

The following amendments are proposed for adoption at the 2022 Free State PTA Annual Meeting. Any current wording recommended for deletion is indicated with a ~~striketrough~~, and any new wording inserted is shown as underscored.

The amendments are sorted into four groups:

- Group 1 – Amendments needed in order to conduct the election of the president-elect
- Group 2 – Amendments that clarify existing wording
- Group 3 – Amendments that change the title of a committee chair
- Group 4 – Amendments that remove wording no longer needed

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## GROUP 1

These amendments address the elections for this annual meeting.

### Amendment 1A

#### Article VI – Officers

#### Section 2. C.

Amend by striking out the current language in its entirety and inserting: “To be eligible for the office of president-elect, a member shall have served at least one term on the Free State PTA Board of Directors before assuming office.

*PROVISO: This eligibility requirement will take effect at the 2023 annual meeting.”*

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
To be eligible for the office of president-elect, a member shall have served one term on the board of directors before assuming office. This eligibility requirement shall take effect at the 2023 annual meeting or prior to that meeting if a vacancy in this position occurs and must be filled at the 2022 annual meeting.	<p><del>To be eligible for the office of president-elect, a member shall have served one term on the board of directors before assuming office. This eligibility requirement shall take effect at the 2023 annual meeting or prior to that meeting if a vacancy in this position occurs and must be filled at the 2022 annual meeting.</del></p> <p><u>To be eligible for the office of president-elect, a member shall have served at least one term on the Free State PTA Board of Directors before assuming office.</u></p> <p><u><i>PROVISO: This eligibility requirement will take effect at the 2023 annual meeting.</i></u></p>	As currently written, nobody can qualify for this position since nobody has been able to serve one term on the Free State PTA Board of Directors as of the date of the 2022 annual meeting. The proviso permits an election at the 2022 annual meeting.

### Amendment 1B

#### Article VII – Nominations and Elections

#### Section 2

Amend by striking out the current language in its entirety and inserting:

**Nominations from the Floor.** Every candidate intending to run from the floor shall give notice in writing to the Free State PTA President and Secretary by completing and submitting the published “Notice of Intent to Run for Free State PTA Elected Office” form and shall be a current member of a Free State PTA local constituent association in good standing at the time notice is given.

- A. Prior to the annual meeting in odd-numbered years, notice of intent to run must be received no later than May 1.
- B. For an election held at the annual meeting in even-numbered years, notice of intent to run must be received no later than the later of May 1 or 30 days after publication of notice of a vacancy requiring an election.
- C. For a special meeting called to hold an election, notice of intent to run must be received no later than 30 days before the special meeting.
- D. The names of the nominees from the floor will be added to the notice for the annual or special meeting and the notice will be published, or republished if previously published.

*PROVISO: Publication of the notice of intent to modify the bylaws to permit nominations from the floor for the special election needed at the 2022 annual meeting is deemed sufficient, upon adoption of this bylaws provision, to enable nominations from the floor for candidates giving the Free State PTA President and Secretary notice in writing of intent to run by completing and submitting the published “Notice of Intent to Run for Free State PTA Elected Office” form no later than 30 days after the publication of the notice.”*

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p><b>Nominations from the Floor.</b> Nominees from the floor shall give notice in writing to the Free State PTA President and Secretary no later than May 1 in odd-numbered years. The names of the nominees from the floor shall be included in the notice of the annual meeting held in odd-numbered years.</p>	<p><del><b>Nominations from the Floor.</b> Nominees from the floor shall give notice in writing to the Free State PTA President and Secretary no later than May 1 in odd-numbered years. The names of the nominees from the floor shall be included in the notice of the annual meeting held in odd-numbered years.</del></p> <p><b><u>Nominations from the Floor.</u></b> <u>Every candidate intending to run from the floor shall give notice in writing to the Free State PTA President and Secretary by completing and submitting the published “Notice of Intent to Run for Free State PTA Elected Office” form and shall be a current member of a Free State PTA local constituent association in good standing at the time notice is given.</u></p> <p>A. <u>Prior to the annual meeting in odd-numbered years, notice of intent to run must be received no later than May 1.</u></p>	<p>As currently written, this section would prevent accepting nominations from the floor for any election held at any time other than an annual meeting in an odd-numbered year. The proposed language corrects that restriction and provides for a window of at least 30 days for candidates to submit notice of intent to run. Since elections are routinely scheduled for annual meetings in odd years, leaving the May 1 deadline is acceptable in that case. This change also requires each candidate to be a current member of a local in good standing at the time notice of intent is filed.</p> <p>The intent of the proviso is to modify the bylaws prior to the 2022 special election to permit nominations from the floor as that is the only</p>

	<p>B. <u>For an election held at the annual meeting in even-numbered years, notice of intent to run must be received no later than the later of May 1 or 30 days after publication of notice of a vacancy requiring an election.</u></p> <p>C. <u>For a special meeting called to hold an election, notice of intent to run must be received no later than 30 days before the special meeting.</u></p> <p>D. <u>The names of the nominees from the floor will be added to the notice for the annual or special meeting and the notice will be published, or republished if previously published.</u></p> <p><i><u>PROVISO: Publication of the notice of intent to modify the bylaws to permit nominations from the floor for the special election needed at the 2022 annual meeting is deemed sufficient, upon adoption of this bylaws provision, to enable nominations from the floor for candidates giving the Free State PTA President and Secretary notice in writing of intent to run by completing and submitting the published "Notice of Intent to Run for Free State PTA Elected Office" form no later than 30 days after the publication of the notice."</u></i></p>	<p>way nominations can occur for that election.</p>
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**Group 2**

*These amendments clarify the current wording.*

**Amendment 2A**

**Article I – Name**

**Section (N/A)**

Amend by adding the sentence: "Throughout these bylaws the word "county" is understood to mean the 23 Maryland counties plus Baltimore City."

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<p>The name of this association is Free State PTA Corp., a constituent association of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. This association shall be referred to as “Free State PTA” and shall be governed by the Corporations and Associations Article of the Code of Maryland.</p>	<p>The name of this association is Free State PTA Corp., a constituent association of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. This association shall be referred to as “Free State PTA” and shall be governed by the Corporations and Associations Article of the Code of Maryland. <u>Throughout these bylaws the word “county” is understood to mean the 23 Maryland counties plus Baltimore City.</u></p>	<p>It is necessary to ensure Baltimore City is properly included in references to the major Maryland educational jurisdictions.</p>
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**Amendment 2B**

**Article IV – Constituent Associations**

**Section 3**

Amend by striking out “council PTAs and for” and inserting “the organization and chartering of council PTAs and” immediately following the words “requirements for.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p><b>Other Divisions.</b> The Free State PTA Board of Directors may determine and set requirements for council PTAs and for other divisions of Free State PTA. Any council PTA or other PTA division that was organized by the former Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers shall be considered a constituent association, pursuant to these bylaws, upon the completion of the qualifications to become a council PTA or other division on or before June 1, 2022.</p>	<p><b>Other Divisions.</b> The Free State PTA Board of Directors may determine and set requirements for <del>council PTAs and for</del> <u>the organization and chartering of council PTAs and</u> other divisions of Free State PTA. Any council PTA or other PTA division that was organized by the former Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers shall be considered a constituent association, pursuant to these bylaws, upon the completion of the qualifications to become a council PTA or other division on or before June 1, 2022.</p>	<p>Free State PTA needs to organize and charter any councils or other divisions, just as it must for locals.</p>

**Amendment 2C**

**Article IV – Constituent Associations**

**Section 5. B.**

Amend by adding the sentence: “Notice of the amendment shall be provided to constituent associations.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p>The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the National PTA Bylaws applying to constituent</p>	<p>The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the National PTA Bylaws applying to constituent</p>	<p>It is important that constituent associations be</p>

associations shall, automatically and without further action, amend the bylaws of Free State PTA and all of its constituent associations, if applicable.	associations shall, automatically and without further action, amend the bylaws of Free State PTA and all of its constituent associations, if applicable. <u>Notice of the amendment shall be provided to constituent associations.</u>	informed of any such amendment.
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**Amendment 2D**

**Article IV – Constituent Associations**

**Section 6**

Amend by inserting the words “and constituent associations” after the words “Free State PTA” in the first sentence.

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<b>Records Retention.</b> Free State PTA shall keep such permanent books of account and records (including approved meetings minutes) as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements of the association including, specifically, the number of its members and the dues collected and remitted to National PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the National PTA.	<b>Records Retention.</b> Free State PTA <u>and constituent associations</u> shall keep such permanent books of account and records (including approved meetings minutes) as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements of the association including, specifically, the number of its members and the dues collected and remitted to National PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the National PTA or Free State PTA.	Note that this article applies to constituent associations.

**Amendment 2E**

**Article IV – Constituent Associations**

**Section 6**

Amend by inserting the words “and/or Free State PTA” after the words “the National PTA” at the end of the paragraph.

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<b>Records Retention.</b> Free State PTA shall keep such permanent books of account and records (including approved meetings minutes) as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts and	<b>Records Retention.</b> Free State PTA shall keep such permanent books of account and records (including approved meetings minutes) as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts and	This change clarifies that records retention and inspection applies to all constituent associations in addition to Free State PTA itself.

<p>disbursements of the association including, specifically, the number of its members and the dues collected and remitted to National PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the National PTA.</p>	<p>disbursements of the association including, specifically, the number of its members and the dues collected and remitted to National PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the National PTA <u>and/or Free State PTA.</u></p>	
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**Amendment 2F**

**Article V – Members and Dues**

**Section 3**

Amend by striking out the last sentence and inserting: “Each member shall pay annual dues as determined by the local PTA. The local dues shall include the local, state, and national PTA portions, as well as the council PTA dues, if applicable. The state PTA portion is recommended by the board of directors and approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting body at a Free State PTA Annual Meeting.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p><b>Dues.</b> Each individual shall become a member of a local PTA that is a constituent association of the Free State PTA. Each member shall pay annual dues, which shall include the local portion as determined by the local PTA, the state portion of two dollars (\$2.00) as determined by Free State PTA, and the national portion as determined by National PTA.</p>	<p><b>Dues.</b> Each individual shall become a member of a local PTA that is a constituent association of the Free State PTA. <del>Each member shall pay annual dues, which shall include the local portion as determined by the local PTA, the state portion of two dollars (\$2.00) as determined by Free State PTA, and the national portion as determined by National PTA.</del>  <u>Each member shall pay annual dues as determined by the local PTA. The local dues shall include the local, state, and national PTA portions, as well as the council PTA dues, if applicable. The state PTA portion is recommended by the board of directors and approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting body at a Free State PTA Annual Meeting.</u></p>	<p>This change does a couple things. First by removing the specific amount charged by Free State PTA, it removes the requirement to update these bylaws any time the amount charged is changed. Second, it clarifies that the amount charged by the local PTA may also include council PTA dues as defined in the council PTA bylaws.</p>

**Amendment 2G**

**Article VI – Officers**

**Section 1**

Amend by striking out “simultaneously” and inserting it after “No individual may.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p><b>Officers.</b> The officers of Free State PTA shall be a president, a president-elect, a vice president for leadership, a vice president for advocacy, a vice president for membership, a vice president for field service, a secretary, and a treasurer. No individual may serve in more than one capacity as an officer simultaneously. The initial directors elected at the time of the adoption of these bylaws shall serve until elections are held by the members in 2021.</p>	<p><b>Officers.</b> The officers of Free State PTA shall be a president, a president-elect, a vice president for leadership, a vice president for advocacy, a vice president for membership, a vice president for field service, a secretary, and a treasurer. No individual may <u>simultaneously</u> serve in more than one capacity as an officer <del>simultaneously</del>. The initial directors elected at the time of the adoption of these bylaws shall serve until elections are held by the members in 2021.</p>	<p>Moving the word “simultaneously” improves the clarity of the sentence.</p>

**Amendment 2H**

**Article VI – Officers**

**Section 3**

Amend by striking out the current language in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections.

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p><b>Election.</b> The officers shall be elected at the Free State PTA annual meeting by the voting body in odd-numbered years. Election shall be by ballot. If there is only one candidate for the vacancy, the ballot may be by voice vote. A majority vote shall be required for election.</p>	<p><del><b>Election.</b> The officers shall be elected at the Free State PTA annual meeting by the voting body in odd-numbered years. Election shall be by ballot. If there is only one candidate for the vacancy, the ballot may be by voice vote. A majority vote shall be required for election.</del></p>	<p>This section essentially duplicates Article VII, Section 3. B. Article VII, Section 3. B is the better place to consider elections since directors-at-large are also elected positions and the article is named “Nominations and Elections.”</p>

**Amendment 2I**

**Article VI – Officers**

**Section 8**

Amend by striking out the current language in its entirety and inserting: “**Duties of Officers.** The officers shall perform the duties as prescribed for the office in or by applicable federal or state statutes, these bylaws, adopted procedures, the association, the board of directors, or the parliamentary authority.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p><b>Duties of Officers.</b> The officers shall perform the duties as prescribed for the office in these</p>	<p><del><b>Duties of Officers.</b> The officers shall perform the duties as prescribed for the office in these</del></p>	<p>Restructuring the sentence clarifies the intent and implicitly sequences the</p>

<p>bylaws, in adopted procedures, by the board of directors, in applicable state statutes, and in the parliamentary authority.</p>	<p><del>bylaws, in adopted procedures, by the board of directors, in applicable state statutes, and in the parliamentary authority.</del></p> <p><b>Duties of Officers.</b> The officers shall perform the duties as prescribed for the office in or by applicable federal or state statutes, these bylaws, adopted procedures, the association, the board of directors, or the parliamentary authority.</p>	<p>order of precedence for the sources of duties.</p>
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**Amendment 2J**

**Article VI – Officers**

**Section 8. B. 2.**

Amend by inserting the word “leadership” into the list of specified committees and alphabetize.

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p>2. serve as a member of the advocacy and finance committees;</p>	<p>2. serve as a member of the advocacy, finance, and <u>leadership</u> committees;</p>	<p>The leadership committee description requires the president-elect to be a member, so the president-elect duties description should reflect that requirement.</p>

**Amendment 2K**

**Article VI – Officers**

**Section 8. G. 2.**

Amend by striking out “members” and inserting “general membership.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p>2. record and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the board of directors, executive committee, and the members;</p>	<p>2. record and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the board of directors, executive committee, and the <del>members</del> general membership;</p>	<p>The secretary is responsible for recording and maintaining the minutes of all meetings.</p>

**Amendment 2L**

**Article VI – Officers**

**Section 8. H. 4.**

Amend by striking out the current language in its entirety and inserting: “report the financial status of the association in writing to the board of directors at every meeting and to the membership during the annual meeting.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
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<p>4. report the financial status of the association to the board of directors and during the annual meeting;</p>	<p>4. <del>report the financial status of the association to the board of directors and during the annual meeting</del> <u>report the financial status of the association in writing to the board of directors at every meeting and to the membership during the annual meeting;</u></p>	<p>It is important that treasurer’s reports be frequent and in writing because the information presented is complex, often requiring significant effort to fully understand.</p>
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**Amendment 2M**

**Article VII – Nominations and Elections**

**Section 1**

Amend by striking out the current language in its entirety and inserting:

**Section 1. Nominating Committee.**

The nominating committee shall be activated with their election in 2022 to complete the duties herein for the 2023 election unless needed prior to that time to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy at a special meeting of the members.

- A. **Composition.** The nominating committee is a special committee that shall consist of five (5) members, no more than one (1) of whom may be from the board of directors. No two (2) members of the nominating committee shall be from the same county. No individual shall serve as a member of the nominating committee for two consecutive terms or be eligible to be nominated by the committee or run for election to the board of directors while serving on the committee. A vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by an election by the board of directors.
- B. **Election of Members.** The board of directors shall elect the members of the nominating committee by ballot at a meeting held no later than the fall in odd-numbered years. The election shall be by plurality vote. The nominating committee shall elect its own chair.
- C. **Term.** The committee members shall serve until the presentation of the slate of officers and directors-at-large at the next odd-year annual meeting.
- D. **Duties.** The nominating committee:
  - 1. shall meet no later than March 1 in odd-numbered years or as otherwise needed to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy at a special meeting of the members;
  - 2. shall consider all candidates for elected positions whose names and qualifications are received by the committee chair by January 15 in odd-numbered years;
  - 3. may consider additional candidates during their deliberation if no qualified candidate applies by the specified deadline;
  - 4. shall obtain written consent of each candidate prior to placing the name in nomination; and
  - 5. shall submit only one name for each position to be filled.
- E. **Report.** The nominating committee shall publicize, or cause to be publicized, the report no later than April 1 in odd-numbered years.”

<b>CURRENT WORDING</b>	<b>IF ADOPTED WILL READ</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>
<p>The nominating committee shall be activated with their election in 2022 to complete the duties</p>	<p><del>The nominating committee shall be activated with their election in 2022 to complete the duties</del></p>	<p>The changes in part A clarify the intent.</p>

<p>herein for the 2023 election unless needed prior to that time to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy at a special meeting of the members.</p> <p>A. <b>Composition.</b> The nominating committee shall consist of five (5) members, no more than one (1) of whom may be from the board of directors. No more than one (1) member of the nominating committee shall be from the same county. No individual shall serve as a member of the nominating committee for two consecutive terms nor be eligible to be nominated by the committee or run for election to the board of directors while serving on the committee. A vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by an election by the board of directors.</p> <p>B. <b>Election of Members.</b> The board of directors shall elect the members of the nominating committee by ballot at a meeting held no later than the fall in even-numbered years. The election shall be by plurality vote. The nominating committee shall elect its own chair.</p> <p>C. <b>Term.</b> The committee members shall serve until the presentation of the slate of officers and directors-at-large at the next annual meeting.</p> <p>D. <b>Duties.</b> The nominating committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. shall meet no later than March 1 in odd-numbered years or as otherwise needed to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy</li> </ol>	<p><del>herein for the 2023 election unless needed prior to that time to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy at a special meeting of the members.</del></p> <p><del>A. <b>Composition.</b> The nominating committee shall consist of five (5) members, no more than one (1) of whom may be from the board of directors. No more than one (1) member of the nominating committee shall be from the same county. No individual shall serve as a member of the nominating committee for two consecutive terms nor be eligible to be nominated by the committee or run for election to the board of directors while serving on the committee. A vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by an election by the board of directors.</del></p> <p><del>B. <b>Election of Members.</b> The board of directors shall elect the members of the nominating committee by ballot at a meeting held no later than the fall in even-numbered years. The election shall be by plurality vote. The nominating committee shall elect its own chair.</del></p> <p><del>C. <b>Term.</b> The committee members shall serve until the presentation of the slate of officers and directors-at-large at the next annual meeting.</del></p> <p><del>D. <b>Duties.</b> The nominating committee:</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>1. shall meet no later than March 1 in odd-numbered years or as otherwise needed to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy</del></li> </ol>	<p>The change in part B ensures the nominating committee is available almost all the time.</p> <p>The change in part C accommodates having the nominating committee active for a longer period of time – the odd-year annual meeting is the normal endpoint for service on the nominating committee.</p> <p>The second instance of part D should have been part E.</p>
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<p>at a special meeting of the members;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. shall consider all candidates for elected positions whose names and qualifications are received by the committee chair by January 15 in odd-numbered years;</li> <li>3. may consider additional candidates during their deliberation if no qualified candidate applies by the specified deadline;</li> <li>4. shall obtain written consent of each candidate prior to placing the name in nomination; and</li> <li>5. shall submit only one name for each position to be filled.</li> </ol> <p>D. <b>Report.</b> The nominating committee shall publicize, or cause to be publicized, the report no later than April 1 in odd-numbered years.</p>	<p>at a special meeting of the members;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>2. shall consider all candidates for elected positions whose names and qualifications are received by the committee chair by January 15 in odd-numbered years;</del></li> <li><del>3. may consider additional candidates during their deliberation if no qualified candidate applies by the specified deadline;</del></li> <li><del>4. shall obtain written consent of each candidate prior to placing the name in nomination; and</del></li> <li><del>5. shall submit only one name for each position to be filled.</del></li> </ol> <p><del><b>Report.</b> The nominating committee shall publicize, or cause to be publicized, the report no later than April 1 in odd-numbered years.</del></p> <p><u>The nominating committee shall be activated with their election in 2022 to complete the duties herein for the 2023 election unless needed prior to that time to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy at a special meeting of the members.</u></p> <p>A. <b>Composition.</b> <u>The nominating committee is a special committee that shall consist of five (5) members, no more than one (1) of whom may be from the board of directors. No two (2) members of the nominating committee shall be from the same county. No individual shall serve as a member of the nominating</u></p>	
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	<p><u>committee for two consecutive terms or be eligible to be nominated by the committee <del>not</del> or run for election to the board of directors while serving on the committee. A vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by an election by the board of directors.</u></p> <p>B. <b>Election of Members.</b> <u>The board of directors shall elect the members of the nominating committee by ballot at a meeting held no later than the fall in odd-numbered years. The election shall be by plurality vote. The nominating committee shall elect its own chair.</u></p> <p>C. <b>Term.</b> <u>The committee members shall serve until the presentation of the slate of officers and directors-at-large at the next odd-year annual meeting.</u></p> <p>D. <b>Duties.</b> <u>The nominating committee:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>shall meet no later than March 1 in odd-numbered years or as otherwise needed to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy at a special meeting of the members;</u></li> <li>2. <u>shall consider all candidates for elected positions whose names and qualifications are received by the committee chair by January 15 in odd-numbered years;</u></li> <li>3. <u>may consider additional candidates during their deliberation if no qualified</u></li> </ol>	
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	<p><u>candidate applies by the specified deadline;</u></p> <p>4. <u>shall obtain written consent of each candidate prior to placing the name in nomination; and</u></p> <p>5. <u>shall submit only one name for each position to be filled.</u></p> <p><b>E. Report.</b> <u>The nominating committee shall publicize, or cause to be publicized, the report no later than April 1 in odd-numbered years.</u></p>	
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**Amendment 2N**

**Article VIII – Board of Directors**

**Section 2**

Amend by striking out the current language in its entirety and inserting: “**Composition.** The members of the board of directors shall be the officers, two (2) directors-at-large, the chairs of the standing committees, and two (2) youth representatives. No board member may simultaneously hold any two of these positions. The minimum required number of directors shall be three (3).”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p><b>Composition.</b> The members of the board of directors shall be (a) the officers, and (b) two (2) directors-at-large, the chairs of the standing committees, and two (2) youth representatives, who may not simultaneously serve as officers or hold any two of these positions. The minimum required number of directors shall be three (3).</p>	<p><del><b>Composition.</b> The members of the board of directors shall be (a) the officers, and (b) two (2) directors-at-large, the chairs of the standing committees, and two (2) youth representatives, who may not simultaneously serve as officers or hold any two of these positions. The minimum required number of directors shall be three (3).</del></p> <p><u><b>Composition.</b> The members of the board of directors shall be the (a) the officers, two (2) directors-at-large, the chairs of the standing committees, and two (2) youth representatives. No board member may simultaneously hold any two of these positions. The minimum required number of directors shall be three (3).</u></p>	<p>These changes result in more concise language and make it clear that no member of the board of directors can hold two positions simultaneously.</p>

**Amendment 2O**

**Article VIII – Board of Directors**

**Section 6. F.**

Amend by striking out the words “at a meeting held no later than the fall in even-numbered years.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
F. elect members of the nominating committee at a meeting held no later than the fall in even-numbered years;	F. elect members of the nominating committee <del>at a meeting held no later than the fall in even-numbered years;</del>	The timing of electing the nominating committee members is already covered in Article VII, Section 1. B.

**Amendment 2P**

**Article X – Committees**

**Section 1. B.**

Amend by striking out the comma (’,) after the word “president” and inserting the word “and.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
B. <b>Composition.</b> Each standing committee shall consist of a chair and at least four (4) members appointed by the president, subject to approval of the board of directors, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws. Committees may include non-board members, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws. Subcommittees may include non-committee members.	B. <b>Composition.</b> Each standing committee shall consist of a chair and at least four (4) members appointed by the president, <u>and</u> subject to approval of the board of directors, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws. Committees may include non-board members, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws. Subcommittees may include non-committee members.	This change more tightly binds the board’s approval of the president’s appointments, making the “unless otherwise provided...” phrase apply to the preceding clause in its entirety. The result then tracks with the subsequent sentence structure, which helps reinforce the nature of the binding.

**Amendment 2Q**

**Article XI – Meetings**

**Section 1. B. 1.**

Amend by inserting “Free State PTA” before “board of directors.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
B. <b>Voting Body.</b> The voting body of the annual meeting shall be composed of the following Free State PTA members who have registered in attendance:  1. Members of the board of directors, and	B. <b>Voting Body.</b> The voting body of the annual meeting shall be composed of the following Free State PTA members who have registered in attendance:  1. Members of the <u>Free State PTA</u> Board of Directors, and	Adding “Free State PTA to Section 1. B. 1. ensures this paragraph cannot be misinterpreted to apply to all constituent association boards of directors.

**Amendment 2R**

**Article XI – Meetings**

**Section 1. B. 2. b**

Amend by inserting “and other division PTA presidents.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p><b>B. Voting Body.</b> The voting body of the annual meeting shall be composed of the following Free State PTA members who have registered in attendance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of the board of directors, and</li> <li>2. Delegates from the constituent associations:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. local PTA presidents or their alternates;</li> <li>b. council PTA presidents or their alternates;</li> <li>c. three (3) members of each local PTA in good standing; and</li> <li>d. one (1) additional delegate for every fifty (50) members, or major fraction thereof, of each constituent association in good standing as reported on the records of Free State PTA as of April 1 of each year.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>B. Voting Body.</b> The voting body of the annual meeting shall be composed of the following Free State PTA members who have registered in attendance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of the board of directors, and</li> <li>2. Delegates from the constituent associations:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. local PTA presidents or their alternates;</li> <li>b. council PTA presidents <u>and other division PTA presidents</u> or their alternates;</li> <li>c. three (3) members of each local PTA in good standing; and</li> <li>d. one (1) additional delegate for every fifty (50) members, or major fraction thereof, of each constituent association in good standing as reported on the records of Free State PTA as of April 1 of each year.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Adding “and other division PTA presidents” to Section 1. B. 2. b. allows for participation of those constituent associations.</p>

**GROUP 3**

*These amendments address the position of Programs and Resources Chair. Amendment 3B is a conforming amendment and will not be considered if Amendment 3A is not adopted.*

**Amendment 3A**

**Article X – Committees**

**Section 1**

Amend by striking out “and resources.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p><b>Standing Committees.</b> The standing committees of Free State PTA shall be advocacy, field service, finance, governance,</p>	<p><b>Standing Committees.</b> The standing committees of Free State PTA shall be advocacy, field service, finance, governance,</p>	<p>Use of the term “resources” is misleading and implies finances or fundraising. Both finances and fundraising</p>

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**Amendment 3B**

**Article X – Committees**

**Section 7**

Amend by striking out “and resources.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p>7. <b>Programs and Resources Committee.</b> This committee shall:</p> <p>a. consist of an appointed chair and at least three (3) additional members; and</p> <p>b. shall develop and evaluate strategies for the implementation of the National PTA Reflections Program and other programs and resources.</p>	<p>7. <b>Programs <del>and Resources</del> Committee.</b> This committee shall:</p> <p>a. consist of an appointed chair and at least three (3) additional members; and</p> <p>b. shall develop and evaluate strategies for the implementation of the National PTA Reflections Program and other programs and resources.</p>	<p>This amendment is required if Amendment 3A is adopted.</p>

**GROUP 4**

*These amendments address the proviso language no longer needed at the 2022 annual meeting.*

**Amendment 4A**

**Article VI – Officers**

**Section 1**

Amend by striking out the last sentence.

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p><b>Officers.</b> The officers of Free State PTA shall be a president, a president-elect, a vice president for leadership, a vice president for advocacy, a vice president for membership, a vice president for field service, a secretary, and a treasurer. No individual may serve in more than one capacity as an officer simultaneously. The initial directors elected at the time of the adoption of these bylaws shall serve until elections are held by the members in 2021.</p>	<p><b>Officers.</b> The officers of Free State PTA shall be a president, a president-elect, a vice president for leadership, a vice president for advocacy, a vice president for membership, a vice president for field service, a secretary, and a treasurer. No individual may serve in more than one capacity as an officer simultaneously. <del>The initial directors elected at the time of the adoption of these bylaws shall serve until elections are held by the members in 2021.</del></p>	<p>The last sentence is no longer needed.</p>

**Amendment 4B**



**Article VI Officers**

**Section 2. A.**

Amend by striking out the last sentence.

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
A. Each officer shall be a current member of an active local PTA chartered by Free State PTA. The initial directors and any officers elected at the 2021 meeting shall be members of a local PTA in Maryland for the 2020-2021 membership year.	A. Each officer shall be a current member of an active local PTA chartered by Free State PTA. <del>The initial directors and any officers elected at the 2021 meeting shall be members of a local PTA in Maryland for the 2020-2021 membership year.</del>	The last sentence is no longer relevant as the officers are already in office. At the time of election, their eligibility was already established.

**Amendment 4C**

**Article XI – Meetings**

**Section 1**

Amend by striking out the sentence: “This scheduling requirement shall take effect for the 2022 annual meeting.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<b>Section 1. Annual Meeting.</b> A meeting of the members shall be held annually in July for the purpose of receiving reports and acting on any other business which is properly before the membership pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws. The election of officers and directors-at-large shall occur in odd-numbered years. This scheduling requirement shall take effect for the 2022 annual meeting.	<b>Section 1. Annual Meeting.</b> A meeting of the members shall be held annually in July for the purpose of receiving reports and acting on any other business which is properly before the membership pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws. The election of officers and directors-at-large shall occur in odd-numbered years. <del>This scheduling requirement shall take effect for the 2022 annual meeting.</del>	By the time these amendments will be voted upon, all references to special considerations for 2022 will be in the past and can be removed from the bylaws.

**Amendment 4D**

**Article XI – Meetings**

**Section 1. A.**

Amend by striking out the sentence: “This notice requirement shall take effect for the 2022 annual meeting.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
A. <b>Notice.</b> Notice of the time and place of each annual meeting shall be provided not less than sixty (60) days prior to the	A. <b>Notice.</b> Notice of the time and place of each annual meeting shall be provided not less than sixty (60) days prior to the	By the time these amendments will be voted upon, all references to special considerations for

<p>date of the opening of the meeting. Notice shall be provided to constituent associations by U.S. mail or other electronic means as the board of directors may designate. This notice requirement shall take effect for the 2022 annual meeting.</p>	<p>date of the opening of the meeting. Notice shall be provided to constituent associations by U.S. mail or other electronic means as the board of directors may designate. <del>This notice requirement shall take effect for the 2022 annual meeting.</del></p>	<p>2022 will be in the past and can be removed from the bylaws.</p>
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**Amendment 4E**

**Article XI – Meetings**

**Section 1. B. 2. d**

Amend by striking out the sentence: “This definition of the voting body shall take effect for the 2022 annual meeting. The voting body for the 2021 meeting shall include (a) local PTA presidents or their alternatives, (b) council PTA presidents or their alternatives, and (c) three (3) members of each local, active PTA as authorized by the president or governing body.”

<b>CURRENT WORDING</b>	<b>IF ADOPTED WILL READ</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>
<p><b>B. Voting Body.</b> The voting body of the annual meeting shall be composed of the following Free State PTA members who have registered in attendance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of the board of directors, and</li> <li>2. Delegates from the constituent associations:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. local PTA presidents or their alternates;</li> <li>b. council PTA presidents or their alternates;</li> <li>c. three (3) members of each local PTA in good standing; and</li> <li>d. one (1) additional delegate for every fifty (50) members, or major fraction thereof, of each constituent association in good standing as reported on the records of Free State PTA as of April 1 of each year.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>B. Voting Body.</b> The voting body of the annual meeting shall be composed of the following Free State PTA members who have registered in attendance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of the board of directors, and</li> <li>2. Delegates from the constituent associations:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. local PTA presidents or their alternates;</li> <li>b. council PTA presidents or their alternates;</li> <li>c. three (3) members of each local PTA in good standing; and</li> <li>d. one (1) additional delegate for every fifty (50) members, or major fraction thereof, of each constituent association in good standing as reported on the records of Free State PTA as of April 1 of each year.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>By the time these amendments will be voted upon, all references to special considerations for 2021 or 2022 will be in the past and can be removed from the bylaws.</p>

<p>This definition of the voting body shall take effect for the 2022 annual meeting. The voting body for the 2021 meeting shall include (a) local PTA presidents or their alternatives, (b) council PTA presidents or their alternatives, and (c) three (3) members of each local, active PTA as authorized by the president or governing body.</p>	<p><del>This definition of the voting body shall take effect for the 2022 annual meeting. The voting body for the 2021 meeting shall include (a) local PTA presidents or their alternatives, (b) council PTA presidents or their alternatives, and (c) three (3) members of each local, active PTA as authorized by the president or governing body.</del></p>	
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**Amendment 4F**

**Article XI – Meetings**

**Section 1. D.**

Amend by striking out the sentence: “The quorum for the 2021 meeting shall consist of thirty-five (35) members of the voting body.”

CURRENT WORDING	IF ADOPTED WILL READ	RATIONALE
<p>D. <b>Quorum.</b> Quorum shall consist of sixty (60) members of the voting body. The quorum for the 2021 meeting shall consist of thirty-five (35) members of the voting body.</p>	<p>D. <b>Quorum.</b> Quorum shall consist of sixty (60) members of the voting body. <del>The quorum for the 2021 meeting shall consist of thirty five (35) members of the voting body.</del></p>	<p>By the time these amendments will be voted upon, all references to special considerations for 2021 will be in the past and can be removed from the bylaws.</p>