

Proposed Bylaws Amendments 2024

Proposed Amendment #1

ARTICLE XIII – Officers

Now reads:

SECTION 1. The elected officers of the Michigan PTA shall be a President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Outreach & Support, Vice President for Children’s Advocacy, Vice President for Programs & Services, and Vice President for Communications. Region Directors shall be appointed officers. Effective starting at the 2024 election, the elected officers of the Michigan PTA shall be a President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Unit Development, Vice President for Unit Support, Vice President for Outreach and Events, Vice President for Children’s Advocacy, Vice President for Programs and Services, and Vice President for Communications.

SECTION 2. The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of persons to be officers of the Michigan PTA.

d. Only those who have served or are serving on the Michigan PTA Board of Directors or on a Michigan PTA Committee shall be eligible for nomination or election to the office of: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Programs & Services, Vice President for Outreach & Events, Vice President for Children’s Advocacy, Vice President for Unit Development, Vice President for Unit Support, Vice President of Communications.

ARTICLE VIII – Constituent Organizations

SECTION 9. Procedure for voluntary disbandment:

a. If a constituent organization is considering disbandment, the executive board of that council/unit shall meet with the Region Director, Vice President for Outreach and Support or the Michigan PTA President’s designee, prior to formal action.

SECTION 2. Each region shall be serviced by Field Service Representatives.

Will read:

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The elected officers of the Michigan PTA shall be a President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Unit Development, Vice President for Unit Support, Vice President for Events, Vice President for Engagement, Vice President for Children’s Advocacy, Vice President for Programs, and Vice President for Communications.

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d. Only those who have served or are serving on the Michigan PTA Board of Directors or on a Michigan PTA Committee shall be eligible for nomination or election to the office of: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Unit Development, Vice President for Unit Support, Vice President for Events, Vice President for Engagement, Vice President for Programs, and Vice President for Communications.

SECTION 9. Procedure for voluntary disbandment:

a. If a constituent organization is considering disbandment, the executive board of that council/unit shall meet with the Vice President for Unit Support or the Michigan PTA President’s designee, prior to formal action.

SECTION 2. Each region shall be serviced by Unit Support Representatives.

All mention of officers throughout the bylaws document will reflect these officers if approved. All mention of Region Directors throughout the bylaws document will be removed if approved. All mention of Field Service Representatives throughout the bylaws document will be removed if approved.

Rationale: These offices will allow for a better distribution of duties, will better reflect the tasks assigned to each office, eliminate redundancy, and will eliminate offices that are no longer needed due to redistribution of tasks. In Article XIII, Section 2. The Vice President for Children’s Advocacy eligibility is defined.

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Proposed Amendment #2

ARTICLE XIV – Governing Bodies

Now reads:

A. ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

SECTION 4. Twenty-five percent (25%) of registered voting delegates shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum in the meeting room at the opening of the business session of the annual convention, the President, in his/her sole discretion, may delay the opening of the business session to provide time to obtain a quorum. If the President, in his/her sole discretion, concludes that it is impractical or impossible to obtain a quorum for a business session during the time scheduled for the convention, the President shall so inform the voting delegates present. In such an event, and notwithstanding other provisions in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall have authority to take actions that would have been submitted to the voting delegates at the convention including, but not limited to, the election of State Officers and the amendment of these Bylaws.

SECTION 5. The convention of the Michigan PTA shall be open to any attendees who pay the registration fee and such guests as provided for by the structure of members of the Michigan PTA. The privilege of making motions, debating and voting shall be limited to the members of the voting body.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Michigan PTA Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Michigan PTA, at least three (3) Field Service Representatives, the Immediate Past President, at least one (1) member of the Nominating Committee, and those deemed necessary or appointed by the President.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at the Call of the President. Special meetings may be called upon written request of five (5) members of the Committee to the Secretary who shall issue the Call. The Call for a special meeting shall state the business to be transacted and no business except that stated in the Call shall be transacted. A majority of occupied or filled positions shall constitute a quorum.

Will read:

A. ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

SECTION 4. Twenty-five percent (25%) of registered voting delegates in attendance shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum in the meeting room at the opening of the business session of the annual convention, the President, in his/her sole discretion, may delay the opening of the business session to provide time to obtain a quorum. If the President, in his/her sole discretion, concludes that it is impractical or impossible to obtain a quorum for a business session during the time scheduled for the convention, the President shall so inform the voting delegates present. In such an event, and notwithstanding other provisions in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall have authority to take actions that would have been submitted to the voting delegates at the convention including, but not limited to, the election of State Officers and the amendment of these Bylaws.

SECTION 5. The convention of the Michigan PTA shall be open to any attendees who pay the registration fee and guests of Michigan PTA. The privilege of making motions, debating and voting shall be limited to the members of the voting body.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Michigan PTA Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the Michigan PTA, the Immediate Past President, at least one (1) member of the Nominating Committee, and those deemed necessary or appointed by the President.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at the Call of the President. Special meetings may be called upon written request of three (3) members of the Committee to the Secretary who shall issue the Call. The Call for a special meeting shall state the business to be transacted and no business except that stated in the Call shall be transacted. A majority of occupied or filled positions shall constitute a quorum.

Rationale: These changes allow for better clarity and will allow the Executive Committee to more easily call special meetings to address issues that require urgent action.

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Proposed Amendment #3

ARTICLE XIV – Nominating Committee

Now reads:

SECTION 3. The Nominating Committee shall report its nominees for committee members to the annual convention, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. Nominees from the floor must give notification of their intent to run no less than thirty (30) days prior to convention. Written notification must be given to the Michigan PTA president in writing per the Michigan PTA Standing Rules (via certified U.S. mail/package carrier) in care of the Michigan PTA office.

SECTION 7. The Nominating Committee shall:

- a. In November, publish a call for individuals to submit a letter of intent to the Nominating Committee. Past Board and Committee members may be eligible to be nominated and eligibility will be verified by the Nominating Committee.
- b. Identify characteristics and skill sets needed in the leadership of Michigan PTA.
- c. Recommend continuing education that enhances leadership development for the association.
- d. Screen and evaluate individuals as described in the Michigan PTA Standing Rules, and nominate one (1) eligible candidate for each office or position to be elected at the following convention.
- e. Advise the president on appointments.

Will read:

SECTION 3. b. The Nominating Committee shall report its slate of nominees to the annual convention, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. Nominees from the floor must give notification of their intent to run no less than thirty (30) days prior to convention. Written notification must be given to the Michigan PTA president in writing per the Michigan PTA Standing Rules (via certified U.S. mail/package carrier) in care of the Michigan PTA office.

SECTION 3. a The Nominating Committee shall:

- a. Publish a call for individuals to submit a letter of intent to the Nominating Committee. Past Board and Committee members may be eligible to be nominated and eligibility will be verified by the Nominating Committee.
- b. Identify characteristics and skill sets needed in the leadership of Michigan PTA.
- c. Screen and evaluate individuals as described in the Michigan PTA Standing Rules, and nominate one (1) eligible candidate for each office or position to be elected at the following convention.
- d. Advise the president on appointments.
- e. Recommend continuing education that enhances leadership development for the association.

Rationale: These changes will provide clarifying details and a more intentional ordering of items without changing the overall meaning or intent.

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Proposed Amendment #4

ARTICLE X– Dues

Now reads:

#SECTION 2. Michigan PTA shall determine the dollar amount of the state portion of each member's dues. The Michigan PTA portion of each member's dues shall be three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) per annum.

Will read:

#SECTION 2. The Michigan PTA portion of each member's dues shall be three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) per annum.

Rationale: This change eliminates unnecessary verbiage and mimics the structure in the previous section that refers to National PTA's portion of the membership fees.

Proposed Amendment #5

ARTICLE VIII – Constituent Organizations

Now reads:

SECTION 2. Constituent Organizations shall:
i. Pay annual dues in the amount of \$40.00 to the Michigan PTA in accordance with these Bylaws.

SECTION 4. Local Units shall:

c. The Standards of Affiliation with Michigan PTA shall be as follows:
i. Remit unit dues.

Will read:

SECTION 2. i. Would be eliminated and all following items would be re-lettered accordingly.

SECTION 4. c.i. Would be eliminated and all following items would be re-lettered accordingly.

This change, if approved, would become effective in the 2024-2025 fiscal year

Rationale: The elimination of unit dues removes a prohibitive barrier for some new units. Additionally, the tracking of this fee is not automated and cannot be easily tracked using the current Michigan PTA unit management platform.

If you have questions regarding these changes, please visit one of the
Bylaws and Parliamentary Q & A Sessions
Friday 6pm or Saturday 10:30am

Having questions answered in these sessions does not prevent you from asking questions or proposing amendments in the general session.