Bylaws Amendment 1
To Amend Article VII, Section 5, Officers and their Elections to change non-voting advisory member to voting member of the board of directors.

Currently Reads:
The Immediate Past President shall serve for a term (2 years) as a non-voting advisory member of the Board of Directors and as a non-voting advisory member of the Executive Committee.

If the motion is adopted it would read:
The Immediate Past President shall serve for a term (2 years) as a voting member of the Board of Directors and as a non-voting advisory member of the Executive Committee.

Rationale: The immediate past president is the chair of the State and Local Relations Committee and all committee chairs are voting members of the board of directors.

Bylaws Amendment 2
To amend Article VII Section 1 to remove one vice president and rename the remaining two vice presidents as Vice President Advocacy and Vice President Membership. This motion if passed at our Annual Meeting would not go into effect until July 1, 2023.

Currently Reads:
The elected officers of the Tennessee PTA shall be a President, a President-elect, three (3) Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

If the motion is adopted it would read:
The elected officers of the Tennessee PTA shall be a President, a President-elect, a Vice President of Advocacy, a Vice President of Membership, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Rationale: There is a need to reduce the number of members on the executive committee for a smaller board of directors.

Bylaws Amendment 3
NOTE: If motion 2 is not adopted, motion 3 becomes irrelevant and will be skipped.

To strike Article IX, Section 4. Vice Presidents in its entirety and replace it with a new Section 4: Vice Presidents. This motion, if passed at the Tennessee PTA Annual Meeting, would go into effect on July 1, 2023.

Currently Reads:
Article IX: Duties of Officers, Section 4 Vice Presidents:
a. The Vice President of Child and Youth Advocacy shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the standing and special committee chairmen as determined by the Tennessee PTA Standing
Rules, shall serve as chairman of the Education Committee, and shall encourage a continuous appraisal of the quality of education in public schools.

b. The Vice President of Communications and Student Programs shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the standing and special committee chairmen as determined by the Tennessee PTA Standing Rules, shall serve as chairman of the Student Awards Committee, and shall assist the state, councils and local units with programs that promote PTA Purposes and Policies.

c. The Vice President of Membership and Outreach shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the standing and special committee chairmen, and Region Directors as determined by the Tennessee PTA Standing Rules, and shall assist the state, councils, and local units with membership and outreach.

d. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, the standing rules, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the Board of Directors, or Executive Committee.

e. The Vice Presidents, in this order, Vice President of Child and Youth Advocacy, Vice President of Communications and Student Programs, Vice President of Membership and Outreach, shall preside at meetings in the absence of both the President and the President-elect.

If the motion is adopted it would read:

Section 4. Vice Presidents

The Vice President of Advocacy shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the standing and special committee chairmen as determined by the Tennessee PTA standing rules or by the Tennessee Board of Directors and shall encourage a continuous appraisal of the quality of education in public schools.

The Vice President of Membership shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the standing and special committee chairmen as determined by the Tennessee PTA standing rules or by the Tennessee Board of Directors and shall promote, recruit, and oversee membership.

Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, the standing rules, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the Board of Directors, or Executive Committee.

The Vice Presidents, in this order, Vice President of Advocacy, Vice President of Membership, shall preside at meetings in the absence of both the President and the President-elect.

Rationale: This will align with the reduction in vice presidents made in motion 6.

Bylaws Amendment 4

To amend Article XII, Section 4 by striking the words “through their division chair” after “The chairmen of standing committees shall submit plans of work”.

Currently Reads:
The chairmen of standing committees shall submit plans of work through their division chair to the Executive Committee. If a chairman fails to submit a plan of work, that chairmanship shall be declared vacant.

If the motion is adopted it would read:
The chairmen of standing committees shall submit plans of work to the Executive Committee. If a chairman fails to submit a plan of work, that chairmanship shall be declared vacant.

Rationale: With the reduction of Vice Presidents, committees will no longer be assigned a division under a Vice President but instead will report to the Executive Committee.

**Bylaws Amendment 5**

To amend the last sentence in Article VII: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION, Section 6. Vacancies by adding the phrase “or at a called special meeting of the membership” and by inserting the word “either” between filled and at.

Currently Reads:
A vacancy occurring in the office of the President shall be filled by the President-elect. A vacancy occurring in the office of the President-elect shall be filled at the next annual meeting.

If the motion is adopted it would read:
A vacancy occurring in the office of the President shall be filled by the President-elect. A vacancy occurring in the office of the President-elect shall be filled either at the next annual meeting or at a called special meeting of the membership.

Rationale:
Currently, a vacancy in the office of president-elect cannot be filled until the next annual meeting. The proposed amendment provides more flexibility to fill a vacant president-elect position through a called special meeting of the membership.

**Bylaws Amendment 6**

To amend ARTICLE XXII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1 by inserting the word “either” between amended and at, and inserting “or at a called special meeting of the membership” between meeting and by and insert “or special meeting of the membership” at the end of Section 1 after meeting.
Currently Reads:
Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at an annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting provided the amendments have been approved by the Board of Directors and notice of proposed amendments has been provided to constituent organization thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of annual meeting.

If the motion is adopted it would read:
These bylaws may be amended either at an annual meeting or at a called special meeting of the membership by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting provided the amendments have been approved by the Board of Directors and notice of proposed amendments has been provided to constituent organization thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of annual meeting or special meeting of the membership.

Rationale:
Currently, bylaws can only be amended at an annual meeting. At the last annual meeting, a lack of a quorum present prevented a vote on four of eight bylaw amendments presented in April 2022. Those four amendments were the first four amendments voted on today. This proposed amendment will provide more flexibility to amend the state bylaws through a called special meeting of the membership.

Bylaws Amendment 7

To amend Article VIII COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Section 1 by inserting before the number five (5) “three or”.

Currently Reads:
Section 1. A committee on nominations and leadership development consisting of five (5) members shall be elected by ballot at the fall Board of Directors meeting in odd-numbered years. (Refer to Article XIII, Section 1.)

If the motion is adopted it would read:
Section 1. A committee on nominations and leadership development consisting of three (3) or five (5) members shall be elected by ballot at the fall Board of Directors meeting in odd-numbered years. (Refer to Article XIII, Section 1.)

Rationale: Currently, the Tennessee PTA Board of Directors is a small group and it is difficult to find five people to serve on the committee who meet all the criteria as stated in Article XIII, Section 1. This would allow the Board of Directors to elect a full committee without ignoring the stated criteria and going against the current bylaws. Further, local units and councils are allowed to use three or five members for their Nomination and Leadership Development Committees allowing boards to be flexible as needed.