

## Illinois PTA 2023 Substitutionary Bylaws: Q&A

### **Q. Why is the Illinois PTA Board of Directors proposing substitutionary bylaws?**

**A.** The current bylaws contain not only the governance structure but the procedures to implement that structure. The document has become unwieldy, and the intent of the state board is to create a governance-only document. These substitutionary bylaws remove all non-governance processes. As a result, these substitutionary bylaws are compliant with National PTA requirements and federal regulations (IRS), as well as Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Upon adoption of the substitutionary bylaws all processes will be incorporated into the Policies and Procedures of the Illinois PTA State Board of Directors.

### **Q. Do the substitutionary bylaws change the governance structure or make policy changes?**

**A.** No. The intent of the committee was to simplify the bylaws without changing the governance structure or any policies established within the current bylaws.

### **Q. The substitutionary bylaws are only 13 pages long, what was removed?**

**A.** Redundancies were consolidated into the appropriate article. i.e., Dissolutions were in Article VI Divisions, Sections 7 & 8, Section 20, and Section 21 f, g, & h. Now Dissolutions are only in Article VI Divisions, Section 3.

Procedures were removed to be included in the Policies and Procedures of the Illinois PTA State Board of Directors. i.e., Article XXI Legislation (Substitutionary Bylaws Article XX Legislation).

### **Q. If the substitutionary bylaws are adopted, when would they take effect?**

**A.** Adopted substitutionary bylaws take effect immediately.

### **Q. How will failure to adopt the substitutionary bylaws impact the Illinois PTA?**

**A.** Failure to adopt the substitutionary bylaws means the current bylaws are still in effect.

### **Q. Who will decide if the proposed substitute bylaws are adopted?**

**A.** The substitute bylaws will be presented to the delegates at the 2023 Illinois PTA Convention held virtually on April 20 and 22, 2023. Delegates will cast their vote on their electronic ballot. ([See Voting Procedures](#))

### **Q: Who are the delegates that will vote at the 2022 Illinois PTA Convention?**

**A:** Every region, district, council, and local PTA/PTSA in good standing may register delegates for the 2023 Illinois PTA Convention. In accordance with ARTICLE XXII of the Illinois PTA bylaws, each local PTA/PTSA unit shall be

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entitled to be represented at an annual or special convention by its president or president-elect and additional delegates based on the bylaws. Each council shall be entitled to be represented by its president and three (3) delegates. Each district and region shall be entitled to be represented by four (4) delegates chosen from and by its respective board.

### **Q. Will members have an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments on the revised bylaws?**

**A.** Yes. PTA members may submit their questions or comments from February 1, 2023 through February 21, 2023 on the [Illinois PTA website](#). The comments will be reviewed by the bylaw committee. After all comments have been reviewed, the bylaw committee may propose changes to the proposed revised bylaws for the Illinois PTA State Board of Directors consideration. Any approved changes to the proposed revisions will be posted prior to March 20, 2023.