

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
To  
PTA COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, INC. BYLAWS

The following proposed amendments to the PTA Council of Baltimore County, Inc. Bylaws were approved by the board of directors at the June 2, 2011 and August 4, 2011 meetings and will be presented to the delegates at the general membership meeting on October 20, 2011.

Note: Proposed changes are italicized. Proposed omissions are underlined.

Article VI: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Change "educational area" to "*geographic area*" throughout the Article.

Rational: To more accurately describe the areas designated by BCPS.

Article VI, Section 1 – OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Amend by deleting Vice President for Chairmen and Vice President for Membership.

Proposed Amendment

Section 1. The officers of this council PTA shall be:

President

First Vice President

Vice President for Leadership

Vice President for Chairmen

Vice President for Membership

Secretary

Treasurer

Two Area Vice Presidents (AVPs) for each educational area, as defined by BCPS.

Rational: To streamline the board and consolidate duties.

Article VI, Section 1 - OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Amend by striking “, except the treasurer,” from the third sentence and striking the fourth and fifth sentences entirely.

Proposed Amendment

Section 1. ....The officers, except the treasurer, shall assume their duties on July 1 of the year in which they are elected. The outgoing treasurer shall continue to serve until the end of the fiscal year. The newly elected treasurer shall assume his duties on August 1 of the year in which he is elected. ....

Rational: To have the term of the treasurer and the fiscal year coincide since the state PTA has mandated all constituent organizations use July 1 through June 30 as their fiscal year.

Article VI, Section 2 – OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Amend by changing “local PTA president” to “local PTA officer.”

Proposed Amendment

.....All officers shall have served at least one full year as a local PTA president local PTA officer or one full year on the council board of directors.

Rational: To allow a larger pool from which to elect officers.

Article VI, Section 5 – OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Amend to reduce the number on the nominating committee from seven to five, one from each educational area, the committee to elect its chair from the five.

Proposed Amendment

.....The nominating committee shall consist of seven (7) members; a chairman, five (5) members representing each educational area, and one member at large with no more than two (2) members from the same educational area......

.....*The nominating committee shall consist of five (5) members, one from each educational area. The committee shall elect the chairman from the five (5).*.....

Rational: To allow for more efficient operation of the committee while still maintaining equal representation countywide.

Article VII, Section 4 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Amend to delete Section 4 and add the duties of the previous office of vice president for chairmen to Section 2, duties of the first vice president provided amendment to Article VI, Section 1 has been adopted.

Proposed Amendment

The first vice president shall:

- a. act as an aide to the president and perform the duties of the president in the absence of or the inability of the president to act;
- b. *orient and brief all committee chairmen;* and
- c. perform additional duties as required in the council standing rules.

Rational: To reassign duties.

Article VII, Section 5 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Amend to delete Section 5 and add the duties of the previous office of vice president for membership to Section 6, duties of the secretary provided amendment to Article VI, Section 1 has been adopted.

Proposed Amendment

The secretary shall:

- a. record the minutes of all general council membership , board of directors, and executive committee meetings;
- b. *send out notice of council dues to local PTAs as provided in Article XIII. Section 5b;*
- c. *collect council dues and forward to the treasurer;* and
- d. perform additional duties as required in the council standing rules.

Rational: To reassign duties.

Article VII, Section 7g – DUTIES OF OFFICERS - Treasurer

Amend to change “for the September BULLETIN” to “for the BULLETIN after the budget is approved.

Proposed Amendment

g. supply copy of approved budget for the September BULLETIN *for the BULLETIN after the budget is approved.*

Rational: To assure that the budget is shared with the general membership after approval.

Article VIII, Section 1 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Amend to change “two (2) student representatives” to “one student representative or his/her alternate.”

Proposed Amendment

The board of directors of this council PTA shall consist of the officers of the council, administrative service personnel, the chairmen of standing committees, members of the nominating committee, the superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools or his representative, the president of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County or his representative, and two(2) student representatives *one student representative, or his/her alternate,* of the Baltimore County Student Councils.

Rational: To be consistent with representation from BCPS and TABCO.

Article X, Section 5 – COMMITTEES

Amend to change reference from vice president for chairmen to first vice president if Article VII, Section 4 has been adopted.

Proposed Amendment

Chairmen shall maintain a procedure book and return it to the vice president for chairmen *first vice president* at the termination of their appointment.

Rational: To be consistent with the change of duties of officers.

Article X, Section 6 – COMMITTEES

Amend to change reference from vice president for chairmen to first vice president if Article VII, Section 4 has been adopted.

Proposed Amendment

Chairmen of standing committees shall submit a written annual report to the vice president for chairmen *first vice president* at the June board of directors meeting. ....

Rational: To be consistent with the change of duties of officers.

Article XII, Section 3 – MEETINGS

Amend to specify local PTA, not school.

Proposed Amendment

.....All members voting and representing local PTAs must present a valid PTA voting delegate card and a valid local PTA membership card from the same school *local PTA.*

Rational: For clarification.

Article XII, #Section 4 – MEETINGS

Amend to lower quorum.

Proposed Amendment

A quorum for the transaction of business of any meeting of this council PTA shall consist of at least thirty (30) *twenty (20)* members of the voting body.

Rational: To enable the council to conduct business based upon current attendance trends.

Article XIII, Section 5b – Dues

Amend to change reference from vice president for membership to secretary if Article VII, Section 5 has been adopted.

Proposed Amendment

A notice of dues shall be sent annually to each local PTA by the vice president for membership *secretary* at least forty-five (45) days prior to the October 1 due date.

Rational: To be consistent with the change of duties of officers.

October 20, 2011