



**Maryland PTA Bylaws Committee  
Proposed Bylaw Amendments for the 2017 Annual Convention**

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 1**

**Article V - Constituent Associations**

Amend Article V Section 9.a by inserting “**within five (5) business days of notification;**” after “PTA;”

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
Article V Section 9.a - To yield up and surrender all of its books and records and all of its assets and property to the Maryland PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the Maryland PTA or to another like constituent association organized under the authority of the Maryland PTA;	To yield up and surrender all of its books and records and all of its assets and property to the Maryland PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the Maryland PTA or to another like constituent association organized under the authority of the Maryland PTA, <b><u>within five (5) business days of notification;</u></b>

**Rationale**

Current wording gives no time frame for action. The additional language provides structure to this time critical process. This applies to both councils and locals.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 2**

**Article VI - Councils**

Amend Article VI Section 1 by inserting a new subsection to read “a. Each council PTA shall have a minimum of three (3) local PTAs that meet the Continuing Standards of Affiliation.

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
	<b><u>Each council PTA shall have a minimum of three (3) local PTAs that meet the Continuing Standards of Affiliation.</u></b>

*Renumber the section*

**Rationale:** In order for a local PTA unit to maintain its standards of affiliation, local units are required to have a minimum of twenty-five (25) members. This requirement must apply to the council as well.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 3**

**Article VI - Councils**

Amend Article VI Section 3 by striking the section and renumbering sections 4 thru 12

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
Article VI Section 3. - Each council PTA shall be composed of at least three (3) local PTAs.	

**Rationale**

This section must be deleted if the new #Article VI – Councils, Section 1 and subsection k is adopted.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 4**

**Article VI - Councils**

Amend Article VI by inserting a new subsection to read ***“If Maryland PTA determines by the process detailed in Article V Section 11 that a board of directors’ member of a constituent association has violated the bylaws of the National PTA, Maryland PTA, or constituent association or other practices or behaviors that may tend to defeat the purposes and basic policy of the National PTA, Maryland PTA, or have abandoned his/her position, they shall be immediately removed from office and prohibited from holding office or performing duties in a council and/or local PTA for a period of 2 years.”***

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
	<u><b><i>If Maryland PTA determines by the process detailed in Article V Section 11 that a board of directors’ member of a constituent association has violated the bylaws of the National PTA, Maryland PTA, or constituent association or other practices or behaviors that may tend to defeat the purposes and basic policy of the National PTA, Maryland PTA, or have abandoned his/her position, they shall be immediately removed from office and prohibited from holding office or performing duties in a council and/or local PTA for a period of 2 years.</i></b></u>

**Rationale**

PTA leaders should set an example for constituent associations and if individuals are not adhering to the bylaws, procedures and ethics at any level they should not be allowed to maintain other responsibilities within constituent associations.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 5**

**Article IX - Officers and Their Election**

Amend Article IX Section 1(c) sentence 2 by inserting ***“(a maximum of 4 consecutive years)”*** between “terms” and “in”.

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
Article IX Section 1.c sentence 2 - All other officers may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.	All other officers may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms <u><b><i>(a maximum of 4 consecutive years)</i></b></u> in the same office.

**Rationale**

Provides clarification of number of consecutive years an individual can serve as an officer.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 6**

**Article IX - Officers and Their Election**

Amend Article IX Section 4 by inserting a new subsection to read "**Recommend continuing education that enhances leadership development for the association.**"

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
	<u><b>Recommend continuing education that enhances leadership development for the association.</b></u>

**Rationale**

The proposed recommended change will allow Maryland PTA governance structure to be knowledgeable of new policies and mandates that impacts nonprofits.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 7**

**Article X – Nominating and Board Development Committee**

Amend Article X by striking "**Board Development**" and replace with "**Leadership Recruiting**".

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
Article X - Nominating and Board Development Committee.	Article X -Nominating and <u><b>Leadership Recruiting</b></u> Committee.

**Rationale**

The proposed recommended change will align Maryland PTA bylaws with National PTA bylaws and it will allow the committee to focus solely on acquiring experienced members to the governance structure.

*\*If adopted, Leadership Recruiting will replace Board Development throughout the bylaws.*

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 8**

**Article X – Nominating and Board Development Committee**

Amend Article X Section 1 sentence 3 by inserting "**(a maximum of 4 consecutive years)**" after "consecutive terms."

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
Article X Section 1 sentence 3 - Members shall serve a term of two (2) years and be eligible to serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms.	Members shall serve a term of two (2) years and be eligible to serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms <u><b>(a maximum of 4 consecutive years)</b></u> .

**Rationale**

Provides clarification of number of consecutive years an individual can serve as a member of the nominating committee.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 9**

**Article X – Nominating and Board Development Committee**

Amend Article X Section 5b by striking “Recommend continuing education that enhances leadership development for the association;” and replacing with “Provide potential candidates for committee appointments to the president and committee chairs;”

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
Article X Section 5b - Recommend continuing education that enhances leadership development for the association	Article X Section 5b - <u>Provide potential candidates for committee appointments to the president and committee chairs.</u>

**Rationale**

The proposed recommended change will allow the committee to focus solely on acquiring experienced and knowledgeable leaders to Maryland PTA’s governance structure.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 10**

**Article XIV - State Board of Directors**

Amend Article XIV Section 1.a.4 sentence 2 by inserting “(a maximum of 4 consecutive years)” after “consecutive terms.”

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
Article XII Section 1.a.4 sentence 2 - Students must be at least a junior in high school at the time of appointment and may not serve more than (2) consecutive terms.	Members shall serve a term of two (2) years and be eligible to serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms <u>(a maximum of 4 consecutive years)</u> .

**Rationale**

Provides clarification of number of consecutive years an individual can serve as a student representative.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 11**

**Article XII - State Board of Directors**

Amend Article XII by inserting a new subsection to read "**Any member removed from the Maryland PTA board of directors in accordance with Article IX Section 4 shall be prohibited from holding office or performing duties in a council and/or local PTA for a period of 2 years.**"

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
	<b><u>Any member removed from the Maryland PTA board of directors in accordance with Article IX Section 4 shall be prohibited from holding office or performing duties in a council and/or local PTA for a period of 2 years</u></b>

**Rationale**

PTA leaders should set an example for constituent associations and if individuals are not adhering to the bylaws, procedures and ethics at any level they should not be allowed to maintain other responsibilities within constituent associations.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment 12**

**Article XIV - Standing Committees**

Amend Article XIV Section 1.c by inserting "**a maximum of 4 consecutive years**" between "terms" and "in".

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
Article XIV Section 1.c - Chairs shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same committee position.	Chairs shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms <b><u>a maximum of 4 consecutive years</u></b> in the same committee position.

**Rationale**

Provides clarification of number of consecutive years an individual can serve as a standing committee chair.