

# BYLAWS NEWS:

## Effective Immediately for ALL Council PTAs

Please print out this document and attach it to your bylaws.

Be sure to cross out the corresponding areas in your current bylaws and/or note in the margin that the amended article/section/subsection is attached to the end of the document.

Notes have been added in parenthesis, in italic font, under each Article title, to provide a brief explanation of the changes and indicate which items were changed in accordance with National PTA bylaws vs. those changed in accordance with the Pennsylvania PTA bylaws.

### AUTOMATIC CHANGES TO ALL COUNCIL PTA BYLAWS

August 31, 2016

#### # ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

*(verbiage changes to conform to 2016 revised National PTA bylaws)*

Section 2. The purposes of the National PTA, the Pennsylvania PTA and this PTA/PTSA are promoted through an advocacy and education with parents, families, teachers, educators students, and the general public; developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and governed and qualified by the basic principles set forth in Article III.

#### # ARTICLE III: PRINCIPLES AND BASIC POLICIES

*(formatting & verbiage changes made to entire article & title to conform to 2016 Revised National PTA bylaws—the format separates a-d into “principles” & remainder into “operational requirements & dissolution” which Pennsylvania PTA will continue to refer to as “basic policies”;*)

**Section 1.** The following are principles of the \_\_\_\_\_(council PTA name) in common with those of the National PTA and the Pennsylvania PTA:

- a. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- b. The association shall work to engage and empower children, families, and educators within schools and communities to provide quality education for all children and youth, and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process by influencing school policy and advocating for children’s issues, 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 association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth, and shall seek to promote collaboration among families, schools, and the community at large.
- d. Commitment to inclusiveness and equity, knowledge of PTA, and professional expertise shall be guiding principles for service in National PTA.

**Section 2.** The following basic polices of \_\_\_\_\_(council PTA name) in common with those of Pennsylvania PTA are the operational requirements and dissolution of National PTA:

a. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.

b. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

c. Upon the dissolution of the association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, or associations that have established their tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are in accordance with National PTA.

d. The association 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.

## **# ARTICLE IV: RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA & PENNSYLVANIA PTA**

*(Section 1. - verbiage changes & Section 3. –sub-sections c. below re-worded to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws)*

**Section 1.** This council PTA shall be chartered under the authority of the Pennsylvania PTA, upon the request of at least three (3) local PTAs/PTSAs within counties, cities, or single/multiple school districts. The Pennsylvania PTA shall issue to each council PTA in its jurisdiction an appropriate charter evidencing its official organization and good standing.

**Section 3.** To be a “unit in good standing”, this council PTA shall:

c. submit the Annual Council Registration Form to the state office immediately upon election of officers and no later than June 15 annually;

## **# ARTICLE V: BYLAWS**

*(Section 2 - verbiage change to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws)*

**Section 2.** This council PTA shall adopt such bylaws for the government of the association on a model provided by the Pennsylvania PTA and such bylaws shall be approved by the Pennsylvania PTA. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the bylaws of the National PTA or the Pennsylvania PTA.

## **# ARTICLE VI: VOTING**

*(new Section 2. added to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws & re-number the remaining sections)*

**Section 2.** Each member is entitled to one (1) vote, even though they may be serving in more than one (1) position.

**#ARTICLE VII: PURPOSES OF THIS COUNCIL**

*(new subsections a., b. & c, below re-states the council purposes to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws)*

**Section 1.** The purposes of this council PTA are to:

- a. provide services, information, support, and leadership training for local PTAs/PTSAs within its service area;
- b. promote cooperation among local PTAs/PTSAs within its service area; and
- c. to encourage projects promoting children’s health, safety, welfare and/or education in local PTAs/PTSAs and the community.

**ARTICLE VIII: MEMBERSHIP & DUES**

*(#Section 1 & #Section 3. -verbiage changed to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws; #Sections 2. changed to conform to 2016 revised National PTA bylaws; )*

**#Section 1.** Membership in this council PTA shall consist of at least three (3) local units chartered by the Pennsylvania PTA in \_\_\_\_\_(county, city, geographical area, or school district) upon payment of dues as hereinafter provided. There shall be no more than one (1) council in any school district.

**#Section 2.** Membership in PTA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission and purposes of the National PTA.

**#Section 3.** This council PTA shall conduct an annual enrollment of member but may admit local PTA/PTSAs to membership at any time. The membership year shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 annually.

**ARTICLE XIII: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

*(Section 1 re-formatted to conform to 2016 revised Pennsylvania PTA bylaws)*

**Section 1.** The general membership of this council PTA shall consist of:

- a. the executive board of this council PTA;
- b. representatives from each member local unit PTA/PTSA which shall consist of:
  - i. the president of each member local PTA/PTSA or their alternate; and
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_(specific number) of delegates or their alternates as seated by the local PTA/PTSA according their own bylaws;
- c. and

\_\_\_\_\_(list any others, e.g. building principal(s) or alternates from each member PTA/PTSA, superintendent(s) of school(s) or alternate(s), etc.)

**#ARTICLE XIV: MEETINGS**

*(Section 5. Change referenced Article number)*

**Section 5.** Meetings of this council PTA shall be open to all members of the local PTAs holding membership in this council PTA, but the privilege of introducing motions and voting shall be limited to the voting body as outlined in Article XIII.