



2016 Maryland PTA Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Proposed Amendment 1

Article II - Purposes - Section 1a, c, d, e and f (new)

Amend Section 1a by striking "community and," and insering "and throughout the community" after worship.

Amend Section 1c by striking "secure adequate" and replacing with "advocate for" and striking "for the care and protection" and replacing with "that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare and safety".

Amend Section 1d by striking "bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently" and replacing with "promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators" and by striking "and" after educators.

Amend Section 1e by striking "develop between educators and the general" and replacing with "engage"; striking "as will for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education." and replacing with "to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth; and".

Creating new sub- subsection f - "To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding."

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
1a - To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship,	1a - To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and, places of worship <u>and throughout the community</u> ,	1a - To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship and throughout the community,
1c - To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth,	1c - To secure adequate <u>advocate</u> for laws for the care and protection <u>that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety</u> of children and youth,	1c - To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth,
1d - To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth, and	1d - To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently <u>promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators</u> in the education of children and youth, and	1d - To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth,

1e - To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.	1e - To develop between educators and the general <u>engage</u> the public in united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education <u>to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth; and</u>	1e - To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth; and
	1f - <u>To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.</u>	1f - To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.

Rationale

At the 2015 National PTA Convention delegates approved revisions to the Articles of Incorporation which included revised Purposes. Due to these changes, the National PTA has new Purposes that each Congress must adopt as required by the National PTA Standards of Affiliation (SOA) Policy. The policy states, “PTA affiliates shall adopt the mission and Purpose of PTA.” State PTA’s bylaws or other PTA materials containing the purposes cannot be inconsistent with National PTA’s stated current Purposes.

Proposed Amendment 2

Article VI - Councils - Section 1j - 2nd Sentence

Amend by inserting "boardsmanship training" between "include" and "and".

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Training must include financial training regarding the required Maryland and IRS tax forms.	Training must include <u>boardsmanship training</u> and financial training regarding the required Maryland and IRS tax forms.	Training must include <i>boardsmanship training</i> and financial training regarding the required Maryland and IRS tax forms.

Rationale

Boardsmanship training will provide the member with current laws, policies and statutes from various state and local governments and organizations which supersede the bylaws and policies and procedures of MDPTA.

Proposed Amendment 3

Article VI - Councils - Section 2c

Amend by inserting "annual" between "for" and "conference" and by inserting "with boardsmanship, ethics and" between "conference," and "leadership".

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
To provide for conference, leadership training, and coordination of the efforts of the local PTAs within the council boundaries.	To provide for <u>annual</u> conference <u>with boardsmanship, ethics and</u> leadership training and coordination of the efforts of the local PTAs within the council boundaries.	To provide for annual conference with boardsmanship, ethics and leadership training and coordination of the efforts of the local PTAs within the council boundaries.

Rationale

Local unit leaders rely on training from councils on how to run their local units effectively and boardsmanship, ethics and leadership training are designed to make these local units successful. Additionally, the bonding, liability and directors and officers insurance through the Maryland PTA negotiated policy (See Article VII, Section 7) as well as Maryland Nonprofit Law presumes that this training is taking place at the state, council and local level. This is to be considered mandated annual training.

Proposed Amendment 4

Article VI - Councils - Section 12 - 1st Sentence

Amend by inserting "who are members of a local PTA of that council" after "alternate(s)".

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Each council PTA shall annually designate, according to its bylaws and/or standing rules, a representative and up to three (3) alternate(s) to serve on the Maryland PTA Board of Directors and submit the names and contact information to the Maryland PTA office administrator, in writing, no later than June 15th.	Each council PTA shall annually designate, according to its bylaws and/or standing rules, a representative and up to three (3) alternate(s) <u>who are members of a local PTA of that council</u> to serve on the Maryland PTA Board of Directors and submit the names and contact information to the Maryland PTA office administrator, in writing, no later than June 15th.	Each council PTA shall annually designate, according to its bylaws and/or standing rules, a representative and up to three (3) alternate(s) <i>who are members of a local PTA of that council</i> to serve on the Maryland PTA Board of Directors and submit the names and contact information to the Maryland PTA office administrator, in writing, no later than June 15th.

Rationale

The Councils are designated to represent the membership within their boundaries and the alternates should likewise reside within the boundaries of the Council (County). This change will assure that the County Council is represented with individuals with intimate knowledge and experience of the PTA issues within that county's boundaries.

Proposed Amendment 5

Article IX - Officers and their Elections - Sections 1 a and 2 e

Amend Section 1a - by striking "legislation" and replacing with "advocacy".

Amend Section 2e by striking "legislation" and replacing with "advocacy" between "for" and "shall"; inserting "or advocacy" between "legislative" and "vice" and between "legislation" and "committee".

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Section 1a - The officers of the Maryland PTA shall be a president, a president-elect, a vice president for leadership development, a vice president for legislation, a vice president for councils, a secretary, and a treasurer.	Section 1a - The officers of the Maryland PTA shall be a president, a president-elect, a vice president for leadership development, a vice president for legislation <u>advocacy</u> , vice president for councils, a secretary, and a treasurer.	Section 1a - The officers of the Maryland PTA shall be a president, a president-elect, a vice president for leadership development, a vice president for advocacy, a vice president for councils, a secretary, and a treasurer.
Section 2e. The vice president for legislation shall have served as legislative vice president or chair of a council PTA legislative committee or a local PTA legislative committee for at least one (1) year and as a member of the Maryland PTA Legislative Committee for at least one (1) year.	Section 2e. The vice president for legislation <u>advocacy</u> shall have served as legislative <u>advocacy</u> vice president or chair of a council PTA legislative or advocacy committee or a local PTA legislative or advocacy committee for at least one (1) year and as a member of the Maryland PTA Legislative or Advocacy Committee for at least one (1) year. <u>Except that in the event that a candidate does not have the above qualifications but can show/demonstrate experience in legislation/advocacy he/she shall be considered.</u>	Section 2e. The vice president for advocacy shall have served as legislative or advocacy vice president or chair of a council PTA legislative or advocacy committee or a local PTA legislative or advocacy committee for at least one (1) year and as a member of the Maryland PTA Legislative or Advocacy Committee for at least one (1) year. Except that in the event that a candidate does not have the above qualifications but can show/demonstrate experience in legislation/advocacy he/she shall be considered.

Rationale

The proposed amendment would be consistent with National PTA bylaws.

Proposed Amendment 6

Article XVI - Convention - Section 1d - 2nd Sentence

Amend by striking "A quorum must be present at all times" and replacing with "The role of the delegates registered and credentialed at convention is hereby submitted as the official roll of the voting members of the convention and be considered quorum."

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
A quorum must be present at all times, at general sessions, in order to conduct business.	A quorum must be present at all times <u>The role of the delegates registered and credentialed at convention is hereby submitted as the official roll of the voting members of the convention and be considered quorum .</u>	The role of the delegates registered and credentialed at convention is hereby submitted as the official roll of the voting members of the convention and be considered quorum.

Rationale

Quorum is necessary to conduct business at the Annual Convention and to impose a roll call each time a vote is taken is unnecessary and time consuming if the official roll of delegates registered and credentialed has been established at registration each day of Convention. This change will enhance action going forward at convention and rightfully gives delegates the power to do what they came to convention to do, propose actions and vote on policies and bylaws without worry that one delegate inadvertently stepped out of the room for a comfort break or to take a phone call.

Proposed Amendment 7

Article XXI - Amendment of Bylaws - Section 1c - 2nd Sentence

Amend by striking "mailed with the call to convention" and replacing with "sent by April 30th".

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
After approval by the board of directors, a copy of the proposed amendments shall be mailed with the call to convention.	After approval by the board of directors, a copy of the proposed amendments shall be mailed with the call to convention <u>sent by April 30th .</u>	After approval by the board of directors, a copy of the proposed amendments shall be <u>sent by April 30th .</u>

Rationale

This change allows the delegates sufficient time to review and prepare amendments to the proposed bylaws amendments.