

# BYLAWS NEWS:

## Effective Immediately for ALL Local PTAs/PTSAs

Please print out this document and attach it to your bylaws.  
Be sure to cross out the corresponding areas in your current bylaws and/or note in the margin that the amended article/section/subsection is attached to the end of the document.

Notes have been added in parenthesis, in italic font, under each Article title, to provide a brief explanation of the changes and indicate which items were changed in accordance with National PTA bylaws vs. those changed in accordance with the Pennsylvania PTA bylaws.

### AUTOMATIC CHANGES TO ALL LOCAL UNIT PTAs/PTSAs BYLAWS

August 31, 2016

#### # ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

*(verbiage changes to conform to 2016 revised National PTA bylaws)*

**Section 2.** The purposes of the National PTA, the Pennsylvania PTA and this PTA/PTSA are promoted through an advocacy and education with parents, families, teachers, educators students, and the general public; developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and governed and qualified by the basic principles set forth in Article III.

#### # ARTICLE III: PRINCIPLES AND BASIC POLICIES

*(Changes to this article formatting made to conform to 2016 Revised National PTA bylaws-separates a-d into "principles" & remainder into "operational requirements & dissolution" which Pennsylvania PTA will continue to refer to as "basic policies")*

**Section 1.** The following are principles of the \_\_\_\_\_(PTA/PTSA name)  
PTA/PTSA in common with those of the National PTA and the Pennsylvania PTA:

- a. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- b. The association shall work to engage and empower children, families, and educators within schools and communities to provide quality education for all children and youth, and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process by influencing school policy and advocating for children's issues, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education authorities, and local education authorities.
- c. The association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth, and shall seek to promote collaboration among families, schools, and the community at large.

d. Commitment to inclusiveness and equity, knowledge of PTA, and professional expertise shall be guiding principles for service in National PTA.

**Section 2.** The following basic polices of \_\_\_\_\_(PTA/PTSA name) PTA/PTSA in common with those of Pennsylvania PTA are the operational requirements and dissolution of National PTA:

a. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.

b. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

c. Upon the dissolution of the association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, or associations that have established their tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are in accordance with National PTA.

d. The association or members in their official capacities shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene (in any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.

## **# ARTICLE IV: RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA & PENNSYLVANIA PTA**

*(Section 1. - verbiage changes & Section 3. -subsections c. & d. below now replaces old c, d, & e to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws with remainder of subsections re-lettered)*

**Section 1.** This local PTA/PTSA shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Pennsylvania PTA, in the area in which this local PTA/PTSA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the Pennsylvania PTA bylaws. The Pennsylvania PTA shall issue to this local PTA/PTSA an appropriate charter evidencing its organization and good standing. Five (5) members (minimum) are required to organize a new local unit PTA/PTSA and to maintain PTA/PTSA status.

**Section 3.** To be a “unit in good standing” this local PTA/PTSA shall:

c. remit the state and national portion of the membership dues in accordance with these bylaws (Article VII: Membership & Dues, #Section 10);

d. submit the Annual Local Unit Registration Form to the state office immediately upon election of officers and no later than June 15 annually;

## **# ARTICLE V: BYLAWS**

*(Verbiage changes to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws)*

**Section 2.** This PTA/PTSA shall adopt such bylaws for the government of the association on a model provided by the Pennsylvania PTA and such bylaws shall be approved by the Pennsylvania PTA. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the National PTA bylaws or the bylaws of Pennsylvania PTA.

## **# ARTICLE VI: VOTING**

*(new Section 2. added to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws & re-number the remaining sections)*

**Section 2.** Each member is entitled to one (1) vote, even though they may be serving in more than one (1) position.

## **ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP & DUES**

*(#Sections 2.-verbiage changed to conform to 2016 revised National PTA bylaws; #Section 3. - verbiage changes to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws; & #Section 8. d. & e. were added to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws)*

**#Section 2.** Membership in PTA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission, purposes and principles of the National PTA.

**#Section 3.** This local PTA/PTSA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members, but may admit individuals to membership at any time. The membership year shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 annually.

**#Section 8.** Local PTA/PTSA Membership:

- d. Current membership must be verified for voting privileges.
- e. When voting to dissolve this PTA/PTSA, a person shall have been a member for at least 90 days.