

The *Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws* are the rules adopted by our members to provide a framework for the 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 and councils are required to abide by and conform to these bylaws.

The voting delegates, representing a quorum as defined in the bylaws, voted on an amendment to the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* at the 113th WSPTA Convention and Annual Meeting in general session on Saturday, May 16, 2026. Per Article 11, Section 1, the following *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* amendment was adopted by at least a two-thirds vote and is effective as of July 1, 2026.

This document is provided as a service to local PTAs and councils as they prepare for the upcoming year. This document lays out in detail the bylaws amendment, the rationale for the change and whether the amendment will have a direct effect on local PTAs and councils.

The bylaws amendment that was adopted by members at this year’s annual meeting will affect only the operations of WSPTA and do not require a local PTA or council to update their standing rules. *Remember:* The WSPTA Standards of Affiliation (SOA) Agreement asks that all local PTAs and councils have membership approve updates to their standing rules and recommend that it is done at the first membership meeting of the fiscal year.

We have included only the approved wording of the bylaws amendment as it will be shown in the updated *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* effective July 1, 2026. If you are interested in seeing the progression to this final version, which includes the changes that were proposed, and the final version, you can view all of these in the [2026 Bylaws Amendment and New Resolution Guide](#).

ADOPTED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

| Bylaw Amendment #1 | Adding a Communications Director to the WSPTA Board of Directors |
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| # of Parts | Proposed bylaw amendment #1 is in three parts. Together these parts form a complete proposal; a single vote was taken on all parts. The rationale for all parts follows amendment 1.3. |
| Bylaw Amendment #1.1 | |
| Bylaws Article & Section | Article 7 Washington State PTA, Section 3 Officers and their election – WSPTA, Subsection A |
| Adopted Amendment #1.1 | A. The officers of WSPTA are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, advocacy director, communications director, family and community engagement director, two field service directors, leadership director, membership director and program director. |
| Bylaw Amendment #1.2 | |
| Bylaws Article & Section | Article 7 Washington State PTA, Section 3 Officers and their election - WSPTA, Subsection E, add bullet point #5 and move others down accordingly |
| Adopted Amendment #1.2 | 5. For the office of communications director, before taking office a member shall have served on the WSPTA board of directors for at least one year, or on the WSPTA communications committee for at least one year, or as a member of a local PTA or council board of directors for at least two separate years. |

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| Bylaw Amendment #1.3 | |
| Bylaws Article & Section | Article 7 Washington State PTA, Section 4 Duties of officers – WSPTA, Subsection F State Directors |
| Adopted Amendment #1.3 | <p>F. STATE DIRECTORS</p> <p>Each of the following WSPTA state directors shall provide oversight for their respective committees and may serve as the chair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocacy director 2. Communications director 3. Family and community engagement director 4. Leadership director 5. Membership director 6. Program director |
| Rationale | <p>Communication is now a core operational need, not just a support task. WSPTA needs to be able to mobilize members to engage with advocacy efforts, provide local and council leaders with important information to help them run their PTAs, advertise our programs and events and much more.</p> <p>By directing the communications work to a dedicated position rather than piece meal coverage from multiple volunteers, WSPTA will have a cohesive and more efficient communication strategy. A dedicated position will focus on making sure that our communications are engaging, relevant, and timely.</p> <p>Adding this elected position ensures a more consistent and transparent selection process. Candidates will go through the same vetting and interview process as other officers, helping the nominating committee to identify individuals with the skills and experience needed to effectively lead WSPTA’s communications work.</p> <p>Adding this position will benefit the mission and vision of WSPTA by allowing it to focus on creating engaging messaging to reach a broader audience about the importance of PTA.</p> <p>The change would go into effect for the 2027-2029 WSPTA board of directors’ term. Between the bylaws amendment passing and the election, the current board of directors will work to update policies and create internal job duty documents for this position.</p> |
| Groups Affected | WSPTA |