

Proposed Amendments to the Ohio PTA Bylaws

1. Article V: Members and Dues
Strike Section 2 and renumber
Rationale: Section 2 refers to being a member of National PTA which is already included in Section 1.

2. Article IX: Board of Directors
Add a new letter h. Ensure that fidelity bonding is purchased to cover the members of the Board of Directors, Assistant Directors, and the office staff.
Rationale: Ohio PTA currently purchases fidelity bonding insurance for members of the Board of Directors and Assistant Directors and there is no reference to it in the Bylaws.

3. Article XII: Directors, District Advisors and Assistant Directors, Section 1e
Strike “and Community Involvement” and insert
“Partnership” to read “Family-School Partnership”
Rationale: Aligns with current language by National PTA, work of Parent Involvement experts and within the Ohio Department of Education.

Note: If adopted Article XII, Section 2d and Article XIV, Section 1f will also be amended to contain consistent language.

4. Article XII: Directors, District Advisors and Assistant Directors, Section 1g
Strike “Development” and insert “Communication” to read
“Marketing and Communication”
Rationale: Work of this director is more focused on communication than development.

Note: If adopted Article XII, Section 2f and Article XIV, Section 1i will also be amended to contain consistent language.

5. Article XII: Directors, District Advisors, and Assistant Directors, Section 5:
Add a new a. and re-letter:
Represent their Director in their absence at the Board Meeting as a non-voting member.
Rationale: Clarification of the role of the assistant director when they attend board meetings in the absence of the director with permission of the president.

6. Article XIV: Committees Section 1b
Add “and Investment” following Budget to read “Budget and Investment”

Rationale: Following recommendation to have a committee look at the investments of the organizations on an on-going basis, it was determined that this work should be incorporated into the budget committee's responsibilities.

7. Article XV: Ohio PTA Annual Convention

Strike Section 2 and insert a new Section 2 to read: "The voting body of the annual convention shall be the members of an Ohio PTA/PTSA unit in good standing and have met the registration requirements for convention."

Rationale: All of the delegates outlined in Section a, b, and c need to be members of a PTA/PTSA unit in good standing and as a result eligible to vote.

8. Article XV: Ohio PTA Annual Convention

Strike Section 4 and insert a new Section 4 to read: Only voting members shall have the right to introduce motions and participate in debate. There shall be no proxy voting.

Rationale: Clarified who may make motions and participate in debate. Moved language related to non-voting delegates to Section 5.

9. Article XV: Ohio PTA Annual Convention Section 5

Insert "and non-PTA members" after "good standing" and add "upon payment of registration fee in the amount determined by the Convention Planning Committee" following "delegates" to read "Individual members of units not in good standing and non-PTA members shall be entitled to attend the annual convention as nonvoting delegates upon payment of a registration fee in the amount determined by the Convention Planning Committee"

Rationale: Clarify attendance, voting rights and registration fees for non-voting delegates.

10. Article XV: Ohio PTA Annual Convention Section 7

Strike "some great" and insert "an" to read:

"In the event of an emergency such as war, epidemic ..."

Rationale: Difficult to evaluate "some great emergency".

11. Article XXI: Indemnification

Insert "Assistant Directors" following "Directors" to read: "Members of the Board of Directors, Assistant Directors, and office staff shall be indemnified for any cost, expenses or liability incurred as a result of the performance of the duties as provided in the Ohio Revised Code." To that end, the Ohio PTA shall purchase for its Board of Directors, Assistant Directors, and office staff, a Directors and Officers Protection Insurance.

Rationale: Assistant Directors are invited to attend Ohio PTA activities such as Convention, Leadership Conference and Board Training. As a result it is important to include them in this insurance.