

**ARTICLE VI: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs**

Amend Article VI: Local PTAs/PTSA Section 1 letter f by striking out the words “**Shall pay annual membership dues as assessed by the affiliate council PTA per Article VI, Section 5 of council bylaws, if applicable.**” and inserting “**Shall be a member in good standing with the affiliate council per Article XIV, Section 2 of council bylaws, if applicable**”

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<p><b>ARTICLE VI: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> Local PTAs/PTSAs shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Georgia PTA in the area in which the local PTA/PTSA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, as the Georgia PTA may in its bylaws prescribe. The Georgia PTA shall issue to each local PTA/PTSA in its area an appropriate charter evidencing the due association and good standing of the local PTA/PTSA. A local PTA/PTSA in good standing is one that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;</li> <li>b. Remits the state and national portion of the dues, on a monthly basis, to the state PTA. The state shall remit the national portion to reach the national office by dates designated by the National PTA;</li> <li>c. Has bylaws approved according to the procedures of each state;</li> <li>d. Submits an annual audit report to the state office by the last business day of September;</li> <li>e. Shall submit annually to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the appropriate Form 990 by the applicable IRS due date; and</li> <li>f. Shall pay annual membership dues as assessed by the affiliate council PTA per Article VI, Section 5 of council bylaws, if applicable.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> Local PTAs/PTSAs shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Georgia PTA in the area in which the local PTA/PTSA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, as the Georgia PTA may in its bylaws prescribe. The Georgia PTA shall issue to each local PTA/PTSA in its area an appropriate charter evidencing the due association and good standing of the local PTA/PTSA. A local PTA/PTSA in good standing is one that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;</li> <li>b. Remits the state and national portion of the dues, on a monthly basis, to the state PTA. The state shall remit the national portion to reach the national office by dates designated by the National PTA;</li> <li>c. Has bylaws approved according to the procedures of each state;</li> <li>d. Submits an annual audit report to the state office by the last business day of September;</li> <li>e. Shall submit annually to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the appropriate Form 990 by the applicable IRS due date; and</li> <li>f. <del>Shall pay annual membership dues as assessed by the affiliate council PTA per Article VI, Section 5 of council bylaws, if applicable.</del></li> </ul> <p>Shall be a member in good standing with the affiliate council per Article XIV, Section 2 of council bylaws, if applicable.</p>

**Rationale:**

Georgia PTA collects all the information from local units directly to determine “in good standing” with the exception of payment of council dues. This causes confusion with local units, since council dues are paid directly to the council, not Georgia PTA. Therefore, councils will be responsible for reporting to Georgia PTA, those local units that meet the definition of “in good standing” per council bylaws, if applicable.

**ARTICLE VI: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs**

Amend Article VI: Local PTAs/PTSA Section 2 by adding the words “**on the statistical report generated during the first ten (10) days of March each year**”

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<p><b>ARTICLE VI: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs</b></p> <p><b>Section 2.</b> . Each local association in good standing shall be entitled to be represented at the annual state convention by its president and one (1) other officer, or their alternates, and one (1) delegate for every fifty (50) paid members recorded in the state office.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs</b></p> <p><b>Section 2.</b> . Each local association in good standing shall be entitled to be represented at the annual state convention by its president and one (1) other officer, or their alternates, and one (1) delegate for every fifty (50) paid members recorded in the state office <b>on the statistical report generated during the first ten (10) days of March each year.</b></p>

**Rationale:**

Georgia PTAs Policies and Procedures stipulate the date that a local unit must meet the requirements to be considered “in good standing”. However, this date has not been provided to local units in the bylaws of Georgia PTA or in the local unit bylaws. A cutoff date must be provided to local units to ensure eligibility for awards, district conference voting, Georgia PTA Convention Leadership Training voting and credentialing, and National PTA credentialing. Local units do not have access to the Georgia PTA Policies and Procedures. Therefore, the information needs to be included in both documents (Georgia PTA bylaws and local unit bylaws).

**ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

Amend Article VIII: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION Section 8 letter e by striking out the words “**Appendix J:**” and inserting “**Georgia PTA’s**”

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<p><b>ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION</b></p> <p><b>Section 8.</b> The following shall govern the nominating committee:</p> <p>a. The chair of the nominating committee shall direct the state office to distribute nomination forms to each member of the Board of Directors;</p> <p>b. The nominating committee shall nominate a candidate for each office to be filled and shall send a report of these nominations to the president;</p> <p>c. The chairperson of the nominating committee shall report the slate of officers to the Board of Directors by the Spring board meeting preceding the election convention;</p> <p>d. The report of the nominating committee shall be included in the call to convention and posted to the Georgia PTA website. The presidents of councils and local units are responsible for informing their membership of the nominees; and</p> <p>e. The chair of the nominating committee shall report to the convention at its first general session, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor as provided by Appendix J: Policy on Elections.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION</b></p> <p><b>Section 8</b> The following shall govern the nominating committee:</p> <p>a. The chair of the nominating committee shall direct the state office to distribute nomination forms to each member of the Board of Directors;</p> <p>b. The nominating committee shall nominate a candidate for each office to be filled and shall send a report of these nominations to the president;</p> <p>c. The chairperson of the nominating committee shall report the slate of officers to the Board of Directors by the Spring board meeting preceding the election convention;</p> <p>d. The report of the nominating committee shall be included in the call to convention and posted to the Georgia PTA website. The presidents of councils and local units are responsible for informing their membership of the nominees; and</p> <p>e. The chair of the nominating committee shall report to the convention at its first general session, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor as provided by <del>Appendix J:</del> Georgia PTAs Policy on Elections.</p>

**Rationale:**

Remove specific reference to Georgia PTA Policies & Procedures relating to election. This will not eliminate the policy on elections. Rather, it will allow for transparency relating to the policy adopted by the Georgia PTA Board of Directors. Removing the reference to Georgia PTA Policies & Procedures allows the policy to be shared with local units and members seeking election to the Georgia PTA Board of Directors. This will allow for posting to the website as well as distribution to all members.

**ARTICLE XVI: STATE CONVENTION**

Amend Article XVI: STATE CONVENTION, Section 3 letter a adding the words” **on the statistical report generated during the first ten (10) days of March each year”**

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<p><b>ARTICLE XVI: STATE CONVENTION</b></p> <p><b>Section 3.</b> Representation at state convention:</p> <p>a. Each local association in good standing* shall be entitled to be represented at the annual state convention by its president and one (1) other officer, or their alternates, and one (1) delegate for every fifty (50) paid members recorded in the state office;</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XVI: STATE CONVENTION</b></p> <p><b>Section 3.</b> Representation at state convention:</p> <p>a. Each local association in good standing* shall be entitled to be represented at the annual state convention by its president and one (1) other officer, or their alternates, and one (1) delegate for every fifty (50) paid members recorded in the state <b>office on the statistical report generated during the first ten (10) days of March each year;</b></p>

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