

**POINT OF INFORMATION**

**ARTICLE XI: DUTIES OF VA PTA/PTSA OFFICERS, SECTION 1.**

**REMOVED LANGUAGE:**

*The president is a member of the National PTA Council of States. If the president or president-elect is unable to attend a meeting of the National PTA Council of States, a state officer may be authorized by the Virginia PTA/PTSA Board of Managers as an alternate, except in cases of emergency, when the president may appoint an alternate.*

**RATIONALE:** ... Procedure on the selection of the National PTA Council of States representative will be moved to Standard Operating Procedure for the Virginia PTA Board of Managers, under Duties of the President. This change was directed by National PTA.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

The name of this organization is the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers. It is commonly known as "Virginia PTA" or "Virginia PTA/PTSA" and will be referred to in these bylaws as the "Virginia PTA./PTSA."

**AMEND TO DELETE: THE WORDS "VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA":**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

*The name of this organization is the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers. It is commonly known as "Virginia PTA" and will be referred to in these bylaws as the "Virginia PTA."*

**RATIONALE** Virginia PTA is an all-encompassing name for the organization. Removing the word PTSA in these bylaws will IN NO WAY diminish the existence and importance of PTSAs in Virginia. This action follows our current logo, and that of the National PTA and other state congresses. This will NOT change the name of any PTSA and the name "PTSA" will continue to be used when referring to local units that include students.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE IV: BASIC POLICIES**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

h. Upon the dissolution of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more non-profit funds, foundations, or organizations which have established their tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**AMEND TO MOVE ARTICLE IV. H. TO ARTICLE V. Section 18. e.:**

**RATIONALE:** This would put all of the details of Dissolution in one section of the Local Unit bylaws. Some units that have chosen to dissolve over look this information because it is not in the same section of the bylaws that details the procedures of dissolution.

**PROVISO: If adopted this language will be relocated in constituent bylaws.**

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE VI: LOCAL PTA/PTSA, #SECTION 1,**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

Local PTA/PTSAs shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Virginia PTA/PTSA in the area in which the local PTA/PTSA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the bylaws of the National PTA, as the Virginia PTA/PTSA may in its bylaws prescribe. The Virginia

PTA/PTSA shall issue to each local PTA/PTSA in its area an appropriate charter evidencing the due organization and good standing of the local PTA/PTSA.

**AMEND TO SEPARATE SENTENCES AND # BOTH:  
PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

*Local PTA/PTSA shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Virginia PTA/PTSA in the area in which the local PTA/PTSA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the bylaws of the National PTA, as the Virginia PTA/PTSA may in its bylaws prescribe.*

*#Section 2. The Virginia PTA/PTSA shall issue to each local PTA/PTSA in its area an appropriate charter evidencing the due organization and good standing of the local PTA/PTSA.*

**RATIONALE:** This will allow a clearer statement for the local units within the state bylaws.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE VI: LOCAL PTA/PTSA, #SECTION 1,**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

A local PTA/PTSA in good standing is one which:

- a. Adheres to the Purposes and basic policies of the PTA;
- b. Remits the state and national portion of the dues to the Virginia PTA/PTSA by dates designed in these bylaws.

**AMEND TO RE-LETTER CURRENT b. TO c., AND INSERT A NEW b., :**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

*A local PTA/PTSA in good standing is one which:*

- a. Adheres to the Purposes and basic policies of the PTA;*
- b. Has a minimum of three elected officers, to include president and treasurer.*

*The rest of the items in this section would be re-lettered.*

**RATIONALE:** A unit must have two signatures on every check and another officer who does not have signature authority would be necessary to provide a “checks and balances system” required by most PTA insurance carriers. Without at least three officers, a unit could not perform their fiduciary responsibilities to adequately guard the public trust. Most insurance companies require third party oversight to safeguard the checking account.

**PROVISO:** If adopted, the required minimum of three (3) elected officers to include president and treasurer will go into effect for the local and council units at that unit’s next election cycle.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**Article VI: Local PTA/PTSA, #Section 4.**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

Each local PTA/PTSA shall keep such permanent books of account and records as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements of the organization including, specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members, and the amounts of dues remitted to the Virginia PTA/PTSA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the Virginia PTA/PTSA or, where directed by the committee on state and national relationships, by a duly authorized representative of the National PTA.

**AMEND TO INSERT: THE WORDS “SUCH AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL HAVE FULL ACCESS IN CASES WHERE ACCOUNT INFORMATION AND RECORDS ARE REQUIRED FROM BANKS.” AFTER THE WORDS “REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL PTA.”**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

*Each local PTA/PTSA shall keep such permanent books of account and records as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements of the organization including, specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members, and the amounts of dues remitted to the Virginia PTA/PTSA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the Virginia PTA/PTSA or, where directed by the committee on state and national relationships, by a duly authorized representative of National PTA. Such authorized representative shall have full access in cases where account information and records are required from banks.*

**RATIONALE:** In some cases the signature authorities on bank cards are not available or are under investigation. Added language will help with some banks that are questioning authorization to release PTA account information to state representatives.

**PROVISO:** If this language is adopted, it will be incorporated in council and local unit’s bylaws.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**#ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Section 2.**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

Membership in this PTA/PTSA shall be made available without regard to race, color, creed or national origin, under such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the provisions of the Bylaws of the National PTA, as may be prescribed in the bylaws of this PTA/PTSA, to any individual who subscribes to the Purposes and basic policies of the National PTA.

**AMEND TO DELETE THE CURRENT LANGUAGE AND INSERT THE FOLLOWING:**

*Membership in Virginia PTA/PTSA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission and purposes of National PTA.*

**RATIONALE:**

The Membership Committee feels the new language encompasses the diversity of the Virginia PTA/PTSA membership and it mirrors National PTA language.

**PROVISO:** If this language is adopted, it will be incorporated in all constituents’ bylaws.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 7 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**#ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Section 7.**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

The Virginia PTA/PTSA portion of each member's dues shall be seventy-five (\$0.75) cents per annum.

**AMEND TO DELETE: THE WORDS “SEVENTY-FIVE (\$0.75)” AND INSERT “ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR”**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

*The Virginia PTA/PTSA portion of each member’s dues shall be one (\$1.00) dollar per annum.*

**RATIONALE:**

The Virginia PTA Board of Managers diligently works to be good stewards of our members' money, to provide outstanding services to our members, and to be strong advocates for children and education. The Virginia PTA budget provides for all of the programs offered to local units at both the district and state level. Income received from dues provides 67% of the VAPTA annual budget. Merchandise sales are only 3% of the budget, while Other Income is 30%. As we continue to work toward finding non-dues

revenue to help support our programs and activities, we must also ask our members to approve a \$.25 dues increase per member.

District Allotments make up 4% of the VAPTA budget. These expenses include but are not limited to: District Leadership Training, district membership awards, district volunteer recognition, and district Reflections awards and ceremonies. District leadership provides direct contact from the state to our local units. The budget for each district is determined by a fixed amount of \$600.00, which we are currently considering decreasing due to budget constraints and \$5.00 for each unit in good standing. All of these funds come directly from the VAPTA budget. Districts do not fund raise or collect their own dues. Each Standing Committee has an annual allotment that is directly funded by the VAPTA and represents 4% of the budget. Each committee's budget request is considered by the budget committee, and approved or denied based upon the justification submitted by each committee. State Committees include Legislation, Education, Volunteers, Membership, Field Service, Technology, Public Relations, Parental Involvement, Bylaws, Arts In Education, Health and Safety, and Secondary PTA/PTSA. These Committees are responsible for the state programs including Reflections, state membership awards, state Volunteer of the Year, legislation programs that advocate for our children, PTA Day at the General Assembly, Virginia PTA website, Virginia PTA Bulletin, Leadership Training, and the Virginia PTA VOICE.

Virginia PTA has four paid employees who work in the State Office located in Richmond. It is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the building due to an increased cost in utilities, maintenance, and salaries. We also need to be able to upgrade technology in the building to best service our members. VAPTA was unable to give our employees raises this year, and are currently unable to supply health insurance to our employees. These are issues that make it increasingly difficult to hire and maintain quality office staff. Office staff and expenses represent 54% of the budget.

The Virginia PTA Board of Managers are volunteers serving state wide to further the work and mission of PTA. The Board is made up of elected officers, district directors and assistants, and standing committee chairs. The BOM activities, internal committees, officers, Bulletin, and conferences and conventions represent 40% of the VAPTA budget. These internal committees and activities include but are not limited to, Leadership Training Conference, Annual Convention, PTA Day at the General Assembly, state representation at the National PTA Convention, and state representation at local unit meetings. Also included in this portion of the budget is the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, Resolutions Committee, Office and Building Management and the Local Unit Resource Guide.

Virginia PTA has not had a dues increase in 15 years. While Virginia PTA continues to provide services to our local units, we are doing so at the same cost to members as in 1994. How many of us can say they are able to meet their financial needs on the same income they had in 1994?

In order to continue to offer our current services and programs and to expand those offerings, the VAPTA is asking for a \$.25 per member dues increase. We want to continue to offer the highest level of service to our members, students and families. More importantly, we want to continue to advocate for ALL children.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 8 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 2,**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

**Section 2.** The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee shall:

- a. Select one (1) eligible nominee for each office.
- b. Send a report of the nominations to the secretary, who shall send a copy to each member of the Board of Managers not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date for the convening of the annual convention. The report shall be included in the official publications of the Virginia PTA/PTSA at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual convention.
- c. Report to the convention at the first general meeting, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.
- d. Select one eligible nominee for each standing committee chairman to be elected.
- e. Insure that the consent of all nominees shall be secured prior to nomination.

- f. Insure that the nominees for chairman of standing committees shall be members of a local PTA/PTSA unit.
- g. Send a report of the nominations for standing committee chairmen, except those designated by the board to be elected at the Spring Board of Managers meeting, to the secretary who shall send a copy to each member of the Board of Managers and the nominees for officers thirty (30) days prior to the date for the convening of the annual convention.
- h. Send the names of the nominees for the standing committee chairmen to be elected at the Spring Board of Managers meeting to the members of the Board of Managers thirty (30) days prior to the spring Board of Managers Meeting.
- i. Develop and implement strategies, activities, and materials that encourage and cultivate PTA leadership at all levels of the Virginia PTA.

**AMEND TO READ:**

*The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee shall:*

- a. *Select one eligible nominee for each office and/or standing committee chairman position.*
- b. *Develop and implement strategies, activities, and materials that encourage and cultivate PTA leadership at all levels of the Virginia PTA.*
- c. *Report nominees for officer positions to the convention at the first general meeting, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the nominee meets stated requirements and consent of the nominee has been secured.*
- d. *Nominees from the floor must provide written intent to the state president at least thirty ( 30) days prior to first day of convention.*

**RATIONALE:** Clarification of the actual duties of the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee. Running for state office requires careful forethought and knowledge. A person should not take on such an important job without planning. A person planning to run from the floor for state office should know this is their intent well in advance. Requiring notification will help to expedite the planning for convention by eliminating the need to rent room space and secure workers for ballot election process. This will result in a cost saving as well as streamline the business of the organization.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 9 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**Article X: VA PTA/PTSA Officers and Their Election, Section 4.**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

- a. Officers shall be elected on the second day of the annual convention in an election year.

**AMEND TO DELETE THE WORDS “ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE”**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

- a. *Officers shall be elected at the annual convention in an election year.*

**RATIONALE:** Requirement for using second day election at convention could potentially cause issues if emergency events or future planning necessitated a one day event. This language also allows election to take place by voice vote if there is but one nominee for office at the time of the report from Nominations and Leadership Development Committee.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 10 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**Article X: Virginia PTA/PTSA Officers and Their Election, Section 5.**

**NEW b: (RE-LETTER CURRENT b. AND c. TO c. AND d.)**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

- b. *In the event of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, Secretary or Vice President; a former officer could be recommended for election to fill the vacant term.*

**RATIONALE:** This year the state Board of Managers was faced with a vacancy in the one of the elected offices where there were no available, interested or qualified individuals to complete that officers' term. Currently, a past officer cannot serve additional terms. This would not change the term limit that an individual could serve. The adoption of this change will allow the appointment of a past officer when no other qualified individual can be found or volunteers to complete the term of that officer.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 11 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE XI: DUTIES OF VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA OFFICERS, Section 5.**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

- i. perform such other duties as assigned by the president.

Duties of the treasurer may be delegated to one or more staff personnel designated by the executive committee. The treasurer shall give fidelity bonds in amounts determined by the executive committee. The expense of these bonds shall be borne by the Virginia PTA/PTSA.

**AMEND TO INSERT NEW i, AND DELETE THE WORDS "THE TREASURER SHALL GIVE FIDELITY BONDS IN AMOUNTS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE EXPENSE OF THESE BONDS SHALL BE BORNE BY THE VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA."**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

- i. *under direction of the executive committee ensure adequate bonding and liability insurance is purchased by Virginia PTA/PTSA to protect all assets.*

- j. *perform such other duties as assigned by the president.*

*Duties of the treasurer may be delegated to one or more staff personnel designated by the executive committee.*

**RATIONALE:** Insurance coverage has now replaced purchasing fidelity bonds.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 12 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**Article XII. Virginia PTA/PTSA Board of Managers, Section 1. Membership,**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE**

The officers of the Virginia PTA/PTSA, directors and assistant directors or their alternates (as provided in ARTICLE XVII., Section 3, sub-section 1), and the chairmen of standing committees shall constitute the Board of Managers.

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

*The officers of the Virginia PTA/PTSA, directors or their alternates (as provided in these bylaws) and the chairmen of standing committees shall constitute the Board of Managers.*

**RATIONALE:** Relieving assistant directors from the extra obligations of being on the state Board of Managers gives districts the opportunity to increase number and quality of services to their local units. Some district directors have said that they will be more able to recruit district assistants if they do not have extra BOM duties. Assistant directors who want to be involved at the state level still may apply for at-large committee memberships, work at state events and/or serve as an alternate to the Director at BOM meetings.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Between \$1,900 and \$4,000 in cost for room, food and mileage for three meetings a year would be saved. A smaller board would be able to fit into smaller, lower-priced meeting rooms in hotels with lower room rates and more flexible meal arrangements.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 13 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE XII., VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

**Section 5. Quorum**

Twenty (20) members of the Board of Managers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**AMEND TO READ:**

**Section 5. Quorum**

*The majority of the sitting board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.*

**RATIONALE:** By stating the majority of the sitting board as the quorum for conducting business allows for Board of Managers to conduct business as soon as the majority is present instead of delaying the meeting until a specific number of members are present.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 14 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE XIII: VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

**Section 1. Membership**

There shall be an executive committee of the Virginia PTA/PTSA comprised of the elected officers, one district director/assistant district director from each region, two standing committee chair representatives, and the chairman of the Field Service committee.

**AMEND TO DELET THE WORDS AFTER “ONE DISTRICT DIRECTOR” AND INSERT “ONE DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPRESENTATIVE, ONE STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE STATE EXTENSION CHAIR”:**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

**Section 1. Membership**

*There shall be an executive committee of the Virginia PTA/PTSA comprised of the elected officers, one district director representative, one standing committee chair representatives, and the State Extension Chair.*

**RATIONAL:** Virginia has one of the largest executive committees of all congresses, even those with larger membership and boards. With the use of email, contacting people you represent for input does not necessitate individual contacts and we are using the region separations less and less. The district director representative to executive committee could contact 20 people as easily as three. Current committee chair representatives duplicate contacts to other chairs at this time. A smaller executive committee would be able to conduct business faster. This would also have a positive budget impact as it would be a good budget impact, as it would reduce the number of hotel rooms and space that would be needed for the executive committee to meet.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 15 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE XIX: VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

The annual convention shall be the governing body of the Virginia PTA/PTSA.

**Section 1. Date and Place**

- a. A regular convention of the Virginia PTA/PTSA shall be held annually during the months of October or November, the time and place to be fixed one year or more in advance by the Virginia PTA/PTSA.

**AMEND TO DELETE THE WORDS “DURING THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER”:**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

*The annual convention shall be the governing body of the Virginia PTA/PTSA.*

**Section 1. Date and Place**

a. *A regular convention of the Virginia PTA/PTSA shall be held annually, the time and place to be fixed one year or more in advance by the Virginia PTA/PTSA.*

**RATIONALE:** It is in the best interest of the organization to be able to negotiate the best deal for the site for the annual convention at the best time.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 16 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE XVII: DISTRICTS, Section 3. Officers and their Election**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

- f. A nominating committee shall be elected at the annual meeting prior to the election year. The committee shall consist, insofar as possible, of one local PTA/PTSA member from each of the cities and counties in the district. Immediately after its election, the committee shall meet (1) to elect a chairman and (2) to be instructed in its duties by a member of the Board of Managers appointed by the president. The committee shall elect one nominee for each office and report to the next annual meeting, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. No person may be placed in nomination, either by the committee or from the floor, without the consent of the nominee.

**AMEND TO POUND (#) THIS ENTIRE SECTION, NO LANGUAGE WILL BE ALTERED.**

**RATIONALE:** The Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee is pounding this section since Robert's Rules states that all nominating committee members are elected. The nominating committee is a crucial committee to all PTAs, as it helps to find the leadership which ensures success for the continuing growth of the council board.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 17 - VIRGINIA PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE XVII: DISTRICTS, #Section 4. Meetings**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

- b. Each district shall hold a workshop prior to the Spring Board of Managers Meeting to receive comments from local units and councils on the preliminary draft of the Proposed Legislation Program of the Virginia PTA/PTSA and shall hold a meeting prior to October 1 for the purpose of information and discussion relative to the annual Legislation Program of the Virginia PTA/PTSA.

**AMEND TO DELETE THE CURRENT LANGUAGE AND REPLACE WITH THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

- b. *Each district shall hold a workshop prior to the Board of Managers meeting at which the Proposed Legislation Program (PLP) is adopted, to receive comments from local units and councils on the Preliminary draft of the Proposed Legislation Program (PPLP) of the Virginia PTA/PTSA and shall hold a meeting no later than forty-five days prior to the first day of the annual convention, for the purpose of information and discussion relative to the annual Proposed Legislation Program of the Virginia PTA/PTSA.*

**RATIONALE:** No change in the duties of the district. This will only allow flexibility of the annual convention date.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 18 - DISTRICT PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

- Section 1.** Membership in this district shall consist only of local units chartered by the Virginia PTA/PTSA as authorized by the National PTA in the enter name of District.
- #Section 2.** Membership in this district shall be made available by this district PTA, without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin, under such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the provisions of the National PTA Bylaws or the Virginia PTA/PTSA Bylaws, as may be prescribed in the bylaws of the district PTA, to any local PTA/PTSA who subscribes to the Purposes and basic policies of the National PTA.
- Section 3.** Additional units may be accepted as members at any time.
- Section 4.** Only local units in good standing may participate in the business of the district.
- Section 5.** Only members of this district shall be eligible to vote in the business of the district or to serve in any elected or appointed positions.
- #Section 6.** Honorary Life Membership in the Virginia PTA/PTSA may be conferred for distinguished service, for which a fee shall be paid to the treasurer of the Virginia PTA/PTSA. This fee shall be deposited in the special Life Membership-Scholarship Fund of the Virginia PTA/PTSA. Honorary Virginia Life Membership entitles a recipient to attend the State Convention as a non-voting participant without payment of the registration fee.
- #Section 7.** Honorary National Life Membership may be conferred for distinguished service, for which a fee shall be paid to the treasurer of the National PTA for the Endowment Fund of the National PTA. Honorary National Life Membership provides only National Convention guest privileges upon payment of the convention registration fee.
- #Section 8.** A holder of an Honorary National or State Life Membership may be an active member only upon payment of dues in a local PTA/PTSA unit.

**AMEND TO POUND (#) THIS ENTIRE SECTION, NO LANGUAGE WILL BE ALTERED.**

**RATIONALE:** The membership in the Virginia PTA is a requirement of PTA and this article contains important language that should not be removed or altered; therefore the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee is pounding this entire article.

**PROVISO:** If this language is adopted, it will be incorporated in constituent's bylaws.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 19 – DISTRICT PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE VIII: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISTRICT**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

**ARTICLE VIII: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISTRICT**

- Section 1.** To carry on effectively within the enter name of District District the work of the National PTA and the Virginia PTA/PTSA.
- #Section 2.** The district shall act as liaison between the Virginia PTA/PTSA and local units.
- #Section 3.** The district shall coordinate policies and current programs of local units with those of the Virginia PTA/PTSA.
- #Section 4.** The district shall submit votes cast by local unit members in their respective districts for the Proposed Legislation Program of the Virginia PTA/PTSA to the Legislation Committee chairman for tabulation.
- #Section 5.** The district shall not legislate for local PTA/PTSA units.
- Section 6.** The district shall offer advisory services to councils and local units.
- Section 7.** The district shall organize and strengthen units by working through councils where they exist and by working directly with the units where there is no council.
- Section 8.** The district shall provide leadership training.
- Section 9.** The district shall promote the use of the Virginia PTA/PTSA and National PTA publications.

**AMEND TO POUND (#) THIS ENTIRE SECTION, NO LANGUAGE WILL BE ALTERED.**

**RATIONALE:** The Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee recommends the pounding of this section, as all the items are important for the districts in Virginia.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 20 – DISTRICT PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE X: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

- Section 5.** A nominating committee shall be elected at the annual meeting prior to the election year.
- a. Each member of the committee must be a current member of a local PTA/PTSA unit in good standing within the district.
  - b. The committee shall consist of enter number (should be an odd number) members, and shall include at least one local PTA/PTSA member from each of the cities and/or counties in the district whenever possible.
  - c. Immediately after its election, the committee shall meet (1) to elect a chairman and (2) to be instructed in its duties by the Virginia PTA/PTSA State Representative.
  - d. The committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees to the members of the executive board and to the presidents of each member association at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office.

**AMEND TO POUND (#) THIS ENTIRE SECTION, NO LANGUAGE WILL BE ALTERED.**

**RATIONALE:** The Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee is pounding this section since Robert’s Rules states that all nominating committee members are elected. The nominating committee is a crucial committee to all PTAs, as it helps to find the leadership which ensures success for the continuing growth of the council board.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 21 – DISTRICT PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE XIV: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

- Section 5.** [enter number] of the authorized delegates shall constitute a quorum.

**AMEND TO POUND (#) THIS ENTIRE SECTION, NO LANGUAGE WILL BE ALTERED.**

**RATIONALE:** A quorum is required for any business and votes to be conducted at any PTA meeting; therefore the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee is pounding this section so that this duty cannot be removed.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 22 – COUNCIL PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE XIII: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

- Section 6.** A quorum for the transaction of business in general meetings of this council shall consist of at least one delegate each from a majority of the member PTA/PTSAs.

**AMEND TO DELETE THE CURRENT LANGUAGE AND REPLACE WITH THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE AND TO POUND (#) THIS ENTIRE SECTION.**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

- #Section 6. [enter number] of authorized delegates shall constitute a quorum.*

**RATIONALE:** A quorum is required for any business and votes to be conducted at any PTA meeting; therefore the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee is pounding this section. This will also ensure that representation from all areas in the council are there for information to be shared with all local units involved with the council.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 23 – COUNCIL PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

**Section 1.** Membership in this council shall consist only of local units chartered by the Virginia PTA/PTSA as authorized by the National PTA in Insert name of council upon payment of dues as hereinafter provided.

**#Section 2.** Membership in this council PTA shall be made available by this council PTA, without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin, under such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the provisions of the National PTA Bylaws or the Virginia PTA/PTSA Bylaws, as may be prescribed in the bylaws of this council PTA, to any local PTA/PTSA who subscribes to the Purposes and basic policies of the National PTA.

**#Section 3.** This council PTA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but may admit local PTA/PTSAs to membership at any time.

**#Section 4.** Each member of this council PTA shall pay such annual dues to said organization as may be prescribed by the organization.

**Section 5.** The annual dues for membership in this council shall be \$Insert dollar amount for each local PTA/PTSA in membership and shall be payable by Insert Date.

**Section 6.** Only delegates from local units in good standing with the Virginia PTA/PTSA and National PTA may participate in the business of the council.

**#Section 7.** Only members of this council shall be eligible to vote in the business meetings of this council or to serve in any elected or appointed positions.

**Section 8.** Delegates from a local unit whose dues to the council are in arrears shall not participate in the business of the council.

**#Section 9.** Honorary Life Membership in the Virginia PTA/PTSA may be conferred for distinguished service, for which a fee shall be paid to the treasurer of the Virginia PTA/PTSA. This fee shall be deposited in the special Life Membership-Scholarship Fund of the Virginia PTA/PTSA. Honorary Virginia Life Membership entitles a recipient to attend the State Convention as a non-voting participant without payment of the registration fee.

**#Section 10.** Honorary National Life Membership may be conferred for distinguished service, for which a fee shall be paid to the treasurer of the National PTA for the Endowment Fund of the National PTA. Honorary National Life Membership provides only National Convention guest privileges upon payment of the convention registration fee.

**#Section 11.** A holder of an Honorary National or State Life Membership may be an active member only upon payment of dues in a local PTA/PTSA unit.

**AMEND TO POUND (#) THIS ENTIRE SECTION, SECTION 5 WILL BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING, ALL OTHER SECTIONS WILL REMAIN THE SAME.  
PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

*Section 5. The annual dues for membership shall be determined by this council.*

**RATIONALE:** The Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee recommends the pounding of this section, as all the items are important for all councils in Virginia.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 24 – COUNCIL PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE IX: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

**Section 6.** Nominating committee:

- a. There shall be a nominating committee composed of [Insert number] (should be an odd number) members who shall be elected by this council at a regular council meeting at least two months prior to the election of officers. No two members of the nominating committee shall be from the same member unit. The committee shall elect its own chairman.
- b. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees to the members of the executive board and to the president of each member association at least thirty (30) days before the election meeting. At the election meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.
- c. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office.

**AMEND TO POUND (#) THIS ENTIRE SECTION, NO LANGUAGE WILL BE ALTERED.**

**RATIONALE:** The Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee is pounding this section since Robert’s Rules states that all nominating committee members are elected. The nominating committee is a crucial committee to all PTAs, as it helps to find the leadership which ensures success for the continuing growth of the council board.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 25 – LOCAL PTA/PTSA BYLAWS  
ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

- Section 4. Nominating committee:
- a. There shall be a nominating committee composed of [Insert number] (should be an odd number) members who shall be elected by this PTA/PTSA at a regular meeting at least two months prior to the election of officers. The committee shall elect its own chairman.
  - b. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at a regular meeting no less than thirty (30) days prior to the election meeting. At the election meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.
  - c. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office.

**AMEND TO DELETE REGULAR IN SECTION 4. a., AND REPLACE WITH GENERAL.  
AMEND TO DELETE “AT A REGULAR MEETING” IN SECTION 4. b., AND REPLACE  
WITH TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP; AND TO POUND  
(#) THIS ENTIRE SECTION.**

- #Section 4. Nominating committee:*
- a. There shall be a nominating committee composed of [Insert number] (should be an odd number) members who shall be elected by this PTA/PTSA at a general membership meeting at least two months prior to the election of officers. The committee shall elect its own chairman.*
  - b. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees to the executive board and the general membership no less than thirty (30) days prior to the election meeting. At the election meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.*
  - c. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office.*

**RATIONALE:** The nominating committee is a crucial committee to all PTAs, as it helps to find the leadership for the future of all units; therefore the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee is pounding this section.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 26 – LOCAL PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE X: DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 4. Treasurer,**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

#e. have checks or vouchers signed by two officers, preferably the treasurer and the president;

**AMEND TO DELETE: THE WORDS “OR VOUCHERS”**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

#e. *have checks signed by two officers, preferably the treasurer and the president;*

**RATIONALE:** Vouchers are easily changed and are not verified by an outside third party.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT 27 – LOCAL PTA/PTSA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE XII: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

**SECTION 4.** Insert number (should be at least 10) members, as defined in Article V, Section 11, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of this association.

**AMEND TO DELETE THE WORDS “ARTICLE V, SECTION 11” AND INSERT THE WORDS “THESE BYLAWS” AND TO POUND THE SECTION.**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

*#SECTION 4. Insert number (should be at least 10) members, as defined in these bylaws, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of this association.*

**RATIONALE:** Removing the article section simplifies the language that is intended. A quorum is required for any business and votes to be conducted at any PTA meeting; therefore the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee is pounding this section.

**The Virginia PTA Board of Managers recommends adoption.**

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