

Proposed change to the Minnesota PTA State Bylaws: Article IV – Basic Policies

Proposal 1:

WHEREAS: The Minnesota PTA denotes additional functionality regarding policy and procedure writing and execution of those outlined henceforth within.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The bylaws be amended to add Section 1 and 2 under Article IV and the addition of the proposed wording in Section 2, adding the functionality for the Minnesota PTA to write policies and procedures as needed accordingly for proper organizational functionality.

Proposed Statement	Current Statement	Rationale
<p>Article IV, Section 1.</p> <p>Section 1: The following are basic policies of the Minnesota PTSA in common with those of National PTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The organization shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan. b. The organization shall work with the schools and community to provide quality education for all children and youth and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, 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 organization shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth and shall seek to promote collaboration among parents, schools, and the community at large. d. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable 	<p>Article IV.</p> <p>The following are basic policies of the Minnesota PTSA in common with those of National PTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The organization shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan. d. The organization shall work with the schools and community to provide quality education for all children and youth and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, 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. e. The organization shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth and shall seek to promote collaboration among parents, schools, and the community at large. d. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for 	<p>Created a Section 1 label to separate out Article IV into two sections and the corresponding subsections in addition to the new Section 2 addition.</p>

compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

- e. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- f. 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 nonprofit funds, foundations, or organizations that have established their tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are in accordance with those of National PTA.
- g. The organization 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.

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- g. The organization 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.

<p>Article IV, Section 2.</p> <p>Section 2: The Minnesota PTA Board of Directors shall determine policies and procedures for the constituent associations within Minnesota.</p> <p>a. These shall include, but not be limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standards of affiliation to set “good standing” requirements. 2. Revocation of charter. 3. Dissolution. 4. Other policies as may become necessary. 	<p>Article IV.</p> <p>New Section and statement – Not previously present in the Minnesota State Bylaws.</p>	<p>The Minnesota PTA denotes additional functionality regarding policy and procedure writing and execution of those outlined henceforth within.</p>
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Proposed changes to the Minnesota PTA State Bylaws: Article VII – Local PTAs / PTSAs and to the Universal PTA Bylaws: Article V – Relationship with State and National

Proposal 2:

WHEREAS: Local PTA/PTSA bylaws will be referred to the official name of Universal PTA Bylaws.

WHEREAS: All Minnesota PTAs / PTSAs will have a due date to provide officer information to the MNPTA defined by the MNPTA, thus creating consistency for documentation submission deadlines.

WHEREAS: Updates to the MNPTA State Bylaws Article VII also contained within the Universal PTA Bylaws Article V will have wording to match accordingly.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The MNPTA State Bylaws be amended to include the changes to Article VII section 14 and 15. In addition, the Universal PTA Bylaws be amended to include corresponding updates to Article V, Section 13.

Minnesota PTA State Bylaws		
Proposed Statement	Current Statement	Rationale
<p>Article VII, Section 14.</p> <p>Each local PTA/PTSA shall include in its Universal PTA Bylaws provisions of the bylaws of the National PTA (double star) and the Minnesota PTSA (pound sign).</p>	<p>Article VII, Section 14.</p> <p>Each local PTA/PTSA shall include in its bylaws provisions of the bylaws of the National PTA (double star) and the Minnesota PTSA (pound sign).</p>	<p>Updated wording to reflect proper name of the Universal PTA Bylaws for correct labeling purposes only.</p>
<p>Article VII, Section 15.</p> <p>Local PTA/PTSA units shall elect officers for the following school year and submit their names to the Minnesota PTSA office as determined by MNPTA policies and/or procedures.</p>	<p>Article VII, Section 15.</p> <p>Local PTA/PTSA units shall elect officers for the following school year and submit their names to the Minnesota PTSA office before June 15.</p>	<p>This update will create consistency for Individual PTAs regarding due dates for document submission to the MNPTA.</p>

Universal PTA Bylaws		
<p>Article V, Section 13.</p> <p>Local PTA units shall elect officers for the following school year and submit their names to the Minnesota PTSA office before as determined by MNPTA policies and/or procedures.</p>	<p>Article V, Section 13.</p> <p>Local PTA units shall elect officers for the following school year and submit their names to the Minnesota PTSA office before June 15.</p>	<p>Change proposed to align the Universal PTA Bylaws with the updated MNPTA State Bylaws, Article VII, Section 15.</p>

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Proposed change to the Minnesota PTA State Bylaws: Article VIII – Memberships and Dues

Proposal 3:

WHEREAS: The MNPTA grants the ability to become supporting members of the MNPTA in lieu of the existence of North Star.

WHEREAS: The MNPTA have outlined functions, abilities, and requirements for the Minnesota PTA Supporting Members within national, state, and local PTAs.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The bylaws be amended to add Section 10 and 11 to give the ability for those interested to join the MNPTA can do so as a Minnesota PTA Supporting Member and to define those member functions and requirements therein such membership.

Proposed Statement	Current Statement	Rationale
<p>Article VIII, Section 10.</p> <p>Those interested in supporting the mission and purposes of the Minnesota PTA may become a supporting member. These members shall be henceforth known as Minnesota PTA Supporting Members.</p>	<p>New Section and statement – not previously present in the Minnesota State Bylaws.</p>	<p>The MNPTA Board of Directors have dissolved the Statewide unit known as North Star.</p> <p>In lieu of North Star a supporting membership has been created.</p>
<p>Article VIII, Section 11.</p> <p>Minnesota PTA Supporting Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. pay annually as determined by the Board of Directors. b. may participate in PTA sponsored events and activities. c. may not hold office nor have voting privileges. d. desiring voting privileges at national, state, and local levels must pay dues to a local PTA unit. 	<p>New Section and statement – not previously present in the Minnesota State Bylaws.</p>	<p>Section added to define Minnesota PTA Supporting Members’ abilities and functions.</p>

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Proposed correlated change to the Minnesota State PTA Bylaws: Article XIX – Committee on State and Local Relationships and Universal PTA Bylaws: Article VI – Relationship with State and National:

Proposal 4:

WHEREAS: Local PTA/PTSA bylaws will be referred to the official name of Universal PTA Bylaws.

WHEREAS: The MNPTA allows the PTAs/PTSAs who have fallen out of compliance an appropriate amount of time to achieve satisfactory compliance as determined by the MNPTA in their policies and procedures.

WHEREAS: The MNPTA outlines its criteria for compliance requirements and dissolution protocols.

WHEREAS: Updates to the MNPTA State Bylaws Article VII also contained within the Universal PTA Bylaws Article V will have wording to match accordingly.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The MNPTA State Bylaws be amended in Article XIX Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 to update proper labeling for Universal PTA Bylaws, to allow PTAs/PTSAs an extension of time and criteria to be denoted by the MNPTA policies and procedures for compliance requirements and dissolution protocols.

Minnesota PTA State Bylaws		
Proposed Statement	Current Statement	Rationale
<p>Article XIX, Section 1.</p> <p>The Minnesota PTSA is responsible for compliance by local PTAs/PTSAs within its area with the bylaws of the National PTA, the bylaws of the Minnesota PTSA, and the Universal PTA Bylaws.</p>	<p>Article XIX, Section 1.</p> <p>The Minnesota PTSA is responsible for compliance by local PTAs/PTSAs within its area with the bylaws of the National PTA, the bylaws of the Minnesota PTSA, and the bylaws of local PTA/PTSA units.</p>	<p>Updated wording to reflect proper name of the Universal PTA Bylaws for correct labeling purposes only.</p>
<p>Article XIX, Section 3.</p> <p>This committee shall review any alleged violations by local PTAs/PTSAs of National PTA bylaws, the Minnesota PTSA bylaws, or of the Universal PTA Bylaws, or other practices or activities of local PTAs/PTSAs that may tend to defeat the purposes and basic policies of National PTA or the Minnesota PTSA and shall promptly report to the state board of directors the results of such review and its recommendations for action.</p>	<p>Article XIX, Section 3.</p> <p>This committee shall review any alleged violations by local PTAs/PTSAs of National PTA bylaws, the Minnesota PTSA bylaws, or of their own bylaws, or other practices or activities of local PTAs/PTSAs that may tend to defeat the purposes and basic policies of National PTA or the Minnesota PTSA and shall promptly report to the state board of directors the results of such review and its recommendations for action.</p>	<p>Updated wording to reflect proper name of the Universal PTA Bylaws for correct labeling purposes only.</p>

<p>Article XIX, Section 4.</p> <p>The Minnesota PTSA board of directors shall give due consideration to the report of the committee and shall accord the local PTA/PTSA an opportunity to be heard and to respond to the report. If, upon such consideration and hearing, the Minnesota PTSA board of directors finds a violation by a local PTA/PTSA, it may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members then in office, require the local PTA/PTSA to take appropriate action within a period of time stipulated by the board of directors, and if recommended action is not taken by the local PTA/PTSA within the allotted time, the board of directors may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members then in office, grant the local PTA/PTSA an extension of time as determined by the MNPTA board of directors in which to achieve satisfactory compliance with the action required by the board of directors. Failing such compliance, the board of directors may, subject to concurrence in such action by the next annual convention, withdraw the charter of the local PTA/PTSA and terminate its status as a local PTA/PTSA.</p>	<p>Article XIX, Section 4.</p> <p>The Minnesota PTSA board of directors shall give due consideration to the report of the committee and shall accord the local PTA/PTSA an opportunity to be heard and to respond to the report. If, upon such consideration and hearing, the Minnesota PTSA board of directors finds a violation by a local PTA/PTSA, it may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members then in office, require the local PTA/PTSA to take appropriate action within a period of time stipulated by the board of directors, and if recommended action is not taken by the local PTA/PTSA within the allotted time, the board of directors may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members then in office, grant the local PTA/PTSA an extension of time not less than six (6) months, nor more than eighteen (18) months in which to achieve satisfactory compliance with the action required by the board of directors. Failing such compliance, the board of directors may, subject to concurrence in such action by the next annual convention, withdraw the charter of the local PTA/PTSA and terminate its status as a local PTA/PTSA.</p>	<p>Updated wording to allow PTAs/PTSAs who have fallen out of compliance an appropriate amount of time to achieve satisfactory compliance as determined by the MNPTA in their policies and procedures.</p>
<p>Article XIX, Section 5.</p> <p>The executive committee shall have the authority to withdraw the charter of a local unit or council which has not acted to dissolve or disaffiliate but which has become defunct. A local unit or council shall be considered to be defunct when any of the following occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No dues have been submitted to the Minnesota PTSA for a period of at least twelve (12) calendar months despite requests and reminders; b. For a period of twelve (12) months, there has been no president or vice president or president-elect with whom the Minnesota PTSA office is able to establish contact; 	<p>Article XIX, Section 5.</p> <p>The executive committee shall have the authority to withdraw the charter of a local unit or council which has not acted to dissolve or disaffiliate but which has become defunct. A local unit or council shall be considered to be defunct when all of the following occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No dues have been submitted to the Minnesota PTSA for a period of at least twelve (12) calendar months despite requests and reminders; b. For a period of twelve (12) months, there has been no president or vice president or president-elect with whom the Minnesota PTSA office is able to establish contact; 	<p>This change outlines its criteria for compliance requirements and dissolution protocols.</p>

<p>c. There has been no official meeting of the unit or council for at least twelve (12) months; and</p> <p>d. There is no body of PTA/PTSA members belonging to that unit or council who can legitimately be seen to be acting on its behalf in order to follow the usual dissolution or disaffiliation process.</p> <p>When a local unit or council seems to be defunct, the executive committee shall take such steps as it deems appropriate to verify the status of the unit or council. If the committee determines that the unit or council is, in fact, defunct, it shall proceed to withdraw the charter and conclude its business in the prescribed manner. (See Article VII, Section 7)</p>	<p>c. There has been no official meeting of the unit or council for at least twelve (12) months; and</p> <p>d. There is no body of PTA/PTSA members belonging to that unit or council who can legitimately be seen to be acting on its behalf in order to follow the usual dissolution or disaffiliation process.</p> <p>When a local unit or council seems to be defunct, the executive committee shall take such steps as it deems appropriate to verify the status of the unit or council. If the committee determines that the unit or council is, in fact, defunct, it shall proceed to withdraw the charter and conclude its business in the prescribed manner. (See Article VII, Section 7)</p>	
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Universal PTA Bylaws		
Proposed Statement	Current Statement	Rationale
<p>Article V, Section 16.</p> <p>The executive committee (of the Minnesota PTSA) shall have the authority to withdraw the charter of a local unit or council which has not acted to dissolve or disaffiliate but which has become defunct. A local unit or council shall be considered to be defunct when any of the following occur:</p> <p>a. No dues have been submitted to the Minnesota PTSA for a period of at least twelve (12) calendar months despite requests and reminders;</p> <p>b. For a period of twelve (12) months, there has been no president or vice-president or president-elect with whom the Minnesota PTSA office is able to establish contact;</p> <p>c. There has been no official meeting of the unit or council for at least twelve (12) months; and</p>	<p>Article V, Section 16.</p> <p>The executive committee (of the Minnesota PTSA) shall have the authority to withdraw the charter of a local unit or council which has not acted to dissolve or disaffiliate but which has become defunct. A local unit or council shall be considered to be defunct when all of the following occur:</p> <p>a. No dues have been submitted to the Minnesota PTSA for a period of at least twelve (12) calendar months despite requests and reminders;</p> <p>b. For a period of twelve (12) months, there has been no president or vice-president or president-elect with whom the Minnesota PTSA office is able to establish contact;</p> <p>c. There has been no official meeting of the unit or council for at least twelve (12) months; and</p>	<p>Change proposed to align the Universal PTA Bylaws to the updates in the MNPTA State Bylaws Article XIX, Section 5.</p>

<p>d. There is no body of local PTA members belonging to that unit or council who can legitimately be seen to be acting on its behalf in order to follow the usual dissolution or disaffiliation process.</p> <p>When a local unit or council seems to be defunct, the executive committee shall take such steps as it deems appropriate to verify the status of the unit or council. If the committee determines that the unit or council is, in fact, defunct, it shall proceed to withdraw the charter and conclude its business in the prescribed manner. (See State Bylaws, Article VII, Section 7 and Article XIX, Section 5)</p>	<p>d. There is no body of local PTA members belonging to that unit or council who can legitimately be seen to be acting on its behalf in order to follow the usual dissolution or disaffiliation process.</p> <p>When a local unit or council seems to be defunct, the executive committee shall take such steps as it deems appropriate to verify the status of the unit or council. If the committee determines that the unit or council is, in fact, defunct, it shall proceed to withdraw the charter and conclude its business in the prescribed manner. (See State Bylaws, Article VII, Section 7 and Article XIX, Section 5)</p>	
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