

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES 2018

Page 8 - ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS

Original Wording

Section 5. Each officer elected at an annual convention shall take office following the close of such annual convention or July 1st and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successor is elected. The vice presidents shall take office at the close of the annual convention; the president, treasurer and secretary on July 1st.

Proposed Wording

Section 5. Each officer elected at an annual convention shall take office **on July 1st** and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successor is elected. **During an election year, the newly elected President shall represent MS PTA at the NPTA Summer Convention. If for any reason the new President is unable to attend, the next representative will be chosen in order of listing.**

Justification

The change will allow the current officers to close out the school year and allow the newly elected President to received NPTA training.

Proposed Added Section

Section 7 - The transfer of all books, records, official documents, funds and pertinent informational materials in the possession of Officers or Members of the board shall be delivered to his/her successor or the President no later than July 1st or fifteen (15) days following a special election or resignation of a member from the board.

Justification

The change would cover procedures for consistency in the transfer of books and records and will eliminate the need for Article IX, Section 3 E, Section 4 C, Section 5 C, Section 6 K, and Section 7 J.

Page 9 - ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Original Wording

Section 3. The Vice President of Leadership shall:

- C. perform such other duties as may be assigned by the president for the promotion of Mississippi PTA activities;

Proposed Wording

- C. perform such other duties as may be assigned by the president for the promotion of Mississippi PTA activities; **such as coordinating all training activities for Mississippi PTA.**

Justification: Designates the VP of Leadership position and clarify the duties.

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Section 4. The Vice President of Education shall:

- A. direct all educational activities related to the Mississippi PTA Bulletin;

Proposed Wording

Section 4. The Vice President of Education shall:

- A. direct all educational **communication** activities related to the Mississippi PTA **to include but not limited to newsletters, e-Newsletters, website, social media, etc.**

Justification: Defines role of the Vice President of Education.

Page 10 - Original Wording

Section 5. The Vice President of Legislation shall:

- A. direct all legislative activities;

Proposed Wording

- A. direct all legislative **and advocacy** activities **including but not limited to coordinating Legislative conferences, and disseminating Advocacy/Legislative alerts and communications.**

Justification: Defines the duties of the VP of Legislation

Page 11 - Original Wording

Section 7. The Treasurer shall:

- G. submit the books annually for an audit by an auditing committee selected by the Board of Directors at least one (1) month before the meeting at which new officers assume their duties;

Proposed Wording

- G. submit the books annually for an audit by **an independent auditor** at least one (1) month before the meeting at which new officers assume their duties;

Justification: Reduces Conflicts of Interest.

Page 12 - ARTICLE X: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Proposed Added Section

Section 11. Regular and special meetings of the Board or Committee may be held by telephone or electronic conference system that allow all participating members to concurrently hear and speak to each other during the meeting. A Board or Committee member participating in this type of meeting is considered to be present at the meeting.

Justification: Allows compliance with Mississippi State law and allows for the conduct of business without the need to travel.

Page 14 - ARTICLE XII: COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Elections

Original Wording

Section 1. A committee on elections consisting of five (5), non-first year members of the State Board of Directors, shall be chosen by the executive committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the convention. The chairman shall be a member of the executive committee. Probationary, first-year board members shall not be members of this committee. The members shall be notified of their appointment to this committee by the president at least thirty (30) days prior to the convention.

Proposed Wording

Section 1. A committee on elections consisting of five (5), non-first year members of the State Board of Directors, shall be chosen by the executive committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the convention. The chairman shall be a member of the executive committee. Probationary, first-year board members shall not be members of this committee. The members shall be notified of their appointment to this committee by the president at least thirty (30) days prior to the convention. **The composition and/or probationary requirement may be waved with a majority vote by the executive board in years when board membership is too low to allow compliance.**

Justification: The changes will allow the board to fill the Committee on Elections position when Board membership is too low to comply.

B. Committee on Nominations

Section 1. Election of the Committee

Original Wording

- B. This committee shall be composed of at least one (1) member from the northern, central, and southern regions and not more than two (2) members from a single region for a total of five (5) members. Committee members shall not be duplicative of the members of the committee on elections. Probationary, first-year board members shall not be members of this committee.

Proposed Wording

Section 1. Election of the Committee

- B. This committee shall be composed of at least-one (1) member from the northern, central, and southern regions for a total of five (5) members. Committee members shall not be duplicative of the members of the committee on elections. Probationary, first-year board members shall not be members of this committee. **The composition and/or probationary requirement may be waved with a majority vote by the board in years when board membership is too low to allow compliance.**

Justification: The changes will allow the board to fill Committee positions when Board membership is too low to comply

Section 2. The committee on nominations shall perform the following duties:

Original Wording

- B. Send a list of the nominees to the state office, from which a copy shall be sent by the State Office staff to each member of the State Board of Directors at least

sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the convention. A list of these nominees shall be mailed to local units thirty (30) days prior to the convention.

Proposed Wording

- B. Send a list of the nominees to each member of the State Board of Directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the convention. A list of these nominees shall be mailed or **sent using current electronic means of communications** to local units thirty (30) days prior to the convention.

Justification: MS PTA no longer has a State office staff.

Original Wording

- C. Report to the convention on the first day of the session, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Proposed Wording

- C. Report to the convention on the first day of the session, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. **Candidates who intend to run from the floor must provide notice to the president and the chair of the nominating committee of such intentions fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the first session.**

Justification: Allows the Committee sufficient time to verify the qualifications of candidates.

Page 16 - ARTICLE XIII REGIONS/DISTRICTS/COUNCILS

Section 3. Region Directors

Original Wording

- A. shall be appointed by the president to a one year term

Proposed Wording

- A. shall be appointed by the president to a one year term; **however Regional Directors must be a PTA member in good standing and cannot vote on the business of Mississippi PTA unless they are a Board Member.**

Justification: Defines the qualifications of Regional Directors.

Original Wording

- E. shall assume appointment at the close of the annual convention

Proposed Action

Removal

Justification: Removing E. allows the installation of Regional Directors when necessary.