

Proposed Amendments to the Ohio PTA Bylaws

By direction of the OPTA Bylaws and Standing Rules committee, we move to bring the following amendments to the Articles of the Ohio PTA Bylaws to our 2021 convention delegates for their consideration:

1. Amend Article VII, Nomination and Elections Section 2.b.:

Strike “October 1” and add “six (6) months and strike “the” and add “convention in an”.

New wording: To consider the qualifications of all candidates proposed by Ohio PTA members or by members of the Nominating Committee submitted no later the six months prior to convention in an election year.

Rationale: This will clarify the deadline as future convention dates may change.

2. Amend Article XII, Section 1., by striking Section 1, a. – i., and inserting a new “Section 1. There are nine Directors who serve on the Ohio PTA Board of Directors.”

New wording: Section 1. There are nine Directors who serve on the Ohio PTA Board of Directors.

Rationale: This change would make all Directors “at large” and help to maximize Board Member talents and input on the Board, helping to spread out some of the heavier work through our committees.

3. Amend Article XII: Directors and District Advisors Section 2, add a 2c.

New Wording: c. Serve on the Field Services Committee as described in Article XIV, Section 1. r.

Rationale: All Directors will serve on the (State and Local Relations) new Field Services Committee.

4. Amend Article XII: Directors and District Advisors, Section 3.a., by striking “Be responsible for” and inserting “Lead the”.

New Wording: Lead the work within their districts;

Rationale: To better describe the role of the District Advisors.

5. Amend Article XIV: Committees, by amending the following sections, and re-letter as needed:

Section 1. d., strike “Communication”

Section 1. f., insert “Equity” between “Diversity” and “and Inclusion” to read “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion”

Section 1. k., strike “Marketing” and rename as “Media and Marketing Outreach”

Section 1. l., strike “Membership” and rename as “Member Services”

Section 1. r., strike “State and Local Relations” and rename as “Field Services”

Rationale: To update and better describe these committees.

6. Amend Article XV: Ohio PTA Annual Convention, Section 6, by striking “representing at least five districts”.

New wording: Seventy-five voting members registered for convention shall constitute a quorum.

Rationale: Each year it is more difficult to meet both the quorum AND specified delegate representatives from five Districts to conduct business at the annual meeting.

7. Amend Article XVII: Ohio PTA Memorial Scholarship Award, Section 4.b., by striking “Technical” and adding “Post-Secondary/Certification” and striking “two-year”.

New wording: The amount of the award shall be determined by the Ohio PTA Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee. The awards shall be:

- a. Academic – State approved four-year degree program;
- b. Post-Secondary/Certification – Technical, Vocational and Associate Degree (state approved program); and
- c. Special Education - two- or four-year academic, technical or vocational state approved program.

Rationale: Adding Post-Secondary/Certification “broadens” the after high school educational paths and will insure that everyone who is eligible for a scholarship falls into one of these categories.

8. Amend Article XII: Directors and District Advisors, by striking “District” and “Districts” and inserting “Region” or “Regions”, in the Article title and Section 3. and 3.a.

New wording:

ARTICLE XII: Directors and Region Advisors

Section 3. The Region Advisors shall:

- a. Be responsible for work within their Region;
- b. Promote the purposes and goals of the Ohio PTA; and
- c. Perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, standing rules, job descriptions, and the parliamentary authority by the Ohio PTA.

Rationale: Changing the name to Regions will help alleviate the confusion between school districts and Ohio PTA districts.

9. Amend Article XIII: Districts, by striking “District” and “Districts” and inserting “Region” or “Regions”, in the Article title and Section 1.

New wording:

ARTICLE VIII: Regions

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall determine the number of regions and their geographical boundaries.

Rationale: Changing the name to Regions will help alleviate the confusion between school districts and Ohio PTA districts.