

The *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* is an agreement between our members and Washington State PTA and local PTAs and councils for how our associations are run.

Since it is important that the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* do not conflict with state or federal laws that regulate tax-exempt nonprofit corporations or with our Standards of Affiliation Agreement with National PTA, members have given the WSPTA Board of Directors authority to change the bylaws under certain conditions:

These bylaws may be amended by the WSPTA board of directors for the limited purpose of adopting a change that is required to comply with either applicable law or WSPTA's affiliation with National PTA. After adopting an amendment for this limited purpose, the board shall inform each WSPTA member within 30 days and shall report this information to the next convention. An amendment adopted as provided in this section shall become effective immediately unless the amendment or a proviso specifies a different effective time. (*WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 12, Section 2)

The WSPTA Board of Directors is informing the membership that the following changes were made to the Uniform Bylaws at their January 21, 2023 meeting, and are effective immediately:

**Amend *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws* Article 3, Section 3, Item B to align with Washington state law.**

**Remove this:**

Upon the disaffiliation of the local PTA or council, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, or organizations that have established tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are in accordance with those of WSPTA.

**Replace with this:**

Upon the voluntary dissolution of a local PTA or council, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the membership shall approve a plan in accordance with state law for distribution of any remaining assets to another charitable or nonprofit organization whose purposes are in accordance with those of WSPTA.

*Why did the board make this change?*

This change was necessary to comply with provisions in the Nonprofit Corporation Act that require the membership of a nonprofit corporation that is dissolving (will cease to exist) to approve a plan for distribution of its assets.

**Amend WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, Article 10 WSPTA Convention, Section 2 Voting Delegates – convention, D. 2.** by striking ‘15’ days and inserting ‘30’ days.

Article 10 WSPTA Convention, Section 2 Voting Delegates-convention, D.2 now reads as follows:

2. New local PTAs and councils chartered after January 31 of the current year shall be allowed representation on the basis of membership recorded in the WSPTA office 30 days prior to the opening day of the convention.

*Why did the board make this change?*

This change was necessary to comply with the requirement in the Nonprofit Corporation Act to provide proper meeting notice to all members eligible to vote (i.e., delegates) at a meeting (convention or legislative assembly). The bylaw was changed from 15 days to 30 days to provide sufficient time for new PTAs to select their delegates and notify WSPTA.