Proposed Illinois PTA Bylaws Amendments April 2021

Main Motion – I move by direction of the Illinois PTA State Board of Directors the adoption of the proposed Bylaw Amendments as presented.

Proposal:

Strike: cross references to other areas of bylaws in the following Articles

- ARTICLE III PURPOSES Section 2. <u>strike "set forth in ARTICLE IV"</u> (page 1)
- ARTICLE IV BASIC POLICIES Section **f. <u>strike "set forth in ARTICLE III hereof"</u> (page 2)
- ARTICLE IV BASIC POLICIES (at end) <u>strike "+ See ARTICLE VI DIVISIONS</u>, for information on the <u>dissolution of local unit</u>, council, district or region. (page 2)
- ARTICLE VI DIVISIONS DISSOLUTION Voluntary End of Affiliation with PTA # 20. D. <u>strike "pursuant to</u> <u>Sections # 7, #8, and 20. #A of this Article"</u> (page 5)
- ARTICLE VI DIVISIONS DISSOLUTION COUNCILS Section 21. h. strike "pursuant to Sections # 7, #8, and 20. #A of this Article" (page 5)
- ARTICLE VIII DUES AND FEES PAYMENT OF DUES #Section 5. c. <u>strike "as provided in ARTICLE VI #</u> <u>Section 8. a. b. and c.</u> – (page 7)
- ARTICLE X BOARD AND DEVELOPMENT NOMINATING COMMITTEE Section 5. a. <u>– strike "in accordance</u> with ARTICLE XII, Section 6 of these bylaws. (page 8)
- ARTICLE XI STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADVISORY PANEL d. <u>strike "as appointed in Article XIII,</u> <u>Section 2. h."</u> – (page 9)
- ARTICLE XI STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES Section 5. j. <u>strike "as prescribed in Article X</u> <u>Section 5"</u> – (page 10)
- ARTICLE XII OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION NOMINATION Section 5. <u>strike "in accordance with</u> <u>these Bylaws (See Article X, Section 4. a.)</u> (page 11)
- ARTICLE XIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS SECRETARY Section 5. b. <u>strike listed in Article XIII, Section 5.a.</u> (page 12)

Rationale:

Clarification purposes.

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Amendment # 1-ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP HONORARY PROGRAMS

Section 6.

Current:

The Illinois PTA may establish honorary programs, which carry no voting privileges. Honorary Life Membership shall be developed as part of the Scholarship Program. These programs shall be defined as prescribed by the state board of directors.

Proposal:

Strike: Honorary Life Membership shall be developed as part of the Scholarship Program

To read:

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP HONORARY PROGRAMS Section 6.

The Illinois PTA may establish honorary programs, which carry no voting privileges. These programs shall be defined as prescribed by the state board of directors.

Rationale:

By action of the State Board of Director's the Scholarship Program was eliminated effective July 1, 2020.

Amendment # 2 -

VIII – DUES AND FEES Payment of Dues Section 4. #b.

Current:

Section 4.

#b. The initial state and national portion of the dues paid by each member to a local PTA/PTSA unit shall be set aside by the local PTA/PTSA unit and remitted to the Illinois PTA postmarked no later than October 1. Dues should be submitted monthly thereafter.

Proposal:

Strike: to the Illinois PTA postmarked Insert: as directed by the Illinois PTA

To read:

DUES AND FEES Payment of Dues Section 4. #b.

#b. The initial state and national portion of the dues paid by each member to a local PTA/PTSA unit shall be set aside by the local PTA/PTSA unit and remitted as directed by the Illinois PTA no later than October 1. Dues should be submitted monthly.

Rationale:

To reflect current practice of units submitting dues. NOTE: If Amendment is adopted by convention delegates, it will automatically be inserted in the Local Unit Bylaws Template -ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES – Section # 11.b.

Amendment # 3 – ARTICLE X – BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE Section 2. a.

Current:

Section 2.

a. The committee shall consist of seven (7) members, three (3) of whom shall be members of the general membership, and four (4) of whom shall be members of the state board of directors, including members of the advisory panel.

Proposal:

Section 2. a. Strike: seven (7), three (3), four (4) Insert: five (5), two (2), three (3)

To read:

ARTICLE X – BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE Section 2.

a. The committee shall consist of <u>five (5)</u> members, <u>two (2)</u> of whom shall be members of the general membership, and <u>three (3)</u> of whom shall be members of the state board of directors, including members of the advisory panel.

Rationale:

The size of State Board of Director's puts restraints on who can serve.

Amendment # 4 –

ARTICLE X – BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE Section 2. b.

Current

Section 2. b.

1.

- b. Eligibility to serve shall be:
 - General Membership
 - must have served at least one (1) year on the board of a constituent association
 - must not be a continuing member of the state board of directors or candidate who will assume office July 1; and
 - no two members shall be from the same PTA district.
 - 2. State Board Members
 - must have served at least one (1) year
 - no two members shall be from the same PTA district.
 - 3. The current President, and the President-Elect are ineligible to serve on this committee.

Proposal:

Section 2. b. 1. General Membership – Third Bullet Strike: "district" Insert: "/PTSA local unit"

Section 2. b. 2. State Board Members – First Bullet Insert: on the board of a constituent association

Second Bullet Strike: "district"; insert "/PTSA local unit"

To read:

ARTICLE X – BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 2. b. Eligibility to serve shall be:

- 1. General Membership
 - must have served at least one (1) year on the board of a constituent association
 - must not be a continuing member of the state board of directors or candidate who will assume office July 1; and
 - no two members shall be from the same PTA/PTSA local unit.

- 2. State Board Members
 - must have served at least one (1) year on the board of a constituent association
 - no two members shall be from the same PTA/PTSA local unit
- 3. The current President, and the President-Elect are ineligible to serve on this committee.

Rationale:

The size of State Board of Director's puts restraints on who can serve.

Amendment # 5 –

ARTICLE X – BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE Vacancy Section 6.a

Current:

Vacancy

Section 6.

- a. Local PTA/PTSA units shall be notified by the secretary when vacancies occur due to resignations, convention or caucus action and shall be allowed thirty (30) days to submit advisory recommendations.
- b. The election shall take place at the regular meeting of the state board of directors following the end of the thirty (30) day notification period. Election to fill a vacancy shall require an affirmative vote of the majority of members present. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Voting shall be by ballot.

Proposal:

Section 6. a.

Insert: Board Development and Nominating Committee

To read:

ARTICLE X – BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE Vacancy Section 6.

- a. Local PTA/PTSA units shall be notified by the secretary when <u>Board Development and Nominating Committee</u> vacancies occur due to resignations, convention or caucus action and shall be allowed thirty (30) days to submit advisory recommendations.
- b. The election shall take place at the regular meeting of the state board of directors following the end of the thirty (30) day notification period. Election to fill a vacancy shall require an affirmative vote of the majority of members present. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Voting shall be by ballot.

Rationale: To clarify the procedure.

Amendment # 6 –

ARTICLE XI – STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Duties Section 5. l. (page 10)

Current:

1. determine if an emergency necessitates the cancellation of annual conventions and thereupon plan procedures for conducting all necessary business;

Proposal:

Section 5. l. Strike: in its entirety and reletter remaining section.

Rationale:

This is stated in ARTICLE XXIII – Cancellation of State Convention – Section 1.

Amendment # 7 – ARTICLE XII - OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION Section 3.

Current:

Section 3.

The secretary, treasurer, and the vice presidents shall be eligible for two (2) terms in the same office. Those who have served one-half (1/2) a term or more shall be considered to have served a full term. No vice president, secretary or treasurer shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) terms.

Proposal:

Strike Section 3. in its entirety. Insert: New section 3

To read:

ARTICLE XII - OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION Section 3.

The secretary and treasurer shall be eligible for three (3) terms and the vice presidents shall be eligible for two (2) terms in the same office. Those who have served one-half (1/2) a term or more shall be considered to have served a full term.

Rationale

The recording of the financials and minutes of the association are vital to part of maintaining the integrity of our association. By extending the terms one is allowed to serve in these positions will enable continuity and consistency within the executive committee.

Amendment # 8–

ARTICLE XV - REGION DIRECTORS AND THEIR ELECTION Election of Region Director Section 5.

Current: ELECTION OF REGION DIRECTOR Section 5.

The election shall be held at the region annual meeting or in the event of an emergency or vacancy at a special meeting designated for that purpose. The report of the nominating committee shall be the first item of business at such annual meeting.

Representatives of not less than ten-percent (10%) of all local PTA/PTSA units in the region, representing at least two (2) local PTA/PTSA units, shall constitute a quorum. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Immediately following the election, the state office shall send the results of the election of the region director-elect to the local PTA/PTSA units, councils, districts and state board members declared from the region and the members of the Illinois PTA executive committee.

Region directors shall assume their duties July 1.

Proposal:

 1^{st} paragraph – strike "vacancy" 2^{nd} paragraph – insert "If there is only one nominee the election may be by voice vote."

To read:

ARTICLE XV - REGION DIRECTORS AND THEIR ELECTION Election of Region Director Section 5.

The election shall be held at the region annual meeting or in the event of an emergency at a special meeting designated for that purpose. The report of the nominating committee shall be the first item of business at such annual meeting

Representatives of not less than ten-percent (10%) of all local PTA/PTSA units in the region, representing at least two (2) local PTA/PTSA units, shall constitute a quorum. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominees has been obtained. If there is only one nominee the election may be by voice vote.

Immediately following the election, the state office shall send the results of the election of the region director-elect to the local PTA/PTSA units, councils, districts and state board members declared from the region and the members of the Illinois PTA executive committee.

Region directors shall assume their duties July 1.

Rationale:

Vacancies are addressed elsewhere in Bylaws. Streamline the voting process.

Amendment # 9–

ARTICLE XVI – DUTIES OF REGION DIRECTOR Section 2. i.

Current:

1. assume the duties of the District Director in case of a vacancy

Proposal:

Insert: or in a region where there are no districts

To read:

ARTICLE XVI – DUTIES OF REGION DIRECTOR

Section 2. i.

i. assume the duties of the District Director in case of a vacancy or in a region where there are no districts.

Rationale:

Clarify procedure.

Amendment #10 -

ARTICLE XVII - DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND THEIR ELECTION Election of Director Section 5.

Current:

ELECTION OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Section 5.

The election shall be held at the district annual meeting or in the event of an emergency or vacancy at a special meeting designated for that purpose. The report of the nominating committee shall be the first item of business at such annual meeting.

Representatives of not less than ten-percent (10%) of all local PTA/PTSA units in the district, representing at least two (2) local PTA/PTSA units, shall constitute a quorum. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Immediately following the election, the state office shall send the results of the election of the director-elect to the local PTA/PTSA units, councils, districts and state board members declared from the district and the members of the Illinois PTA executive committee.

District directors shall assume their duties July 1.

Proposal:

1st paragraph – strike "vacancy" 2^{nd} paragraph – insert "If there is only one nominee the election may be by voice vote."

To read:

ARTICLE XVII - DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND THEIR ELECTION Election of Director Section 5.

The election shall be held at the district annual meeting or in the event of an emergency at a special meeting designated for that purpose. The report of the nominating committee shall be the first item of business at such annual meeting.

Representatives of not less than ten-percent (10%) of all local PTA/PTSA units in the district, representing at least two (2) local PTA/PTSA units, shall constitute a quorum. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. If there is only one nominee the election may be by voice vote.

Immediately following the election, the state office shall send the results of the election of the district director-elect to the local PTA/PTSA units, councils, districts and state board members declared from the region and the members of the Illinois PTA executive committee.

District directors shall assume their duties July 1.

Rationale:

Vacancies are addressed elsewhere in Bylaws. Streamline the voting process.

Amendment # 11 – ARTICLE XIX – PROGRAM DIRECTORS PROGRAM COMMITTEES Section 4.b.

Current:

Section 4.

- a. Program committees may be created by the state board of directors as deemed necessary to promote the Purposes and carry on the work of the National and Illinois PTA.
- b. Each committee program director may request a statewide committee of not more than five (5) persons from different geographical areas of the state. All shall be members of a local PTA/PTSA unit.
- c. All committee members serving on committees shall support and comply with the Illinois PTA statements of policy and these bylaws. All committee members must sign and comply with the Ethical Conduct Agreement.

Proposal:

Strike 4.b. in its entirety and renumber the subsequent

To read:

ARTICLE XIX – PROGRAM DIRECTORS PROGRAM COMMITTEES Section 4.b.

- a. Program committees may be created by the state board of directors as deemed necessary to promote the Purposes and carry on the work of the National and Illinois PTA.
- b. All committee members serving on committees shall support and comply with the Illinois PTA statements of policy and these bylaws. All committee members must sign and comply with the Ethical Conduct Agreement.

Rationale

Configuration of a statewide committee should be managed by the Basic Policies of the State Board of Directors of the Illinois PTA.

Amendment # 12 –

XXV - ENDOWMENT FUND Section 3.

Current:

Section 3.

Contributions, profits from the sale of securities, interest from the sale of securities, and interest from the endowment fund shall be placed in the endowment or scholarship funds of the Illinois PTA at the discretion of the state board of directors.

Proposal:

Strike "scholarship" Insert "general" To Read:

XXV - ENDOWMENT FUND Section 3.

Contributions, profits from the sale of securities, interest from the sale of securities, and interest from the endowment fund shall be placed in the endowment or <u>general</u> fund of the Illinois PTA at the discretion of the state board of directors.

Rationale:

The Scholarship Program was eliminated July 1, 2020 therefore this provides an alternative to place the specific funds mentioned to endowment or general fund of the Illinois PTA. Approved amendment by State Board of Director's Jan. 2020.

Amendment # 13 –

ARTICLE XXV - ENDOWMENT FUND Section 4.

Current:

Section 4.

The state board of directors shall have authority to transfer excess money between the endowment and scholarship funds and shall stipulate the conditions under which these funds may be disbursed.

Proposal:

Strike: Section 4 in its entirety. Insert: New Section 4.

To Read;

ARTICLE XXV - ENDOWMENT FUND Section 4.

The state board of directors shall have authority to transfer excess money to the endowment fund and shall stipulate the conditions under which these funds may be disbursed.

Rationale:

Reflects the elimination of the Scholarship Program effective July 1, 2020.