

Proposed Bylaws Amendments 2022

Proposed Amendment #1 **ARTICLE VIII – CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Now reads:

SECTION 4. b. Have ten (10) or more members to qualify for a charter and submit members annually to sustain the charter. Any unit found to be in violation of this section shall be able to appeal the withdrawing of their charter through the procedures as outlined in the Standing Rules.

c. The Standards of Affiliation with Michigan PTA shall be as follows:

- i. Remit annual dues.
- ii. Register officer names and contact information with the state office
- iii. Remit membership dues to Michigan PTA by the 28th of each month, as provided in Article X
- iv. Submit a copy of their annual budget, audit/financial review, and Form 990 to the state office.
- v. Review and/or revise bylaws every three (3) yeas and submit them to the Michigan PTA for approval. A copy of the minutes form the meeting in which the bylaws were approved must be included with the submission
- vi. Obtain liability insurance for the Constituent Organization to protect the assets of the unit/council.

d. Units must meet the Standards of Affiliation requirements by December 1st annually.

Will read:

SECTION 4.b. Have ten (10) or more members to qualify for a charter and submit **all members to Michigan PTA** annually to sustain the charter.

c. The Standards of Affiliation with Michigan PTA shall be as follows:

- i. Remit annual **unit** dues.
- ii. Register officer names, email addresses, phone numbers, and full mailing addresses with **Michigan PTA.**
- iii. **Have a minimum of 10 members.**
- iv. Remit membership dues to Michigan PTA by the 28th of each month, as provided in Article X
- v. Submit a copy of their annual budget, audit/financial review, and Form 990 to **Michigan PTA**
- vi. Review and/or revise bylaws every three (3) years and submit them to Michigan PTA for approval. A copy of the minutes from the meeting in which the bylaws were approved must be included with the submission
- vii. Obtain and submit annually to Michigan PTA liability insurance for the Constituent Organization to protect the assets of the unit/council

d. Units must meet the Standards of Affiliation requirements by December 1st annually.

Rationale: This change clarifies the Standards of Affiliation requirements.

Proposed Amendment #2 **ARTICLE XV - Committees**

Now reads:

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors may create one or more committees comprised of board members and others deemed necessary. Members of these committees are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Board of Directors for a term of two years.

Will read:

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors may create one or more committees comprised of board members and others deemed necessary. Members of these committees are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Board of Directors for a term of **three (3)** years.

Rationale: This is to align with the proposed change to officer terms.

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Proposed Amendment #3
ARTICLE XIII - OFFICERS

Now reads:

SECTION 5. The term of office for each office shall be two (2) years. No individual shall be eligible for more than two terms in any office, with the exception of the offices of President and President Elect which shall be limited to one term each. Any part of a term in excess of twelve (12) months shall be considered a term. The term of office shall begin at the convening of the next board of directors meeting following both the National PTA and State PTA Conventions.

SECTION 3. Except for the Office of President, the officers shall be elected at the annual convention by the voting delegates. Officers shall remain in office until their successors assume office.

- a. Officers shall be elected every two years, in odd-numbered years.

Rationale: This change allows elected leaders to learn their role, provides continuity, and aligns with National PTA's terms of office.

Will read:

SECTION 5. The term of office shall be **three (3)** years. No individual shall be eligible for more than two terms in any one office, with the exception of the offices of President and President Elect which shall be limited to one term each. Any part of a term in excess of **eighteen (18)** months shall be considered a term. The term of office shall begin at the convening of the next board of directors meeting following both the National PTA and State PTA conventions

SECTION 3. Except for the Office of President, the officers shall be elected at the annual convention by the voting delegates. Officers shall remain in office until their successors assume office.

Proposed Amendment #4
ALL ARTICLES

Now reads:

(s)he

Will read:

they/them

Rationale: This change allows for more inclusive language.

Proposed Amendment #5
ARTICLE XIII - OFFICERS

NEW

SECTION 9. In case of a dual vacancy in the office of President and President-Elect, the office of president shall be filled on a temporary basis by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board of directors, by a current member of the board of directors. The said meeting to fill the temporary vacancy shall be held within ten (10) days of the dual vacancy being created and be chaired by the secretary. In filling the vacancy for the offices of president and president-elect, they shall be filled at the next annual meeting by the voting body, if more than one-half of the term of the office of president and president-elect shall remain. If less than one-half of the current term for the offices of president and president-elect remain, the office of president shall be filled for the remainder of that term, and the newly elected president-elect shall serve the following full term. Notice of filling such vacancies must be given no less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Rationale: To provide a procedure for filling the dual vacancy in the office of president and president-elect if a dual vacancy should arise.

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Proposed Amendment #6
ARTICLE XIV – GOVERNING BODIES

Now reads:

The business of the Michigan PTA shall be transacted by two (2) legislative bodies in following order of authority:

- A. Annual State Convention.
- B. The Board of Directors.

Will read:

The business of the Michigan PTA shall be transacted by **three (3) bodies** in following order of authority:

- A. Annual State Convention
- B. The Board of Directors
- C. **Executive Committee**

Also, add part C.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee of the Michigan PTA consists of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President for Communication, Vice President for Children’s Advocacy, Vice President for Outreach and Support, Vice President for Student Involvement, Vice President for Membership and Vice President for Programs & Services.

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.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Conduct the necessary business of the Michigan PTA between the meetings of the Board of Directors and have all power and authority over the affairs of the Michigan PTA during the interim between regular meetings of the Board of Directors, except that of modifying any action taken by the Board of Directors.
- b. Transact all business referred to it by the Board of Directors and shall act in emergencies.
- c. Report any action taken to the Board of Directors.
- d. Approve the appointment of Field Service Representatives, committee chairs, and committee members.

Rationale: This change allows for quicker action to prepare for presentations to the full board and aligns with the construct presented to constituent organizations.

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Proposed Amendment #7
ARTICLE VIII- CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

Now reads:

SECTION 1. Constituent Organizations shall be defined as Councils, Local Unit PTA/PSTAs, and Advocate Leaders at Large (A.L.L.) PTA.

SECTION 10. The Michigan PTA shall maintain an “at-large” Local Unit which shall be known as A.L.L. PTA (Advocate Leaders at Large). The purpose of this Unit shall be to increase and promote involvement in PTA and to serve as a means of communication with those who are otherwise unable to participate in PTA.

- a. Membership shall be open to any person who supports the PTA Purposes and Principles, especially to those who, for varied reasons, cannot be associated with a Local Unit within their home area.
- b. The President Elect of the Michigan PTA shall serve as president of the A.L.L. PTA. The Treasurer of the Michigan PTA shall serve as the Treasurer of A.L.L. PTA.
- c. Meetings of the A.L.L. PTA will be held in conjunction with the Michigan PTA Convention. Special meetings may be called, if deemed necessary, by the Michigan PTA Executive Committee, with proper notice to the membership.
- d. Convention credentials shall be allocated to A.L.L. PTA on the same membership formula used for other Local Units. Convention credentials allocated to A.L.L. PTA shall be distributed by the President-Elect to members registered for convention proportionally across all regions.
- e. Dues shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors, and shall include membership in both the Michigan PTA and National PTA and the benefits granted through such membership, with the remaining money being placed in the State PTA general fund.

Will read:

SECTION 1. Constituent Organizations shall be defined as Councils, Local Unit PTA/PSTAs, and **Great Lakes** PTA.

SECTION 10. The Michigan PTA shall maintain an “at-large” Unit which shall be known as **Great Lakes** PTA. The purpose of this Unit shall be to increase and promote involvement in PTA and to serve as a means of communication with those who are otherwise unable to participate in PTA.

- a. Membership shall be open to any person who supports the PTA Purposes and Principles, especially to those who, for varied reasons, cannot be associated with a Local Unit within their home area.
- b. A **Past President** of the Michigan PTA shall serve as president of the **Great Lakes** PTA. The Treasurer of the Michigan PTA shall serve as the Treasurer of Great Lakes PTA. **The Secretary of Michigan PTA shall serve as the Secretary of Great Lakes PTA.**
- c. Meetings of the **Great Lakes** PTA will be held in conjunction with the Michigan PTA Convention. Special meetings may be called, if deemed necessary, by the Michigan PTA Executive Committee, with proper notice to the membership.
- d. Convention credentials shall be allocated to the **Great Lakes** PTA on the same membership formula used for other Local Units (Article XIV, A. Section 3). Convention credentials allocated to the **Great Lakes** PTA shall be distributed by the President to members registered for convention proportionally across all regions.
- e. Dues shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors and shall include membership in both the Michigan PTA and National PTA and the benefits granted through such membership, with the remaining money being placed in the State PTA general fund.

Note: **All other references to A.L.L PTA will be changed to Great Lakes PTA**

Rationale: This change allows for greater name recognition for this unit and enriches the marketing opportunities.

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