

Massachusetts PTA Bylaws Committee’s Proposed Amendments and Rationale
2024 Massachusetts PTA Annual Meeting

1. ARTICLE VI: MASSACHUSETTS PTA GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Amend Article VI – Eligibility to Serve, Section 2, by inserting a new subsection B and re-lettering to read: “For the positions of President and Treasurer, an individual must be at least 18 years old;”

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
	<u>Section 2. Eligibility to Serve.</u> Subsection B. <u>For the positions of President and Treasurer, an individual must be at least 18 years old;</u>

Rationale: Provides minimum age requirements to serve as President or Treasurer, which are necessary to sign contracts and establish bank accounts.

2. ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

Amend Article VII – Officers, Section 3 Term of Office, change to “Elected officers shall be installed at the Massachusetts PTA Annual Meeting and take office on July 1st.”

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
Section 3. Term of Office: Elected officers shall take office July 1 st after Massachusetts PTA Annual Meeting and their installation.	<u>Section 3 Term of Office, change to “Elected officers shall be installed at the Massachusetts PTA Annual Meeting and take office on July 1st.”</u>

Rationale: Verbiage changed for clarity.

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3. ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

Amend Article VII – Officers, Section 4 President, sub-section d. change to “appoint to the board of directors,” remove regional liaisons, add “student members”. Section E, add “and subcommittee chairs”, re-lettering required e-m. Remove “co” from co-signatory.
 Section 5, President-Elect, add new sub-section c and re-letter, “Prepare a report of activities for each board of directors meeting and send it to the president 4 days before the meeting;”
 Section 6, Vice President of Leadership, add new “Prepare a report of activities for each board of directors meeting and send it to the president 4 days before the meeting;”
 Section 8, Treasurer, sub-section e, remove “all” and add “such as IRS and bank documents;”

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
<p>Section 4 President, subsection d. Appoint regional liaisons, chairs of standing committees, special committees and one member at large to serve coterminous with the president’s term after consulting with president-elect and vice president for leadership;</p> <p>Section 8, Treasurer, sub-section e: Serve as co-signatory on all official documents of the Massachusetts PTA;</p>	<p><u>Section 4 President, sub-section d. change to “appoint to the board of directors,” remove regional liaisons, add “student members”. Section E, add “and subcommittee chairs”, re-lettering required e-m. Remove “co” from co-signatory.</u></p> <p><u>Section 5, President-Elect, add new sub-section c and re-letter, “Prepare a report of activities for each board of directors meeting and send it to the president 4 days before the meeting;”</u></p> <p><u>Section 6, Vice President of Leadership, add new “Prepare a report of activities for each board of directors meeting and send it to the president 4 days before the meeting;”</u></p> <p><u>Section 8, Treasurer, subsection e. Serve as co-signatory on official documents of the Massachusetts PTA such as IRS and bank documents;</u></p>

Rationale: Changes in verbiage to solidify roles and responsibilities of positions.

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4. ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Amend Article VIII – Board of Directors, Section 1. remove regional liaisons and insert/add “special” Term of Office, change to “Elected officers shall be installed at the Massachusetts PTA Annual Meeting and take office on July 1st.”

Section 2, subsection b, remove “fourteen (14)” insert “seven (7)”.

Section 2, add new subsection d. “Committee chairs will prepare a report of activities for each board of directors meeting and send to the president 4 days before the meeting;”

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
<p>Section 1. The board of directors of Massachusetts PTA shall be president, president elect, vice president of leadership, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, regional liaisons, student members (not to exceed 2), one appointed member at large to serve coterminous with the president’s term, and chairs of standing committees.</p> <p>Section 2, Subsection b. Within fourteen (14) days of the meeting, there shall be a reminder notice sent to the board of directors by the president or secretary, either by mail or email of the meeting; and</p>	<p><u>Section 1. The board of directors of Massachusetts PTA shall be president, president-elect, vice president of leadership, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, student members (not to exceed 2), one appointed member at large to serve coterminous with the president’s term, and chairs of standing/special committees.</u></p> <p><u>Section 2, subsection b. Within seven (7) days of the meeting, there shall be a reminder notice sent to the board of directors by the president or secretary, either by mail or email of the meeting; and</u></p> <p><u>Section 2, add subsection d. “Committee chairs will prepare a report of activities for each board of directors meeting and send to the president 4 days before the meeting;”</u></p>

Rationale: Verbiage changed for clarity and reporting responsibilities.

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5. ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Amend Article IX – Executive Committee, Section 4, subsection a, insert “as well as student representatives, appointed by the President.”
Delete subsection g and reletter.

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
<p>Section 4. subsection a. Approve the chairpersons for all standing and special committees. The term shall be coterminous with the current president;</p> <p>g. Appoint student representatives (not to exceed 2) with approval from the board of directors;</p>	<p><u>Section 4. subsection a. Approve the chairpersons for all standing and special committees, as well as student representatives, appointed by the President. The term shall be coterminous with the current president;</u></p>

Rationale: Massachusetts PTA recognized the importance of our students’ voice and will not limit it to 2 representatives.

6. ARTICLE X – STANDING COMMITTEES

Amend Article X – Standing Committees, Section 2, remove “Federal and State” and change Reflections to “Programs” and add “Education”.
Add “Other committees such as Corporate Partnerships, Reflections and Communications can be appointed by the President during their term with the approval of the Board of Directors.”

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
<p>Section 2. Standing committees of Massachusetts PTA shall be, but not limited to: Annual Meeting Bylaws/Policies and Procedures; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Federal and State Advocacy; Finance; Health, Safety and Wellness; Membership, Nominating and Leadership Recruitment; and Reflections.</p>	<p><u>Section 2. Standing committees of Massachusetts PTA shall be, but not limited to: Annual Meeting; Bylaws/Policies and Procedures; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Advocacy; Finance; Health, Safety and Wellness; Membership, Nominating, and Leadership Recruitment; Programs, and Education.</u></p> <p><u>Other committees such as Corporate Partnerships, Reflections and Communications can be appointed by the President during their term with the approval of the Board of Directors.</u></p>

Rationale: Changes reflect needs of our constituent associations and aligns more with National PTA.

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7. ARTICLE XII – ANNUAL MEETING

Amend Article XII – Annual Meeting, Section 10, add “except when the National PTA Convention closes after that date, then officers will assume their duties at the close of the National PTA Convention.”

Current Wording	Effect of Proposed Amendment
Section 10. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties July 1 following the National PTA Convention.	<u>Section 10. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties on July 1, except when the National PTA Convention closes after that date, then officers will assume their duties at the close of the National PTA Convention.</u>

Rationale: Verbiage amended for clarity.