

PROPOSED Louisiana Parent Teacher Association Bylaws

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Rationale: Combined and simplified articles with updated article and page numbers.	

Article I: Name

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
The name of this nonprofit association is the Louisiana Congress of Parents and Teachers. It is commonly known and will be referred to in these bylaws as the “Louisiana PTA (Parent Teacher Association)”.	The name of this nonprofit association is the Louisiana Parent Teacher Association or Louisiana Congress of Parents and Teachers, referred to herein as “LAPTA.”
Rationale: Updated to registered name with LA Secretary of State. Simplified wording without changing context.	

Article II: Purposes

Section 1. Objectives. The purposes of Louisiana PTA in common with National PTA are to:

1. Promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community.
2. Raise the standards of home life.
3. Advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth.
4. Promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children

and youth.

5. Engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth.
6. Advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding the federal, state, and local dollars provided through taxes and grants for public education funding.

Section 2. Awareness. The purposes of LAPTA are promoted through advocacy and education in collaboration with parents, families, teachers, educators, students, and the public; developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and governed and qualified by the basic principles set forth in Article III.

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
Section 3. Federal Status. The association is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter referred to as "Internal Revenue Code).	Section 3. Federal Tax-Exempt Status. The association is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
Rationale: Simplified wording without changing context.	

Article III: Principles

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
The following are basic principles of Louisiana PTA in common with those of the National PTA:	The following fundamental principles of LAPTA align with those of National PTA.
Rationale: Updated the wording without changing context.	

1. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
2. The association shall empower children, families, and educators within schools and communities to provide quality education for all children and youth. It shall seek to influence school policies and advocate for children’s issues while recognizing that the responsibility for decision-making was delegated by the people to educational boards and authorities.
3. The association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth and shall seek to promote collaboration between families, schools, and the community at large.

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D. Commitment to the inclusiveness and equity, knowledge of PTA, and professional expertise shall be guiding principles for service in this association.	4. The association shall uphold inclusivity, equity, and knowledge of PTA principles and professional expertise as guiding principles for its service.
Rationale: Used the same sentence structure as the previous points. Simplified wording without changing context.	

Article IV: Constituent Associations

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
Section 1. Constituent Associations. The constituent associations of Louisiana PTA are Local Unit PTAs or PTSAs (Parent Teacher Student Associations) organized under the authority of the Louisiana PTA.	Section 1. Constituent Associations. The constituent associations of LAPTA are the Local PTA or PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) organized under the authority of LAPTA and are referred to herein as "Local PTA Unit," "Local PTA," or "PTA."
Rationale: Added alternative referenced names. Simplified wording without changing context.	

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<p>Section 2. Affiliation Qualifications. The Louisiana PTA Board of Directors (BOD) shall determine and publish criteria for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Establishing constituent associations; and B. Setting standards of continuing affiliation to include “good standing” requirements for these associations with the Louisiana PTA; and C. Dissolving constituent associations. 	<p>Section 2. Affiliation Requirements. The LAPTA Board of Directors (BOD) determines criteria for chartering new Local PTAs, reserves the right to appoint Local PTA Unit officers for Protected and Reengaging Units, setting the “active affiliation” requirements, and creating the process to dissolve Local PTA Units.</p>
<p>Rationale: Renamed section. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 3: Purpose and Principles. The purposes and principles of Louisiana PTA, as prescribed in Article II and III of these bylaws, shall in every case also be the purposes and principles of each constituent association.</p>	<p>Section 3: Purposes and Principles. The purposes and principles of LAPTA as prescribed in Articles II and III are also the purposes and principles of each constituent association.</p>
<p>Rationale: Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 4. Governance. Each local constituent association organized under the authority of Louisiana PTA shall adopt bylaws in accordance with the template provided by the LAPTA for the governance of their association. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with Louisiana PTA and National PTA or the Louisiana nonprofit corporate laws and are subject to review by the Louisiana PTA Bylaws Committee.</p>	<p>Section 4. Governance and Compliance. Each local constituent association organized under the authority of LAPTA shall adopt Bylaws using the Local PTA Unit Bylaws Template by LAPTA for the governance of their association. The Bylaws shall not be in conflict with National PTA or Louisiana nonprofit corporation laws and are subject to review by LAPTA. Local Units must comply with the Bylaws for LAPTA and National PTA. Failure of a Local Unit to comply shall be reviewed and rectified by LAPTA BOD in accordance with guidance from LAPTA and National PTA.</p>
<p>Rationale: Combined current Sec 6 into proposed Sec 4. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Section 5. Voting. There shall be no proxy voting by any constituent association of LAPTA.

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<p>Section 6. Local Unit bylaws compliance. The Louisiana PTA is responsible for compliance by the Local PTAs within its area with the National PTA Bylaws and the bylaws of the Louisiana PTA. All questions involving the failure of a Local Unit to comply with the National or Louisiana PTA Bylaws shall be reviewed by the Louisiana PTA BOD. Follow-on actions by the Louisiana PTA BOD will be in accordance with published guidance from the Louisiana PTA BOD.</p>	<p><i>Current Sec 6 moved into the above proposed Sec 4 and simplified. It says:</i> <i>Local Units must comply with the Bylaws for LAPTA and National PTA. Failure of a Local Unit to comply shall be reviewed and rectified by LAPTA BOD in accordance with guidance from LAPTA and National PTA.</i></p>
<p>Rationale: Combined into proposed Sec 4 above. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p>Section 7. Dissolution. Each constituent association is obligated upon dissolution or withdrawal of its charter by Louisiana PTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. To yield up and surrender all its books and records, all its assets and property to a designated representative of the Louisiana PTA who will distribute the assets as directed by the Louisiana PTA; B. To cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association with the Louisiana PTA or status as a constituent association; and C. To carry out promptly under the supervision and direction of the Louisiana PTA all proceedings necessary or desirable for the purpose of dissolving the constituent association. 	<p>Section 6. Charter Withdrawal. When a PTA's charter is withdrawn and its nonprofit status terminated, it is obligated to transfer all books, records, assets, and property to LAPTA or to an agency designated by LAPTA in compliance with 501(c)(3) nonprofit regulations, to discontinue any further use of a name suggesting or implying affiliation with PTA, National PTA, or LAPTA, and to promptly conduct all required actions instituted by LAPTA.</p> <p>Section 7. Dissolution Process. The Local PTA's Board of Directors (BOD) proposes a motion to dissolve at its BOD Meeting, which needs an affirmative two-thirds vote, and emails the minutes to LAPTA. Written notice with 20 days' notice for a General Membership Meeting is provided to all members and to LAPTA to dissolve the PTA. At the General Membership Meeting, a motion to dissolve occurs which needs an affirmative majority vote. Only active members who paid PTA dues before the adoption of the dissolution proposal may vote. The meeting's minutes are emailed to LAPTA. Upon the successful completion of the dissolution process, the PTA's charter and nonprofit status will be formally revoked. The PTA must also file to close the PTA with the Louisiana Secretary of State and the IRS.</p>
<p>Rationale: Added new proposed Sec 6 to detail the charter withdrawal process. Added the steps for the dissolution process.</p>	

Article V: Membership and Dues

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 1. Members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Membership in PTA of all levels shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission, purposes and principles of National PTA and Louisiana PTA. B. The members of Louisiana PTA shall be the individual members of the Local PTAs whose names are on file in the Louisiana PTA Office and for whom the national and state portion of dues have been paid as designated herein. 	<p>Section 1. Membership. The membership year is July 1 through June 30. All individuals who are paid members of a Local PTA organized under LAPTA are also members of APTA and National PTA. The Local PTA may admit anyone to membership at any time and shall keep a membership roster.</p>
<p>Rationale: Membership year was in current Sec 4 and is now in proposed Sec 1. Current Sec 1, Point A is in proposed Sec 2 below. Point B wording is simplified without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 2. Rights and Privileges. Every individual who is a member of a Local PTA, organized under the authority of the Louisiana PTA, is also a member of the National PTA, and the Louisiana PTA, and is entitled to all benefits of such membership, which shall include the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Ability to serve in governance positions in the Louisiana PTA based on published requirements; and B. Right to vote at local, state, and national PTA meetings based upon the requirements of serving as a voting delegate. 	<p>Section 2. Rights and Privileges. Membership in PTA shall be open without discrimination to anyone who believes in and supports the mission, purposes, and principles of National PTA. They are entitled to all benefits of membership, which includes 1) the ability to serve in governance positions in both Local PTA Units and LAPTA and 2) the right to vote at LAPTA and National PTA meetings based on the requirements of serving as a voting delegate.</p>
<p>Rationale: Incorporated current Sec 1, Point A and simplified the wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p>Section 3. Dues. Annual dues for members shall include an amount for the Local PTA as determined by the Local PTA, state dues as determined by the members of the Louisiana PTA at the state meeting, and national dues as determined by National PTA. The amount for state and national dues will be published to local units at the start of each operational year. No additional assessments shall be made against local units.</p>	<p>Section 3. Dues. Local PTA annual membership dues include an amount for LAPTA determined by the LAPTA General Membership and for National PTA determined by National PTA. Any dues change for LAPTA requires an affirmative majority vote at the annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting (also referred to herein as “annual meeting”.) The amount for state and national dues is published at the start of each operational year. No additional assessments shall be made against Local Units.</p>
<p>Rationale: Simplified the wording without changing context. Added the process and voting guidance for amending the LAPTA dues amount.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 4. Membership Year. The membership year for Louisiana PTA and constituent associations is from July 1 through June 30.</p>	<p>Section 4. Termination of Membership. LAPTA BOD has sole discretion to terminate individual memberships for conduct that in its judgment damages the value and goodwill associated with PTA or violates the purposes, policies, or Bylaws of PTA. If LAPTA retains counsel to defend any suit or other legal action to challenge termination and LAPTA prevails in such action, the other party shall pay LAPTA's court costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred. Venue for any suit to challenge LAPTA's action must be brought in the state district court for the parish where LAPTA's state office is located.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Local PTA consults with LAPTA and provides further documentation for termination. 2. The individual and the Local PTA President shall be notified in writing with 20 days' notice of the LAPTA Special Meeting. 3. Both parties shall have the opportunity to attend the LAPTA meeting and address LAPTA. 4. Termination requires an affirmative two-thirds vote by LAPTA BOD. The decision shall be issued to the parties involved within two days of the meeting.
<p>Rationale: Moved Membership year to Section 1. Added a totally new Section on Termination of Membership. The point is to have a process to remove members who do not follow the policy, principals, and Bylaws of PTA. The process is governed by LAPTA.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><i>This is listed as Article XI later in the current Bylaws. It says:</i></p> <p>Section 1. Meetings. The Louisiana PTA Board of Directors is authorized to meet on a virtual meeting platform, through electronic communications media, or telephone conference call so long as proper notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with these bylaws. All attendees must be able to hear and participate in the business being discussed.</p> <p>Section 3. Communication. All communication required by these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent electronically unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.</p>	<p>Section 5. Virtual and Electronic Meetings and Communications. Virtual or electronic platforms may be used to conduct PTA meetings including the annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting. All members must have the ability to hear and actively participate in discussions. All required communications including meeting notifications may be transmitted electronically.</p>
<p>Rationale: This is moved up to apply to all meetings of membership. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
Article VI: Officers	Article VI: Officers and Their Elections
<p>Rationale: Amended title to include election details.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 1. Officers</p> <p>A. The officers of the Louisiana PTA shall be a president, six (6) vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer.</p> <p>B. For purposes of election, these officers shall be divided into two groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Group One shall consist of the VP Affiliation, VP Advocacy, VP Leadership Development, VP Arts Education, and the Treasurer and shall be elected in odd numbered years. 2) Group Two shall consist of the President, VP Membership, VP Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and the Secretary and shall be elected in even numbered years. 	<p>Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Louisiana PTA shall be one President, one Vice-President of Affiliation, one Treasurer, and one Secretary.</p> <p><i>Point B is moved to proposed Sec 2 which follows.</i></p>
<p>Rationale: Only the Vice-President of Affiliation remains as a VP position. The hope is to reduce intimidation of starting at an elected position with a 2 year term and to encourage more people to join LAPTA BOD as a Chair. Simplified wording without changing context. Point B is moved to Section 2.</p>	

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<p>Section 2. Election</p> <p>A. These officers shall be elected at an annual convention or annual state meeting by the voting body of the convention or meeting, except as provided elsewhere in these bylaws, when the convention or meeting is dispensed with because of an emergency.</p> <p>B. The election shall be by ballot. If there is no more than one nominee for an elected position, the nominee shall be declared elected by the president. A majority vote as defined in LAPTA Standing Rules shall be required for election.</p>	<p>Section 2. Election Groups. Officers shall be elected at a General Membership Meeting in April or May. Elections are divided into two groups. Group One, elected in odd years, is the Treasurer and the Secretary. Group Two, elected in even years, is the President and the Vice-President of Affiliation.</p>
<p>Rationale: Incorporates Section 1, Point B. Regroups the 4 elected officers. Election details moved to Article IX, Sec 3: Election Committee. Removes reference to Standing Rules. Simplified wording</p>	

without changing context.	
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<p>Section 3. Qualifications. The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of the Louisiana PTA:</p> <p>A. Each officer shall be a member of a local PTA chartered by the Louisiana PTA.</p> <p>B. Officers are not eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.</p> <p>C. A nominee for president shall have served on the Louisiana PTA Board of Directors for at least two (2) years and shall have served as an Executive Committee officer at the local unit level.</p> <p>D. A nominee for all vice president positions, secretary and treasurer shall have served on the Louisiana PTA BOD or on a local unit board.</p> <p>E. A person who has served in an office for more than one-half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.</p>	<p>Section 3. Qualifications. Each officer shall be a current member of a Local PTA Unit chartered by LAPTA. Nominees for President shall have served on the LAPTA BOD for at least two years and for a term as a Local PTA officer. Nominees for other elected positions shall have served on the LAPTA BOD or a Local PTA BOD.</p> <p><i>Points B and E moved to proposed Sec 4 below.</i></p>
<p>Rationale: Simplified wording without changing context. Moved current Point B and E to proposed Section 4 below.</p>	

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<p>Section 4. Assuming Office.</p> <p>A. The president shall assume office on July 1 of the new operational year and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until a successor is elected, not to exceed an additional two (2) year term.</p> <p>B. The other officers shall assume office on July 1 and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until a successor is elected, not to exceed an additional two (2) year term.</p>	<p>Section 4. Term of Office. Officers assume their official duties on July 1 and serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected, not to exceed one additional two-year term. A person serving for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term.</p>
<p>Rationale: Renamed Section. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p>Section 5. Vacancies. Vacancies in office shall be filled as follows:</p> <p>A. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the BOD members in filled positions. Notice of filling the vacancy must be given in the call to the meeting at which the election will take place.</p> <p>B. Voting shall be by ballot if there is more than one nominee.</p> <p>C. A ten (10) day notice of the election shall be given to the members of the BOD. A majority of the votes shall constitute an election.</p>	<p>Section 5. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the BOD. Notice of the vacancy's filling must be included in the meeting call with 10 days' notice. Voting is by ballot if there is more than one nominee. An election is deemed valid with an affirmative majority vote.</p>
<p>Rationale: Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 6. Removal or Resignations of Officers. Any officer may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the BOD currently in office. Any officer may resign at any time by delivering a written resignation to the Louisiana PTA President and Secretary.</p>	<p>Section 6. Resignation or Removal of Officers. An officer may choose to resign at any time by providing a written resignation to the President and the Secretary. An officer may be removed from their position for conduct that damaged the value and goodwill associated with PTA or violated the PTA's purposes, policies, or Bylaws with an affirmative two-thirds vote by the BOD.</p>
<p>Rationale: Retitled section. Added a qualifier to remove an officer. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 7. Courtesy Seats for Incoming Officers. Any newly-elected officer, who is not serving on the BOD at the time of the election, shall be granted a courtesy seat at any BOD Meeting held prior to taking office.</p>	<p>Section 7: Courtesy Seats for Incoming Officers. Any newly elected officer shall be granted a courtesy seat at all pre-term BOD Meetings if they are not a current BOD member.</p>
<p>Rationale: Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Article VII: Duties of the Officers</p>	<p>Article VII: Executive Committee</p>
<p>Rationale: Combined Article VII: Duties of Officers and Article XII: Executive Committee and renamed it.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 1. President. The president shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. preside at all meetings; B. create such standing committees, subject to the approval of the board of directors, as may be necessary to promote the purposes and carry on the work of the association; C. create such special committees, subject to the approval of the board of directors, as may be necessary to promote the purposes and carry on the work of the association; D. appoint chairs of each standing and special committee, subject to the approval of the board of directors, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws; E. serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominations Committee; F. serve as a representative to the National Constituent Association Advisory Council (NCAAC) or appoint a designee according to the National PTA bylaws; G. perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, the Louisiana PTA Standing Rules, prescribed by parliamentary authority, or directed by the board of directors or executive committee. 	<p>Section 1. Composition. The Executive Committee consists of the elected officers.</p> <p>Section 2. Quorum. A majority of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum.</p> <p>Section 3. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call with three days' notice by either the President or upon the written request of three members of the committee.</p> <p>Section 4. Responsibilities of Executive Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the BOD by aiding in their duties and handling business delegated by them. 2. Ensures alignment with the decisions and directives of the BOD at all times. 3. Acts during emergencies that arise between BOD Meetings. 4. Selects salaried workers necessary to carry out the work of LAPTA, determines their salaries, and defines their duties. These employees work under the President's direction. 5. Holds the Annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting. 6. Serves as the Resolutions and Directives Committee. See Article IX, Sec 4, Point 5 for details. 7. Serves as the Conflict Resolution Committee. It shall promptly report the results and recommendations of any review to the BOD. The BOD shall consider and respond as needed. 8. Keeps a current copy of the Bylaws and Standing Rules. 9. Performs other duties prescribed in the Bylaws or Standing Rules, by parliamentary authority, or as directed by the BOD. <p>Section 5. Responsibilities of the President.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presides over all meetings. 2. Creates Standing and Special Committees and appoints their chairs, subject to the approval of the BOD, as needed to promote the purposes and work of LAPTA. 3. Serves on all committees except the Nominating Committee and Audit Committee. 4. Attends meetings and fulfills all requirements for National PTA as the LAPTA representative.
<p>Rationale: Proposed Section 1 is the current Article XII, Sec 1. Proposed Section 2 is the current Article XII, Sec 3; quorum was changed from "3 members" to a "majority of members." Proposed Section 3 is the current Article XII, Sec 2 with the notice changed from 5 days to 3 days. Proposed section 4 is the current Article XII, Sec 4 and Sec 5 with the wording simplified without changing context. Current Point G is included in Sec 4. Current Sec 1 is proposed Sec 5. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p>Section 2. Vice Presidents. The vice-presidents shall:</p> <p>A. acts as aides to the president;</p> <p>B. in their listed order, perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to act; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Vice President of Affiliation shall be responsible for education on and compliance of the standards of affiliation with local constituents 2) the Vice President of Advocacy shall be responsible for promoting national and state advocacy and legislative programs and activities 3) the Vice President of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion shall be responsible for promoting inclusion, engagement, and full involvement of diverse populations in all aspects of the Louisiana PTA 4) the Vice President of Arts Education shall be responsible for promoting the importance of the arts in education, and facilitating opportunities for Louisiana students to engage in and be exposed to various forms of art 5) the Vice President of Membership shall be responsible for membership initiatives focused on recruitment and retention 6) the Vice President of Leadership Development shall be responsible for resources, tools, and programs that support effective and ethical PTA leadership growth and empowerment <p>C. perform such duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, Louisiana PTA Standing Rules, prescribed by parliamentary authority or directed by the board of directors or executive committee; and</p> <p>D. have duties added, but none deleted.</p>	<p>Section 6. Responsibilities of the Vice-President of Affiliation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acts as aide to the President. 2. Assumes the duties of the President in their absence or at the President's request. 3. Educates Local PTA Units on affiliation requirements and tracks their compliance. 4. Assists Local PTA Units on updating their Bylaws and approves their proposed Bylaws.
<p>Rationale: Current Point B is deleted except for Point 1) the VP of Affiliation duties. Current Point C is moved to proposed Sec 4. Current Point D is deleted.</p>	

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<p>Section 3. Secretary. The secretary shall:</p> <p>A. record and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the members, the board of directors, and the executive committee;</p> <p>B. distribute minutes of meetings to the members of the board of directors and/or to the executive committee;</p> <p>C. perform such other duties as may prescribed for by in these bylaws, Louisiana PTA Standing Rules, prescribed by parliamentary authority, or directed by the board of directors or executive committee.</p>	<p>Section 7. Responsibilities of the Treasurer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensures that LAPTA’s financial records accurately track all incoming and outgoing funds. 2. Safeguards the LAPTA checkbook and maintains all financial documents. 3. Chairs the Budget Committee. 4. Issues disbursements in accordance with the budget with two authorized signatories and as authorized by the President, BOD, or LAPTA. 5. Arranges for a non-authorized individual to review and sign the monthly bank statement. 6. Presents financial statements or monthly budgets at all meetings and upon request by the BOD. 7. Presents the Audit Report and the Annual Report to the General Membership. 8. Submits the books for audit review to a bookkeeper or accountant selected by the Executive Committee at fiscal year-end or when changing check signatories. 9. Ensures taxes and reports required by the Bylaws, insurance, or federal and state governments are completed and submitted by their due dates. 10. Acquires adequate insurance and bonding for LAPTA. 11. Maintains the LAPTA investment fund for PTA projects to be determined by the LAPTA BOD.
<p>Rationale: Moved current Sec 3 after the Treasurer’s duties in the proposed Sec 8. Point C is moved to Sec 4.</p>	

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<p>Section 4. Treasurer. The treasurer shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. maintain a full account of the funds of the Louisiana PTA; B. be the custodian of all the monies of the association and deposit funds in a depository account approved by the board of directors; C. disburse funds in accordance with the approved budget, within the approved procedure; or upon authorization of the executive committee or the board of directors; D. work in coordination with the contract bookkeeper to maintain financial records; E. execute an order against the contingency item in the budget upon authorization by the president; F. present a written statement of account at all meetings of the executive committee and board of directors and when requested to do so by the president; G. present an audit report to the annual convention or annual meeting; H. submit records for an audit review to a bookkeeper and/or accountant selected by the executive committee; I. ensure taxes and reports required by PTA bylaws, insurance or federal and state governments are completed and submitted by the due dates; J. be required to give a commercial bond for the faithful performance of these duties in such amount as shall be determined by the board of directors; which bond shall be paid for by the Louisiana PTA; K. serve as the chair of the Budget Committee, which shall submit the annual draft budget to the board of directors at the first meeting of the operational year; L. maintain an investment account for the Louisiana PTA Endowment Fund to pay for scholarships, grants, and projects as determined by the board of directors; M. perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, Louisiana PTA Standing Rules, prescribed by parliamentary authority, or directed by the board of directors or executive committee. 	<p>Section 8. Responsibilities of the Secretary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Writes and keeps the minutes for all meetings. 2. Distributes meeting minutes for all PTA meetings to its members. 3. Has records ready for potential review during meetings. 4. Assists with the organization and storage of all retained records.
<p>Rationale: Moved current Sec 4 to the proposed Sec 7. Point K moved to Article IX, Sec 5, Point 3: Budget Committee. Point L moved to above Sec 7 and reworded to say, "Maintains the LAPTA investment fund for PTA projects to be determined by the LAPTA BOD." Proposed Sec 8, Points 3 and 4 were added. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Article VIII: Board of Directors (BOD)

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 1. Composition. The members of the board of directors shall be the elected officers and chairs of the standing committees.</p> <p>Section 2. Eligibility and Service. Each board member shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. be a member of a local unit PTA chartered by Louisiana PTA; B. serve in no more than two capacities and hold only one elected office on the board of directors. 	<p>Section 1. Composition and Eligibility. The Board of Directors (BOD) members shall be the Executive Committee and the Standing Committee Chairs. Each BOD member shall be a member of a Local PTA Unit in Louisiana, serve in no more than two capacities, and may not serve on the BOD while employed by or under contract to LAPTA unless approved by the BOD.</p>
<p>Rationale: Current Sec 1 and 2 are combined into the proposed Sec 1. Replaced “elected officers” with “Executive Committee.” Added “...unless approved by the BOD.” Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p>Section 3. Duties. The board of directors shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. manage the duties of the association; B. have the full power and authority over the affairs of the association during the interim between annual conventions/annual meetings, except that of modifying any action taken by the convention/meeting; C. consider, recommend and adopt, within the first quarter of the fiscal year, a budget for the estimated revenue and expense for the ensuing year; D. adopt standing rules for the transaction of its business, provided they do not conflict with the bylaws of the association; and E. decide all questions of cooperation with other state organizations. 	<p>Section 2. Responsibilities. The BOD shall manage the duties of LAPTA. It has authority over the affairs of LAPTA, although it cannot modify action taken by the General Membership. It adopts Standing Rules, works with other state PTAs, and constitutes the Program Committee for the annual LAPTA Annual Meeting and Convention.</p>
<p>Rationale: Renamed “Responsibilities.” Moved current Point C to Article IX, Sec 4, Point 3: Budget Committee. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p>Section 4. Removal or Resignation of Board of Directors. Any director may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) members of the board of directors, then in office. Any director may resign by delivering a written resignation to the Louisiana PTA President and Secretary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article X: Meetings</p> <p>Section 1. Regular Meetings. <i>The regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held each month of the operational year. All meetings shall follow the procedures outlined in these bylaws and standing rules.</i></p> <p>Section 2. Special Meetings. <i>Special meetings of the board may be called by:</i></p> <p>A. <i>the president; or</i></p> <p>B. <i>the board of directors upon written request to the president, including electronic mail, by at least three (3) members of the board. At least five (5) days' notice shall be given in the meeting call.</i></p> <p>Section 3. Quorum. <i>At all meetings of the board, a majority of the members of the board of directors, then in office, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.</i></p> <p>Article XI. Section 2. Unanimous Consent without a Meeting. <i>Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the board of directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all the members of the board of directors then in office. Such written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote at a meeting of the board of directors.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article XVI: State Office</p> <p>Section 1. Location. <i>A state office shall be domiciled in the state of Louisiana.</i></p> <p>Section 2. Funding. <i>Necessary funds for the operation of said office shall be included in the adopted budget for each fiscal year.</i></p>	<p>Section 3. Quorum and Voting. A majority of the BOD members constitutes a quorum. All members may vote unless there is a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Section 4. BOD Meetings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regular BOD Meetings shall be held monthly and adhere to the Bylaws. Special BOD Meetings may be called with three days' notice by the President or upon written request by at least three BOD members submitted to the President. <p>Section 5. Unanimous Consent Without a Meeting. Any permitted action may be taken without a meeting if written consent is unanimously signed by all BOD members. The consent has the same effect as a vote at a BOD Meeting.</p> <p>Section 6. Physical Office. Expenses for an office in Louisiana shall be included in the budget.</p> <p>Section 7: Resignation or Removal of BOD Members. A BOD member may resign at any time by submitting a written resignation to the President and the Secretary. A BOD member may be removed from their position for conduct that damaged the value and goodwill associated with PTA or violated the PTA's purposes, policies, or Bylaws by an affirmative two-thirds vote by the BOD.</p>

Rationale: Current Sec 4 is proposed Sec 7. Proposed Sec 3 is current Article X, Sec 3. Added "All members may vote unless there is a conflict of interest." Proposed Sec 4 is current Article X, Sec 1 and 2; reduced notice of Special Meetings from 5 days to 3 days. Proposed Sec 5 is current Article XI, Sec 2. Proposed Sec 6 is current Article XVI, Sec 1 and 2. Simplified wording without changing context in all sections.

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 5. End of Term. Upon the expiration of the term of office, or when individuals are removed or resign from the position that entitles them to be a member of the board, they automatically cease to be a member of the board and shall be relieved of all duties and responsibilities incident to such membership. All records, books and other materials pertaining to the position shall be turned over to the president and all funds/fund requests pertaining to the position shall be returned to the treasurer within fourteen (14) days.</p>	<p>Section 8: End of Term. Upon the conclusion of a term or if individuals are removed or choose to resign, they cease to hold membership on the BOD and are relieved of all responsibilities. Within seven days of resignation or removal, they are required to hand over all records, books, and related PTA materials to the President, and must return any financial documentation and funds to the Treasurer.</p>
<p>Rationale: Reduced the number of days to turn over materials from 14 to 7 days. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Article IX: Indemnification Every officer, member of the board of directors, and employees of the corporation shall be guarded or secured against anticipated loss by providing security against future damage or liability. The corporation will secure liability insurance to provide indemnification against reasonable costs, expenses, and liabilities (including counsel fees), as stipulated in the terms and conditions of the negotiated insurance contract.</p>	<p>Section 9. Indemnification. LAPTA shall protect its BOD members and employees from potential losses by obtaining liability insurance and bonding.</p>
<p>Rationale: Moved current Article IX into Article VIII, Sec 9. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Article X: Meetings</p> <p>Section 1. Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held each month of the operational year. All meetings shall follow the procedures outlined in these bylaws and standing rules.</p> <p>Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the board may be called by: C. the president; or D. the board of directors upon written request to the president, including electronic mail, by at least three (3) members of the board. At least five (5) days' notice shall be given in the meeting call.</p> <p>Section 3. Quorum. At all meetings of the board, a majority of the members of the board of directors, then in office, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.</p>	<p><i>Sec 1 and Sec 2 moved to proposed Article VIII, Sec 4. Reduced Special Meeting notice from 5 days to 3 days. Simplified text without changing context. It says:</i></p> <p>Section 4. BOD Meetings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Regular BOD Meetings shall be held monthly and adhere to the Bylaws and Standing Rules.</i> <i>Special BOD Meetings may be called with three days' notice by the President or upon written request by at least three BOD members submitted to the President.</i> <p><i>Sec 3 moved to proposed Article VIII, Sec 3. Simplified text without changing context. It says:</i></p> <p>Section 3. Quorum and Voting. A majority of the BOD members currently in office constitutes a quorum. All members may vote unless there is a conflict of interest.</p>
<p>Rationale: Included the information under Article VIII: Board of Directors (BOD). Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p>Article XI: Virtual/Electronic Meetings and Communication</p> <p>Section 1. Meetings. The Louisiana PTA Board of Directors is authorized to meet on a virtual meeting platform, through electronic communications media, or telephone conference call so long as proper notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with these bylaws. All attendees must be able to hear and participate in the business being discussed.</p> <p>Section 2. Unanimous Consent without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the board of directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all the members of the board of directors then in office. Such written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote at a meeting of the board of directors.</p> <p>Section 3. Communication. All communication required by these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent electronically unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.</p>	<p><i>Sec 1 and Sec 3 moved to proposed Article V, Sec 5. Simplified text without changing context. It says:</i></p> <p>Section 5. Virtual and Electronic Meetings and Communications. <i>Virtual or electronic platforms may be used to conduct all types of PTA meetings. All participants must have the ability to hear and actively participate in discussions. All communications required by the Bylaws, including meeting notifications, may be transmitted electronically.</i></p> <p><i>Sec 2 moved to the proposed Article VIII, Sec 5. Simplified text without changing context. It says:</i></p> <p>Section 5. Unanimous Consent Without a Meeting. <i>Any permitted action may be taken without a meeting if written consent is unanimously signed by all BOD members. The consent has the same effect as a vote at a BOD Meeting.</i></p>
<p>Rationale: Included the current Sec 1 and 3 under Article V: Membership and Dues, Sec 5 so that it applies to all membership groups. Included the current Sec 2 under Article VIII: Board of Directors (BOD) to which it applies.</p>	

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<p align="center">Article XII: Executive Committee</p> <p>Section 1. Composition. There shall be an executive committee of the Louisiana PTA, the members of which shall be the elected officers.</p> <p>Section 2. Meetings. The executive committee shall meet at the call of the president or upon the request of three (3) members of the committee with five (5) days' notice having been given.</p> <p>Section 3. Quorum. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.</p> <p>Section 4. Duties. The executive committee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. transact business referred to it by the board; B. when necessary, perform the duties of the board of directors between meetings of the board; C. act in emergencies between meetings of the board; D. if necessary, make recommendations to the board on matters of policy and administration; E. constitute the program committee for each annual convention or annual meeting of the association; F. serve as the resolutions committee; G. select the office staff and salaried workers necessary to carry out the work of the association and shall fix salaries and define duties. These employees shall work under the direction of the president; H. serve as the conflict resolution committee; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) review any alleged violations by Local Unit PTAs of the National PTA Bylaws, the Louisiana PTA bylaws, or their own bylaws or any other practices or activities of Local Unit PTAs that may tend to defeat the purposes and basic principles of the Louisiana PTA or the National PTA. The executive committee shall promptly report to the state board of directors the results of such review and its recommendation of action; 2) The Louisiana PTA board of directors shall give due consideration to the report of the committee to be heard and respond to the report. Follow-on actions will be in accordance with published guidance from the Louisiana PTA BOD. <p>Section 5. Authority. The executive committee shall take no action in conflict with any action taken by the board of directors.</p>	<p><i>Sec 1 moved to Article VII, Sec 1. Simplified wording without changing context. It says:</i> Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Louisiana PTA shall be one President, one Vice-President of Affiliation, one Treasurer, and one Secretary.</p> <p><i>Sec 2 moved to Article VII, Sec 3. Reduced meeting notice from 5 days to 3 days. Simplified wording without changing context. It says:</i> Section 3. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call with three days' notice of either the President or upon the written request of three members of the committee.</p> <p><i>Sec 3 moved to Article VII, Sec 2. Changed quorum from "three members" to a "majority of members." It says:</i> Section 2. Quorum. A majority of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum.</p> <p><i>Sec 4 moved to Article VII, Sec 4. Simplified text without changing context. It says:</i> Section 4. Responsibilities of Executive Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assists with the duties of the BOD and transacts business referred to it by the BOD. 2. Makes recommendations to the BOD on matters of policy and administration and always acts in agreement with the BOD. 3. Acts in emergencies between BOD Meetings. 4. Selects salaried workers necessary to carry out the work of LAPTA, determines their salaries, and defines their duties. These employees work under the President's direction. 5. Serves as the Resolutions and Directives Committee. See Article IX, Sec 4, Point 5 for details. 6. Serves as the Conflict Resolution Committee. It shall promptly report the results and recommendations of any review to the BOD. The BOD shall consider and respond as needed. 7. Keeps a current copy of the PTA Bylaws and Standing Rules. 8. Performs other duties prescribed in the Bylaws or Standing Rules, by parliamentary authority, or as directed by the BOD. <p><i>Sec 5 moved to Article VII, Sec 4, Point 2 noted above. Simplified text without changing context.</i></p>
<p>Rationale: Moved these details into Article VII: Executive Committee to consolidate under one Article.</p>	

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<p style="text-align: center;">Article XIII: Committees</p> <p>Section 1. Standing Committees.</p> <p>A. The chair of each standing committee shall be appointed by the president, subject to the approval of the board, to serve a term of one (1) year, unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, and to be eligible to serve no more than four (4) consecutive terms as chair.</p> <p>B. The chair of each standing committee shall submit a plan of work to the president and secretary to be placed on file.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article IX: Committees</p> <p>Section 1. Eligibility and Authority. Any LAPTA member in good standing may serve on a committee. Committee chairs are appointed by the President or BOD unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws. All committee work must have the consent of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Section 2. Standing Committees. The President establishes Standing Committees and appoints their chairs, subject to the BOD approval, to conduct the PTA's work and objectives for a full year. Additional Standing Committees not listed in the Bylaws may be created as needed. The term for committee chairs is one year, not to exceed an additional three one-year terms or until their successor is appointed. The chair of each Standing Committee reports to the BOD, submits its plan of work to the BOD, serves on its respective subcommittees, and is responsible to the President between BOD Meetings. The following are required Standing Committees.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Advocacy Committee consists of the Chair, Federal Legislative Chair, and other members. It develops and reports the advocacy program to the BOD. The Federal Legislative Chair, required by National PTA, serves as the lead for the annual National PTA Legislative Conference and liaison to the offices of Louisiana members of Congress. 2. The Membership Committee develops and promotes membership strategies and evaluates the effectiveness of membership development practices. The Chair serves as the National PTA Membership Lead and develops and implements the LAPTA Annual State Membership Plan as required by National PTA. 3. The Leadership Development Committee coordinates and develops training strategies, evaluates effectiveness of leadership development practices, and identifies potential leaders. It supports, guides, and trains Local PTA Unit leaders. 4. The Diversity, Inclusion, and Outreach (DIO) Committee defines and communicates how diversity, inclusion, and outreach help LAPTA and constituent associations achieve their mission. The Chair serves as the National PTA Diversity, Inclusion, and Outreach Lead and develops and implements the LAPTA Annual DIO Plan as required by National PTA.
<p>Rationale: This Article was reorganized and will need to be discussed to cover all details. Current Sec 1 is in proposed Sec 2; simplified wording without changing context. Proposed Sec 2 lists the required Standing Committees and their specifications.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 2. Special Committees.</p> <p>A. The elected special committees of this association shall be nominations and elections.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominations Committee. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Nominations Committee, composed of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, shall be elected, by the board of directors, from volunteers recruited from the general membership of the Louisiana PTA. b. The committee shall elect its own chair and shall; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Notify all local units and members of the board of directors of the offices to be filled and invite advisory recommendations to be sent via email to the secretary and the state office for forwarding to the committee chair; 2) select one nominee for each office to be filled at the next state convention or state meeting; consent of the nominee must be secured; 3) submit a report to the secretary two (2) weeks prior to the call to convention/meeting deadline that will be included in the convention/meeting packet; and 4) report to the convention/meeting, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor, providing the consent of the nominee has been secured. No person may be nominated for more than one (1) office. c. Nominees considering running from the floor must give fifteen (15) days notification before the beginning of the state convention or state meeting, of their intent to run. The notification must be emailed to the Louisiana PTA president and receipt acknowledged. d. In the event the chair is unable to serve; the committee will elect a new chair. e. In the event a committee member is unable to serve, an alternate will be called to serve. 2. Elections Committee. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The elections committee is composed of three (3) members and two (2) alternates and shall be elected by the board of 	<p>Section 3. Special Committees. Special Committees are appointed or elected as specified in the Bylaws for a short-term need. The President or Special Committee members, as applicable, shall appoint the chair and alternates may be selected appointed as needed. It reports its actions to the BOD and dissolves upon completion of its work. The following are required Special Committees.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Nominating Committee of three members and two alternates from the General Membership is appointed by the BOD and selects its own chair. It notifies Local Units and the BOD of offices to be filled, solicits recommendations to be emailed to LAPTA, and selects one unique nominee for each open position. The report is emailed to the Secretary 15 days before any required notice deadlines. Nominees from the floor must give 15 days' notice before elections of their intent to run to the President and receive return acknowledgement. The final and complete list of nominees is published four days before elections. The committee presents its slate of nominees at the annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting. 2. The Elections Committee of three members and two alternates from the General Membership is appointed by the BOD for contested elections. No candidate running for LAPTA office may serve on the committee. The committee appoints its chair and has charge of elections at the annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting. For an uncontested position, the President may declare the nominee elected. For a contested position, the vote is by ballot. A majority vote constitutes an election. 3. The Budget Committee of three members appointed by the BOD and chaired by the Treasurer develops the annual budget, solicits revisions from the BOD, and presents the proposed budget at the first BOD Meeting of the year. The budget is adopted by an affirmative majority vote. 4. The Bylaws Committee of three members appointed by the BOD prepares a revised set of LAPTA Bylaws every three years. The updated Bylaws are submitted to the LAPTA BOD 60 days prior to the annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting for revisions. The proposed Bylaws are emailed to all Local PTA Unit Presidents with 20 days' notice prior to the

<p>directors. Committee members will be volunteers recruited from the general membership of Louisiana PTA.</p> <p>b. The elections committee shall elect its own chair and shall have charge of the election at the annual convention or annual meeting.</p> <p>c. No candidate running for any office at the convention or meeting shall serve on the elections committee.</p> <p>d. In the event the chair is unable to serve; the committee will elect a new chair.</p> <p>e. In the event a committee member is unable to serve; an alternate will be called to serve,</p> <p>C. Additional special committees may be crated as may be necessary to promote the purposes and carry on the work of the association;</p> <p>D. Special committees shall be dissolved automatically upon completion of the assignment.</p> <p>E. Special committees shall report their actions to the board of directors.</p>	<p>annual meeting. At the annual meeting, the proposed Bylaws are subject to revision and require an affirmative majority vote for adoption.</p> <p>5. The Resolutions and Directives Committee. A Local PTA Unit may propose a resolution to LAPTA that is statewide in scope and aligns with PTA principles. It is emailed to LAPTA 60 days before the annual General Membership Meeting and needs approval by LAPTA Resolutions Committee. Emergency Resolutions may be submitted only if the urgency of the subject matter arose after the deadline. LAPTA reserves the right to edit the resolution, except for intent. The submitting group provides copies to the General Membership. An affirmative two-thirds vote is required for adoption</p>
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Rationale: Proposed Sec 3 specifies the details for Standing Committees and lists the required Special Committees. Current Points C, D, and E are in proposed Sec 3. Simplified wording without changing context. Proposed Point 5 is currently Article XIV, Sec 6.

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Article XIV: Annual Convention / Annual Meeting</p> <p>Section 1. Annual Convention / Annual Meeting. The convention / meeting of the Louisiana PTA shall be held annually in each PTA operational year, except under the conditions as otherwise provided in this article. The time and place of the convention / meeting shall be determined by the board of directors.</p> <p>Section 2. Notice. Notice of the convention / meeting shall be sent to each local unit president and member of the board of directors at least thirty (30) days before the convention / meeting.</p>	<p>Article X: Annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting</p> <p>Section 1. Governance and Notice. The annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting shall be held in August or September in conjunction with Leadership Training. The dates and locations are determined by the LAPTA BOD. LAPTA shall be the governing body of the meeting which may be in-person, virtual, or a hybrid format. Notice of the meeting is sent to each Local PTA Unit President with 30 days' notice.</p>
<p>Rationale: Combined Sec 1 and 2 into proposed Sec 1. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 3. The annual convention / meeting voting delegates shall be the governing body of the Louisiana PTA.</p>	<p>Section 2. Required Attendance. Attendance by the Local PTA President or a designee at the annual meeting is required. Expenses are to be included in the annual budget.</p>
<p>Rationale: Moved current Sec 3 into proposed Sec 3 "Voting Body." Proposed Sec 2 is current Sec 4, Point C below.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 4. Voting Body.</p> <p>A. Voting Body. The voting body of the convention / meeting shall consist of the members of the board of directors, and the duly accredited delegates from each local unit in good standing with the Louisiana PTA as shown on the books at the State Office, as of sixty (60) calendar days preceding the convention / meeting.</p> <p>B. Delegates. Each unit in good standing shall be entitled to accredit as voting delegates at the annual convention / meeting its president or alternate and one (1) voting delegate for every twenty-five (25) members, or fraction thereof.</p> <p>C. Participation. The annual convention / meeting shall be open to all members of the association, but the privilege of making motions, debating, and voting shall be limited to the members of the board of directors, and duly accredited voting delegates for each local unit in good standing.</p> <p>D. Voting. A delegate shall be allowed one (1) vote only.</p>	<p>Section 3. Voting Body. Each Local PTA Unit in Active Affiliation with LAPTA 30 days before the meeting may designate as voting delegates 1) the Local PTA President or a designated alternate, and 2) one delegate for every 25 members as indicated on the LAPTA membership report 30 days before the meeting or the previous year's membership total if the meeting is held in August or September. The privilege of making motions, debating, and voting is limited to the LAPTA BOD and accredited delegates. Each delegate and LAPTA BOD member has one vote.</p>
<p>Rationale: Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 5. Quorum. A majority of those registered to attend the annual meeting shall constitute a Quorum.</p>	<p>Section 4. Quorum. A majority of those registered to attend the meeting constitutes a Quorum.</p>
<p>Rationale: Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 6. Resolutions/Directives.</p> <p>A. Resolutions shall originate in and be approved by a constituent association, the resolutions committee, or at a regular meeting of the board of directors.</p> <p>B. Resolutions originating in constituent associations shall be emailed to the State Office at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual convention/annual meeting.</p> <p>C. All resolutions must be statewide in scope and conform to PTA policies and procedures.</p> <p>D. Before presentation to the convention / meeting, resolutions that conform to the above criteria shall be edited, except for intent, by the executive committee, which shall serve as the resolutions committee.</p>	<p><i>Moved to Article IX, Sec 3, Point 5. Simplified text without changing context. It says:</i> The Resolutions and Directives Committee. <i>A Local PTA Unit may propose a resolution that is statewide in scope and aligns with PTA principles. It is emailed to LAPTA 60 days before the annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting and needs approval by LAPTA Resolutions Committee. Emergency Resolutions may be submitted only if the urgency of the subject matter arose after the deadline. LAPTA reserves the right to edit the resolution, except for intent. The submitting group provides copies to the General Membership. An affirmative two-thirds vote is required for adoption.</i></p>
<p>Rationale: Moved current Sec 6 to proposed Article IX. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p>Section 7. Emergency Resolutions.</p> <p>A. Emergency resolutions may be submitted only if the urgency of the subject matter has risen after the established deadline.</p> <p>B. They must conform to all established criteria, be approved by the Resolutions Committee and approved for recommendation by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the delegates in order to be eligible for consideration.</p> <p>C. If an emergency resolution is approved by the Resolutions Committee, the submitting group must provide enough copies for the entire convention / meeting body and must deliver them to the state president on the first day of the convention / meeting.</p>	<p><i>Moved to Article IX, Sec 4, Point 5. Simplified wording without changing context. It says:</i></p> <p>The Resolutions and Directives Committee. A Local PTA Unit may propose a resolution to LAPTA that is statewide in scope and aligns with PTA principles. It is emailed to LAPTA 60 days before the annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting and needs approval by LAPTA Resolutions Committee. Emergency Resolutions may be submitted only if the urgency of the subject matter arose after the deadline. LAPTA reserves the right to edit the resolution, except for intent. The submitting group provides copies to the General Membership. An affirmative two-thirds vote is required for adoption.</p>
<p>Rationale: Moved current Sec 7 to proposed Article IX, Sec 3, Point 5 combined with current Sec 6. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>Section 8. Emergency Situation.</p> <p>A. Cancellation or delay. The board of directors, then in office, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in the affirmative, may cancel or defer an annual convention / meeting when it deems such action to be required by the existence of a national emergency, state emergency, an epidemic, pandemic, other disaster or financial constraints. The vote on this question may be taken at a virtual meeting or any other electronic means, in the event a meeting in-person of the board of directors cannot be held.</p> <p>B. Election. In the event a state convention / state meeting is not held, the board of directors shall plan a procedure for conducting all necessary business, including the election of officers, by virtual/electronic means.</p>	<p>Section 5. Deferment. The LAPTA BOD may defer the annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting due to an emergency, disaster, or financial constraint by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the BOD. The annual meeting shall convene as soon as possible and may be in-person or use a virtual or hybrid meeting platform with 15 days' notice.</p>
<p>Rationale: Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p align="center">Article XV: National Convention</p> <p>Section 1. Delegates. The Louisiana PTA shall be entitled to accredit to the annual convention as its delegates:</p> <p>A. the president of the Louisiana PTA;</p> <p>B. five (5) delegates plus one (1) per thousand (1,000) members, or major fraction thereof, of each state constituent association PTA, as shown on the books of the secretary-treasurer of National PTA as of March 31 preceding an annual meeting, and as accredited by the state constituent association PTA.</p> <p>Section 2. Delegate Selection. The selection of delegates, other than the president of Louisiana PTA, who shall be a delegate by virtue of office, shall be authorized by the board of directors. The president may be empowered to fill the quota.</p>	<p align="center">Article XI: National PTA Convention</p> <p>The number of LAPTA delegates for the National PTA Convention is determined by National PTA, which is the LAPTA President and five delegates plus one per every thousand of LAPTA members as of March 31. The BOD authorizes the selection of delegates, other than the LAPTA President who is a delegate by virtue of office. The President has the authority to fill the quota.</p>
<p>Rationale: Added "PTA" to article name. Combined Sec 1 and 2. Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p align="center">Article XVI: State Office</p> <p>Section 1. Location. A state office shall be domiciled in the state of Louisiana.</p> <p>Section 2. Funding. Necessary funds for the operation of said office shall be included in the adopted budget for each fiscal year.</p> <p>Section 3. Bonding. State employees shall be required to give a commercial bond for faithful performance of duties in such amount as shall be determined by the board of directors; which bond shall be paid for by the Louisiana PTA.</p>	<p><i>Sec 1 and 2 moved to proposed Article VIII, Sec 6 into one paragraph. Simplified text without changing context. It says:</i></p> <p>Section 6. Physical Office. Expenses for an office in Louisiana shall be included in the budget.</p> <p><i>Sec 3 moved to proposed Article VIII, Sec 9. Simplified text without changing context. It says:</i></p> <p>Section 9. Indemnification. LAPTA shall protect its BOD members and employees from potential losses by obtaining Directors and officers liability insurance and bonding.</p>
<p>Rationale: Moved current Sec 1 and 2 to proposed Article VIII, Sec 6. Moved current Sec 3 to Article VIII, Sec 9.</p>	

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p align="center">Article XVII: Fiscal Year</p> <p>The fiscal year of the Louisiana PTA shall begin on July 1 and end on the following June 30.</p>	<p align="center">Article XII: Fiscal Year</p> <p>The LAPTA fiscal year is July 1 to June 30.</p>
<p>Rationale: Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p align="center">Article XVIII: Parliamentary Authority</p> <p>The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Louisiana PTA and its constituent associations in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these bylaws, National PTA Bylaws, or the articles of incorporation.</p>	<p align="center">Article XIII: Parliamentary Authority</p> <p>The rules contained in <u>Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised</u> (robertsrules.com) govern the PTA in all cases in which they are applicable and when they are not in conflict with the Local PTA Unit Bylaws, LAPTA Bylaws, National PTA Bylaws, or the Louisiana Articles of Incorporation.</p>
<p>Rationale: Simplified wording without changing context.</p>	

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<p align="center">Article XIX: Amendments</p> <p>Section 1. Bylaws may be amended/revise d at an annual convention / meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.</p> <p>Section 2. Requirements. These requirements shall be compiled in the following order:</p> <p>A. Submission. The proposed amendment(s)/revisions may be submitted by the board of directors, by the executive committee, by a committee authorized by the Louisiana PTA, or by a constituent association.</p> <p>B. Deadline. All proposed amendments/revisions from constituent associations must be emailed to the State Office and receipt acknowledged by the State Office sixty (60) days prior to the annual convention / annual meeting.</p> <p>C. Notice. A copy of the proposed amendments/revisions must be sent to each member of the board of directors and each local unit thirty (30) days prior to the convention / meeting.</p> <p>D. Approval prior to Presentation. The proposed amendments/revisions shall have been approved by the board of directors. Before presentation to the convention / meeting, the bylaws amendments/revisions shall be edited, except for intent, by the board of directors.</p> <p>E. Amendment. Proposed bylaws amendments/revisions, approved by the board of directors, may be amended at the annual convention / meeting by the voting delegates.</p>	<p align="center">Article XIV: Amendments</p> <p>Section 1. Instructions. LAPTA or a Local PTA Unit may submit amendments to LAPTA at least 60 days prior to the annual LAPTA General Membership Meeting. Proposed amendments may be edited by LAPTA and need pre-approval by LAPTA BOD. Amendments are then emailed to Local PTA Unit Presidents with 20 days’ notice prior to the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, the voting delegates reserve the right to edit the amendment and an affirmative two-thirds vote is required for adoption.</p> <p>Section 2. Approved Amendments. There are no approved amendments.</p>
<p>Rationale: Combined current Sec 1 and 2 into proposed Sec 1. Simplified wording without changing context. Added proposed Sec 2 for any future amendments.</p>	