)</p>

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 6.2

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 12, Amendments to the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, by adding and striking out the following:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
<p>Article 12 - Amendments to the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws</p> <p>Section 1 Amendments These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at the WSPTA convention, provided the amendments have been approved by the WSPTA board of directors. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be sent to each member of the WSPTA board of</p>	<p>Article 12 - Amendments to the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws</p> <p>Section 1 Amendments These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at the WSPTA convention, provided the amendments have that (a) the amendment has been approved by the WSPTA board of directors. Notice and (b) notice of the proposed amendments shall be</p>	<p>Article 12 - Amendments to the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws</p> <p>Section 1 Amendments These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at the WSPTA convention, provided that (a) the amendment has been approved by the WSPTA board of directors and (b) notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to each WSPTA member at least 30 days</p>

<p>directors, council presidents, and local PTA presidents at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the WSPTA convention.</p> <p>Section 2 Date amendments take effect Except as otherwise provided in the amendment or a proviso thereto, amendments to these bylaws shall become effective on July 1 after the WSPTA convention at which they were adopted.</p>	<p>amendment has been sent to each WSPTA member of the WSPTA board of directors, council presidents, and local PTA presidents at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the WSPTA convention. <u>An amendment adopted as provided in this section shall become effective on the next July 1 unless the amendment or a proviso specifies a different effective time.</u></p> <p>Section 2 Date amendments take effect Except as otherwise provided in the amendment or a proviso thereto, amendments to these bylaws shall become effective on July 1 after the WSPTA convention at which they were adopted.</p> <p><u>Section 2 Amendments necessary for compliance</u> <u>In addition to the provisions in section 1, these bylaws may be amended by the WSPTA board of directors for the limited purpose of adopting a change that is required to comply with either applicable law or WSPTA’s affiliation with National PTA. After adopting an amendment for this limited purpose, the board shall inform each WSPTA member within 30 days and shall report this information to the next convention. An amendment adopted as provided in this section shall become effective immediately unless the amendment or a proviso specifies a different effective time.</u></p>	<p>prior to the opening day of the WSPTA convention. An amendment adopted as provided in this section shall become effective on the next July 1 unless the amendment or a proviso specifies a different effective time.</p> <p>Section 2 Amendments necessary for compliance In addition to the provisions in section 1, these bylaws may be amended by the WSPTA board of directors for the limited purpose of adopting a change that is required to comply with either applicable law or WSPTA’s affiliation with National PTA. After adopting an amendment for this limited purpose, the board shall inform each WSPTA member within 30 days and shall report this information to the next convention. An amendment adopted as provided in this section shall become effective immediately unless the amendment or a proviso specifies a different effective time.</p>
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Rationale:

Both actions listed go together and were presented together. They could not be separated or voted upon separately as individual amendments.

There are two reasons amendment 6 has been proposed:

1. In Article 7, Section 6, paragraph E7, members have given the WSPTA Board of Directors limited authority to amend the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* under certain conditions.

Proposed bylaw amendment 6 moves that bylaw to the more logical location under Article 12, Section 2.

2. There is a new legal requirement that all WSPTA members be notified of proposed changes to bylaws. This requirement has been incorporated into the new Article 12, Section 1.

The net effect of proposed bylaw amendment 6 is to consolidate into Article 12 all the bylaws related to how the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* can be amended, by whom, and when amendments take effect.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 7

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 5, Local PTAs and Councils, Section 6, Officers and their election – local PTA and council, paragraph A, to add and strikeout the following:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
<p>A. Each local PTA and council shall have at least four elected officers: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Other officers may be specified in the local PTA or council standing rules.</p>	<p><u>A. The officers of a local PTA or council consist of a president, secretary, and treasurer.</u> Each local PTA and council shall have at least four elected officers: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Other officers may be specified in the local PTA or council standing rules.</p>	<p>A. The officers of a local PTA or council consist of a president, secretary, and treasurer. Other officers may be specified in the local PTA or council standing rules.</p>

Rationale:

The revision of the Nonprofit Corporation Act that went into effect January 1, 2022, contains new language in RCW 24.03A.585 (1) in which the office of Vice President is not required by the state of Washington. Removing the requirement for local PTAs and councils to have a Vice President aligns the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* with current law and may help PTAs that struggle to find four officers. Local PTAs and councils may choose to continue to require more elected officers in their Standing Rules.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8

Proposed bylaw amendment 8 is in 11 parts. Together, these parts form a complete proposal; a single vote will be taken on all of the parts as a whole. The rationale for the entire amendment follows Amendment 8.11.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.1

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 4, Membership and Dues, Section 2, Membership – WSPTA, by replacing the strike-through with the following:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
Section 2 Membership — WSPTA Each member of a local PTA is also a member of WSPTA.	Section 2 Membership — WSPTA Each member of a local PTA is also a member of WSPTA. <u>A member of WSPTA is either a full member or a supporting member.</u>	Section 2 Membership — WSPTA A member of WSPTA is either a full member or a supporting member.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.2

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 4, Membership and Dues, by adding the following:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
(None)	<u>Section 3 Full membership – WSPTA</u> <u>Each member of a local PTA is also a full member of WSPTA.</u>	Section 3 Full membership – WSPTA Each member of a local PTA is also a full member of WSPTA.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.3

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 4, Membership and Dues:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
(None)	<u>Section 4 Supporting membership – WSPTA</u> <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 additionally joining a local PTA.</u>	Section 4 Supporting membership – WSPTA 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 additionally joining a local PTA.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.4*

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 4, Membership and Dues, Section 4 Dues:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
<p><u>Section 4 Dues</u> Each local PTA shall pay annual dues reflecting the number of their registered memberships. 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. 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.</p>	<p><u>Section 4 Dues</u> Each local PTA shall pay annual dues reflecting the number of their registered memberships. ... 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.</p> <p><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></p>	<p><u>Section 4 Dues</u> Each local PTA shall pay annual dues reflecting the number of their registered memberships. ... 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.</p> <p>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.</p>

**The WSPTA board of directors has set the total dues for supporting members at \$25 if proposed bylaw amendment 8 is adopted.*

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.5

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 7, Washington State PTA, Section 2, Nominating committee – WSPTA, paragraph B:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
<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>B. The members of the WSPTA nominating committee shall have been PTA members <u>shall be full members of WSPTA and shall have been full members</u> 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>B. The members of the WSPTA nominating committee shall be full members of WSPTA and shall have been full 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>

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.6

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 7, Washington State PTA, Section 2, Nominating committee – WSPTA, paragraph D:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</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.	D. After the WSPTA nominating committee’s list of candidates is reported to the membership, any full 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.	D. After the WSPTA nominating committee’s list of candidates is reported to the membership, any full 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.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.7

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 7, Washington State PTA, Section 4, Duties of officers – WSPTA, paragraph A, President, clause 6:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
A. PRESIDENT The WSPTA president shall: ... 6. Appoint members to represent WSPTA as delegates at National PTA events.	A. PRESIDENT The WSPTA president shall: ... 6. Appoint full members to represent WSPTA as delegates at National PTA events.	A. PRESIDENT The WSPTA president shall: ... 6. Appoint full members to represent WSPTA as delegates at National PTA events.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.8

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 9, WSPTA Legislative Assembly, Section 2, Voting delegates – legislative assembly, paragraph E:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
E. Any member of a local PTA may attend the legislative assembly upon payment of registration fees.	E. Any member of a local PTA WSPTA may attend the legislative assembly upon payment of registration fees.	E. Any member of WSPTA may attend the legislative assembly upon payment of registration fees.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.9

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 9, WSPTA Legislative Assembly, Section 5, Legislative issues, legislative positions, legislative principles, and resolutions – legislative assembly, paragraph A:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
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.	A. New and amended legislative issues, legislative principles, and resolutions submitted by PTA full 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.	A. New and amended legislative issues, legislative principles, and resolutions submitted by full 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.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.10

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 10, WSPTA Convention, Section 2, Voting delegates – convention, paragraph E:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
E. Any member of a local PTA may attend the convention upon payment of registration fees.	E. Any member of a local PTA WSPTA may attend the convention upon payment of registration fees.	E. Any member of WSPTA may attend the convention upon payment of registration fees.

Adopted Bylaw Amendment 8.11

Formal Statement of Amendment:

Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 10, WSPTA Convention, Section 5 Legislative positions and resolutions – convention, paragraph A:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Adopted Amendment</u>	<u>Will Read</u>
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	A. New and amended resolutions submitted by PTA full members, local PTAs or councils in good standing, or WSPTA committees, may be considered only if they	A. New and amended resolutions submitted by full 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.	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.	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.
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Rationale:

These amendments were adopted together. The definitions of full and supporting member are provided [adopted amendments 8.1 through 8.4]. Changes reflected in adopted amendments 8.5 through 8.11 specify clearly those rights given to both full and supporting members vs. those rights reserved only to full members.

The purpose of these proposed amendments are as follows:

- Creation of a new membership type 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 supporting members.
- The rights of supporting members differ from those of “full members” who have joined a local PTA. Only members of a local PTA are full members who may be elected to the WSPTA nominating committee, be elected to the WSPTA board of directors, submit resolutions, legislative principles or issues, or be voting delegates at National PTA or WSPTA convention or legislative assembly. All WSPTA members may attend WSPTA events.
- This proposed amendment allows for expansion of WSPTA’s membership base and is designed for business leaders, community leaders/members, and citizens across Washington who wish to have an impact on the lives of children in Washington by adding their voices to the tens of thousands of others in our state.

Per WSPTA Policy, Section 10.9, minor corrections in spelling, numbering, and other non-substantive matters necessary to align the amendment(s) to the existing version of the bylaws will be managed by the WSPTA staff when updating the bylaws with the amendments approved by the delegates.