# Proposed 2017 Florida PTA Proposed Bylaws Amendments

## ARTICLE IV: CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

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Strike hashtag. Rationale: This section pertains to the state organization and does not need to be included in local unit bylaws.

## ARTICLE VI: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs

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Add hashtag. Rationale: This section must be included in local unit bylaws as it deals with the requirements for a bylaws amendment.
Current:

Section 11. A delinquent unit may be reinstated if membership dues are forwarded to the state office by the following October 15, and shall be entitled to the same ratio of representation as other local units. If dues from a delinquent unit are sent after October 15, circumstances will be reviewed by the executive committee of the Florida PTA.

Proposed:

Section 11: A delinquent unit may be reinstated, at any time, after completion of the local unit compliance requirements established by the Florida PTA Board of Directors.

Strike and substitute. Rationale: The procedure for reinstatement has changed. Local units may be reinstated after the five compliance requirements are met.

Current:

Section 14. A local PTA may dissolve and conclude its affairs in the following manner:

Proposed:

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Add hashtag. Rationale: This is a required process of local units belonging to the Florida PTA.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Current:

#Section 2. Membership in each local PTA shall be made available by such local 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, as may be prescribed in the bylaws of the local PTA, to any individual who subscribes to the objects and basic policies of the National PTA.

Proposed:

#Section 2. Membership in each local PTA shall be made available by such local PTA, not in conflict with the provisions of the National PTA, as may be prescribed in the local bylaws, to any individual who subscribes to the objects and basic policies of the National PTA and Florida PTA.

Strike and substitute. Rationale: Updates language in accordance with change in Florida PTA Diversity & Inclusion policy adopted in 2016.

Current:

Section 9.

a. The board of directors shall establish a restricted account to be known as the “Restricted Fund” for the purpose of receiving all contributions, with a restricted purpose, including but not limited to those for Honorary State Life Memberships, to the Restricted Fund. This fund is to be administered by the treasurer as chair, the scholarship chair, the vice-president for organization and two additional members appointed by the president. All members are to serve for a term of two years. The president shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

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2. Maintain and sustain the Florida PTA.

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Monies in the restricted fund shall be disbursed for the intended purpose.

Strike and substitute. Rationale: Funds may be restricted for a variety of purposes, e.g., Grant funds.
Current:  
Section 9.

b. Honorary National and/or Honorary State Life Memberships, for which a fee shall be paid, may be conferred for distinguished service. Honorary Life Memberships shall carry neither the right to vote nor to hold office. They provide only guest privileges at the Annual PTA Convention upon payment of the registration fee. An Honorary Life Member may become an active member upon payment of dues in a local unit.

Florida PTA shall remit to the national treasurer money received for National PTA Life Memberships. Money received for State Life Memberships shall be retained by the Florida PTA in the Florida PTA restricted account.

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ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS

Current:  
Section 4. The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of the Florida PTA:

a. Each officer shall be a member of a local PTA chartered by the Florida PTA.

b. No person shall hold more than one state office at any time and no officer may be eligible for two consecutive terms in the same office.

c. A person who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.

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Strike (second paragraph of Section 9 b). Rationale: National PTA Life Memberships are processed electronically directly with National PTA. Florida PTA Life Memberships are processed as laid out in Section 9.a. above.
e. No person is eligible for office who has not served at least one term as region representative, council president or standing committee chair on the Board of Directors of the Florida PTA by the time of election.

Proposed:

e. No person is eligible for office who is not a Florida resident, who has not reached the age of majority (18), at the time of election, and has not served at least full one term, within the past five (5) years as a member of the Florida PTA Board of Directors; a member of a Florida PTA Standing Committee; a member of the National PTA Board of Directors; or a member of a National PTA Standing Committee.

Strike and substitute. Rationale: This proposed change to the Florida PTA bylaws was suggested by the Bylaws Committee in an effort to broaden the applicant pool and to foster an environment for inclusivity and diversity.

ARTICLE X: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Current:

Section 1. The affairs of the Florida PTA shall be managed by the board of directors.

Section 2. Each board member shall be a member of a local PTA chartered by the Florida PTA.

Section 3. The members of the board shall be:
   a. elected officers;
   b. chairs of standing committees;
   c. region representatives;
   d. council presidents;
   e. the immediate past president;
   f. the parliamentarian (as a nonvoting member);
   g. all National PTA board members residing in this state and any members of the Nominating and Leadership Recruitment Committee residing in this state;
   h. a youth member appointed by the Executive Committee;
   i. consultant(s) appointed by the President (up to three nonvoting members).

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Strike and substitute. Rationale: Clean-up: Conforms with NPTA’s renaming of this committee.

Current:

Section 11. Special meetings of the board of directors shall be called by the president or shall be called upon written request of one-third of the members of the board. At least ten (10) days for in-person meeting, or forty-eight (48) hours if electronic meeting notice of a special meeting shall be given. Special meetings may be conducted by conference call, teleconference, or other electronic media as permitted by applicable law.

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Strike and substitute. Rationale: Clean-up. Corrects grammar.
Current:
Section 12. Between meetings, urgent business of the board of directors may be conducted by mail and ratified at the next board meeting.

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Strike and substitute. Rationale: Allows meetings to be conducted using current technology.

**ARTICLE XIII: COUNCILS**

Current:
Section 2.
   a. A county council may be organized...
   b. County council bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting...
   c. The amendment shall become effective upon receipt of approval of the Florida PTA bylaws chair.

Proposed:
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   a. A county council may be organized...
   b. County council bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting...
   c. The amendment shall become effective upon receipt of approval of the Florida PTA bylaws chair or designated staff member.

Add (or designated staff member). Rationale: Updates language to include delegated authority.

Current:
Section 5. Upon the voluntary or involuntary dissolution of a county council or the withdrawal of its charter by the Florida PTA Board of Directors, the county council is obligated:
   a. To yield up and surrender all of its books and records and all of its assets and property to the Florida PTA Board of Directors...
   b. To cease and desist from the further use of any name...
   c. To provide for the disposition of all funds of the dissolving council in accordance with Article IV h of these bylaws.

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   b. To cease and desist from the further use of any name...
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Strike and substitute. Rationale: Clean-up. Corrects article reference.

**ARTICLE XV: STATE AND LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS**

Current:
Section 1. The Florida PTA is responsible for compliance by the local PTAs and county councils within its area with the bylaws of the National PTA, the bylaws of the Florida PTA and the bylaws of the local PTA.

Proposed:
Section 1. Florida PTA is responsible for compliance by local PTAs and county councils with the bylaws of the National PTA, Florida PTA and the applicable local PTA.
Strike and substitute. Rationale: Clean-up. Clarifies and corrects grammar.

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Strike and substitute. Rationale: Specifies that one of the assigned officers is the VP, R&C whose responsibilities include supporting local units through county councils.

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<td><strong>Section 4.</strong> The Florida PTA board of directors shall give due consideration to the report of the committee and, upon written request of two or more members, shall accord the local PTA an opportunity to be heard and to respond to the report. If, upon such consideration and hearing, the Florida PTA board of directors finds a violation by a local PTA, or county council, it may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, require the local PTA or county council to take appropriate action within a period of time stipulated by the Florida PTA board of directors. When recommended action is not taken by the local PTA or county council within the allotted time, the board of directors may, by two-thirds vote of members then in office, grant the local PTA or county council an extension of time of not less than six months nor more than eighteen months in which to achieve satisfactory compliance with the action required by the board of directors. Failing such compliance, the board of directors may withdraw the charter of the local PTA or county council and terminate its status as a local PTA, or county council.</td>
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Add (the word corrective). Strike and substitute. Rationale: Updates timeline with realistic expectation for corrective action.
ARTICLE XVI: STATE CONVENTION

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<td><strong>Section 3.</strong> Each local association that has forwarded its individual membership dues as shown on the books in the state office as of May 1, shall be entitled to be represented at the annual convention by its president or an alternate officer and one additional delegate or alternate for the first one hundred members or major fraction thereof, and one delegate or alternate for each additional one hundred members or major fraction thereof. Newly charted and reinstated PTAs which have come into membership with the Florida PTA after May 1, shall be entitled to the same ratio of representation as other PTA units. These voting delegates and their alternates shall be elected in an open meeting or at a meeting of the executive board and shall have been members in the unit for at least thirty days prior to the time of their election.</td>
<td><strong>Section 3.</strong> Each local association that has forwarded its individual membership dues as shown on the books in the state office as of May 1, shall be entitled to be represented at the annual convention by its president or an alternate officer, and one delegate or alternate, plus one delegate or alternate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof. Newly charted and reinstated PTAs which have come into membership with the Florida PTA after May 1, shall be entitled to the same ratio of representation as other PTA units. These voting delegates and their alternates shall be elected in an open meeting or at a meeting of the executive board and shall have been members in the unit for at least thirty days prior to the time of their election.</td>
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<td><strong>Section 6.</strong> There shall be a registration fee paid at the annual convention to assist in taking care of convention expense, the board of directors to determine the amount of fee and disbursement of same.</td>
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<td><strong>Section 7.</strong> In the event of some great emergency, the board of directors shall have authority to determine whether a convention shall be held; a two-thirds vote shall decide and the vote may be taken by mail. In the event that no convention is held, the board of directors shall have authority to plan procedure for conducting all necessary business by mail. Election shall be by mail.</td>
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Strike and substitute. Rationale: Authorizes board to use current technology for emergency vote.