

## 2022 Convention & Annual Meeting

At East Brainerd Elementary School

7660 Goodwin Rd

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421

Hotel Accommodations

Hampton Inn & Suites

2014 Hamilton Pl Blvd, Chattanooga

### *Footprints Worth Following to PTA! April 23-24, 2022*

March 29 Deadline: [Complete pre-registration deadline.](#)  
*Complete pre-registration and payment in State Office.*

Last day for group rate at the hotel is April 1st!

Find the proposed bylaw amendments to be voted on during Annual Meeting on pages three, four, and five!

Annual Meeting on  
the TNPTA Website:

[https://tnpta.org/index.php/  
annual-meeting](https://tnpta.org/index.php/annual-meeting)

Find Workshops and  
Registration Information

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## Message from the President

Through a grant, this year's Convention & Annual Meeting will be very different! First, the [registration cost](#) is **very low!** Secondly, you will be given opportunities to add your footsteps by sharing your input on issues around the grant focuses.

We have planned workshops, celebrations, and business meetings. There will be networking opportunities with other PTA leaders. Convention also gives you a chance to visit with exhibitors, attend the Awards Dinner, and see the amazing talents of our students at the Student Awards Ceremony. Convention is an excellent training opportunity and a worthwhile and **legitimate** expense for your PTA/PTSA.

General Sessions meetings will the time to discuss eight proposed bylaw amendments to the Tennessee PTA Bylaws. These proposed amendments are brought to the convention delegates by the Tennessee PTA Board of Directors after thoughtful and careful deliberations.

The Awards Dinner on Saturday night will celebrate our local units with awards and certificates.

The Student Awards Ceremony will be held during convention to celebrate our student winners.

Workshops and roundtables bring opportunities to learn and to share ideas.

Don't miss your opportunity to join us for convention. Mail your completed registration form, together with your check made out to the Tennessee PTA, to the State Office no later than **March 29, 2022**. You can also pay at our MemberHub store and email completed registration form. Find more information from the [Delegate Registration Packet](#).

Thank you for all you do. Together we make a difference in the lives of the children, families and their communities in Tennessee.

Dwight Hunter  
President, Tennessee PTA  
2021-2023

# Proposed Amendments to the Tennessee PTA Bylaws

## Proposed State Bylaws Amendments – These amendments will be presented at the 2022 Convention & Annual Meeting.

*In accordance with Article XXII: Amendments, Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at an annual convention by two-thirds vote of those present and voting provided the amendments have been approved by the Board of Managers and notice of proposed amendments has been provided to constituent organization thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of convention. Housekeeping corrections will be completed following the business meeting.*

### **Motion 1:**

To amend Article X, Section 7.a to add after the first sentence: Regular meetings may be conducted by use of any means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present at the meeting.

Currently Reads: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the summer, fall, and before each annual meeting.

If adopted, Article X, Section 7.a would read:

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the summer, fall, and before each annual meeting. Regular meetings may be conducted by use of any means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present at the meeting.

Rationale: To meet the requirement of Tennessee non-profit law to allow virtual participation to be counted towards quorum.

### **Motion 2:**

To amend Article XI Section 2 Letter A, Article XVII Section 1, and Article XVII Section 7 of the Tennessee PTA Bylaws to add the following wording: \_\_\_\_\_ meetings shall be conducted by use of any means of communication by which all participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. All participating in a meeting by this means are deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

Rationale: To meet the requirement of Tennessee non-profit law to allow virtual participation to be counted towards quorum.

If adopted:

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Article XI Section 2.a would read: The Executive Committee shall:

Meet in regular session immediately before each meeting of the Board of Directors. Executive Committee meetings shall be conducted by use of any means of communication by which all participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. All participating in a meeting by this means are deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

Article XVII Section 1 would read:

There shall be an annual meeting of the Tennessee PTA, preferably in April (except under conditions set forth in Section 6.) The time and place of the annual meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Official call of such meetings shall be sent to the Board of Directors and to council and local unit Presidents at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. Annual meetings shall be conducted by use of any means of communication by which all participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. All participating in a meeting by this means are deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

Article XVII Section 7 would read:

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or by written request of at least fifty (50) members. Notice and purpose of the special meeting shall be given to all members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Special meetings shall be conducted by use of any means of communication by which all participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. All participating in a meeting by this means are deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

### **Motion 3:**

To amend Article VII, Section 2.a by striking the second sentence: "No person who has not served at least one term as a member of the state BOD shall be eligible to hold an elective office;" And by changing the first sentence to: Only a member of a Tennessee local unit PTA in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in Tennessee PTA. The nominee(s) shall have served at least one year as committee chair or officer in a local, council or state PTA in any of the National PTA constituent associations.

Currently Reads: Only a member of a local unit in Tennessee shall be eligible to hold office in the Tennessee PTA. No person who has not served at least one term as a member of the state Board of Directors shall be eligible to hold an elective office.

If adopted Article VII, Section 2.a would read: Only a member of a Tennessee local unit PTA in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in Tennessee PTA. The nominee(s) shall have served at least one year as committee chair or officer in a local, council or state PTA in any of the National PTA constituent associations.

Rationale: Tennessee PTA officer eligibility needs to be expanded beyond the current restrictions.

**Motion 4:**

To Amend Article VII, Section 2.b by changing two terms to one term and strike everything after board of directors "or at least one term on the Tennessee PTA Board of Directors and at least one term on the Board of Directors for another National PTA Congress. One of these terms shall be as an elected officer."

Currently Reads:

The nominee for President-elect shall have served at least two (2) terms on the Tennessee PTA Board of Directors, or at least one term on the Tennessee PTA Board of Directors and at least one term on the Board of Directors for another National PTA Congress. One of these terms shall be as an elected officer.

If adopted Article VII Section 2.b would read: The nominee for President-elect shall have served at least one term on the Tennessee PTA Board of Directors.

Rationale: The eligibility requirements for president-elect are currently too restrictive.

**Motion 5:**

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 adopted Article VII, Section 5 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.

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### **Motion 6:**

To amend Article VII Section 1 to drop one vice president and rename the remaining two vice presidents: Vice President of Advocacy and Vice President of Membership. This motion if passed at our Annual Meeting would go into effect on 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.

Proposed Amendment would read as:

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.

If motion 6 is not adopted, motion 7 becomes moot and will be skipped.

### **Motion 7:**

To amend by striking 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. 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, Article IX: Duties of Officers, Section 4 Vice Presidents would read:

#### Section 4. Vice Presidents

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.

#### **Motion 8:**

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 adopted, the bylaw 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.

**Congratulations to our  
Gold Membership Increase Awardees!  
Units listed in alphabetical order**

**Gold Certificate Status At Least a 20% Increase in Membership!**

Alpine Crest Elementary School PTA  
Amherst Elementary School PTA  
Apsion Elementary School PTA  
Arlington High School PTSA  
Arlington Middle School PTA  
Bailey Station Elementary School PTA  
**Ball Camp Elementary PTA**  
Battle Academy PTA  
Bearden Middle School PTA  
Big Ridge Elementary PTA  
Bonny Kate Elementary School  
Cedar Bluff Elementary PTA  
Chattanooga School for Liberal Arts PTA  
Cherokee Elementary School PTA  
Christenberry Elementary School PTA  
Collierville Elementary PTA  
Corryton Elementary School PTA  
Crosswind Elementary School PTA  
Daisy Elementary School PTA  
Donelson Elementary PTA  
East Brainerd Elementary School PTA  
East Hamilton Middle School PTA  
Emerald Academy PTSA  
Fairmount Elementary School PTA  
Frayser Community PTSA  
Gap Creek Elementary PTA  
Germantown Elementary PTA  
Gibbs Elementary PTA  
Glenn Martin Elementary PTA  
Granbery School PTA  
Grandview Elementary PTA  
Halls Middle School PTA  
Hixson High School PTSA  
Indian Trail Middle School PTA  
Inglewood Elementary PTA  
Jonesborough Elementary PTA  
Karns Elementary School PTA  
Knox County Clothing Center PTA  
L & N STEM Academy PTSA  
Liberty Bell Middle School PTSA  
Lookout Mountain Elementary PTA  
Lookout Valley Elementary PTA  
Mary Hughes PTSA  
Miller Perry Elementary PTA  
Montgomery Central Elementary PTA  
Mt. Juliet Montessori Academy PTA  
North Hamilton County Elementary School PTA  
Northside Elementary PTA  
Pi Beta Phi Elementary School PTA  
Powell Elementary PTA  
Powell Middle PTSA  
Rock Spring Elementary School PTA  
Rosebank Elementary PTA  
Ruby Major Elementary School PTA  
Sale Creek Middle/High PTSA  
Schilling Farms Elementary PTA  
Sequoyah High School PTSA  
Shayne Elementary PTA  
Smith Spring Elementary School PTA  
South Side Elementary School PTA  
Spring Hill Elementary PTA  
Sterchi Elementary PTA  
Tara Oaks Elementary School PTA  
Thrasher Elementary School PTA  
Tyner Academy PTA  
Vance Middle School PTA  
West Collierville Middle School PTA  
Westwood High PTSA  
Wolftever Elementary PTA



## **Congratulations to our Units that have Achieved Silver and Bronze Status!**

### **Silver Certificate Status At Least a 10% Increase in Membership!**

A L Lotts Elementary School PTA  
Bordeaux-North Nashville Community PTA  
Hunter Middle School PTA  
Knox County Schools Teacher Supply Depot PTA  
Mountain View Elementary School PTA  
Oakmont Elementary PTA  
Ooltewah Elementary PTA  
Robertsville Middle School PTSA  
Science Hill High School PTSA  
West Hills Elementary PTA

### **Bronze Certificate Status At Least a 5% Increase in Membership!**

Arlington Elementary School PTA  
Creekside Elementary PTA  
Lakeland Elementary School PTA  
Norman Binkley PTA  
Tennessee At Large Local (TALL) Unit PTA

**Congratulations to all of our units listed for a membership increase of  
at least 5 percent or more!**

# **Awesome!**

## **Congratulations to our Gold, Silver & Bronze Units!**

# **Tennessee PTA 109<sup>th</sup> Convention & Annual Meeting April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Join our Convention & Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

[Convention Delegate Registration Packet](#) | [Registration Form](#) | [Link to Pay Registration Online or pay Vendor Sponsorships](#) | [Prospectus for Vendors](#) | [Friends of PTA](#)

## **2022 Convention Workshops and Roundtables**

### **Tentative Schedule and Presentations**

Saturday, April 23, 2022

10:15 AM to 11:15 AM

Funding Education in Tennessee

PTA Leadership

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Building Bridges between Parents and School Nutrition

Go Guardian and Technology

2:45 PM to 3:45 PM

Crossing the Gap from High School to Post-Secondary

Finding my way around the PTA

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Roundtables

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Finances, Presidents, Membership/MemberHub, Funding

Education, Advocacy

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Deadline to pay \$25 per person for complete convention registration and to have registration form into the state office:  
Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

After March 29th, the convention registration fee increases to \$75 per person.

Deadline to reserve hotel at the group rate of \$119 plus taxes and local fees is April 1, 2022.

Student Awards Ceremony for Reflections and for Tennessee PTA Arts Program winners will be held during convention from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

General Sessions I, Saturday, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am  
General Sessions II, Saturday, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm  
General Sessions III, Sunday, from 11:00 am to Noon.

Awards dinner will be from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm (casual dress).

All events for the 109th Convention & Annual Meeting will be held at East Brainerd Elementary School, 7660 Goodwin Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Friends of PTA deadline is March 29th. The cost is \$25 per ad and is limited to four lines, not to exceed 30 words. Individuals and/or groups may submit their name(s) and a note of support for their PTA and/or leadership. Councils may consider placing a congratulatory ad for their President. Local PTA/PTSA's may wish to place an ad expressing their appreciation to their school, principal, teacher(s), their PTA leadership, and/or school support staff.

## Tennessee PTA Board of Directors

President: Dwight Hunter

President-Elect: Dana Price

Vice President of Advocacy: Anita Allen

Vice President of Communications & Student Programs: Larry Davis

Treasurer: Charles Everett

Secretary: Theresa Shaw

Immediate Past President: Kim Henderson

Chair, Family & Community Engagement: Cheryl Floyd

Chair, Membership, Diversity & Inclusion: Charles Scott

Chair, Reflections: Bala Ramachandran

Chair, State and Federal Legislative: Christy Carroll Highfill

Southeast Region Director: Gail Phillips

Interested in [applying](#) for a state board position or to serve on a state committee? Contact Dwight Hunter at [dhunter@tnpta.org](mailto:dhunter@tnpta.org)

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