

California State PTA Bylaws Amendments

Adopted at the 2021 Convention

At the May 2021 Convention, the Association adopted amendments to the California State PTA bylaws. The objective in the adopted bylaws was to modernize the California State PTA bylaws and to provide clarity to our policies and procedures. Many of these proposed amendments are reflective of the need for flexibility especially during times of emergency (like now during a pandemic). We also felt it was very important that we adopt gender-neutral terminology throughout the document to promote and create more member inclusivity. A further global change was the adoption of the additional phrase of “annual meeting” where the phrase “convention” appears to reflect that the annual meeting takes place during the time of convention or could take place without a convention. Here is a summary of the sections of California State PTA’s bylaws adopted at our May 2021 convention:

1. Article IV, Section 8 and 11 (Constituent Organizations)
 - a. Section 8-adding the words electronic voting and balloting.
 - b. Section 11: clarifying that bylaw must be reviewed and updated at least every five years and be approved by the State Parliamentarian prior to adoption.
2. Article VI, Section 2b, Section 9 (Local PTAs/PTSAs)
 - a. Section 2b-allowing for a third-party designee to collect insurance premiums.
 - b. Section 9: allowing for more flexibility in due dates
3. Article VII, Section 5 and 7 (Membership and Dues)
 - a. Section 5: adding words “annual meeting”
 - b. Section 7: allowing for more flexibility in due dates and adding “annual meeting”
4. Article VIII, Section 3 (Officers)
 - a. Section 3: added the word “appointed” to indicate that “elected” and “appointed” officers to the Board of Directors are treated the same.
5. Article IX (Duties of Officers)
 - a. Section 1, 2, 5: adoption of Gender-Neutral terminology
6. Article X (Board of Managers)
 - a. Section 1, 5, 9 and 10: adoption of Gender-Neutral terminology
 - b. Article XI (Board of Directors)
 - c. Section 1: clarify role of Executive Director
 - d. Section 3: notification of special meetings
 - e. Section 4: adding words electronic video communications
 - f. Sections 5 and 7: adoption of Gender-Neutral terminology
 - g. Section 8: adding the Board of Director positions which were not included in other the original drafting of section
 - h. Section 13- newly added section on Emergency Provisions that Board of Directors may take under California non-profit corporate code
7. Article XV (Annual Meeting/Convention)
 - a. Section, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8: added words “annual meeting” or “meeting” and adopted gender-neutral terminology
8. Article XVII (Amendments)
9. Section 3: added the words “annual meeting” or “meeting.”