

Oregon PTA Leadership Virtual Conference 2021



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April 23-24, 2021

Registration: \$50.00 per person

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Registration Closes – April 18th, 2021

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Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

Amendment I: Three-Year Terms for Oregon PTA Officers

Note:

Amendment 1 is in three parts. All three parts form a single proposal and a single vote should be taken to adopt all of the parts together.

Summary:

This proposal would change the length of a term for an officer of **Oregon PTA**. Currently, the officers serve for a two-year term. This proposal would change the length of a term to three years. The same officers would be on the ballot together as they are now; every third year, there would be no elections (except possibly to fill a vacancy). The terms of the existing officers would be extended one year; no elections would be held in 2021.

Amendment 1A: Election cycle

Amend the Oregon PTA bylaws, Article IX, Officers’ Elections and Vacancies, Section 3, Elected Officers, Paragraph b by substituting the following:

- b. The officers in Group I shall be elected in 2022 and every three years after that. The officers in Group II shall be elected in 2023 and every three years after that.

Current wording	Proposed amendment	If adopted, will read
b. Group 1 shall be elected in odd-numbered years and Group 2 shall be elected in even-numbered years.	b. Group 1 shall be elected in odd-numbered years and Group 2 shall be elected in even-numbered years. <u>The officers in Group I shall be elected in 2022 and every three years after that. The officers in Group II shall be elected in 2023 and every three years after that.</u>	b. The officers in Group I shall be elected in 2022 and every three years after that. The officers in Group II shall be elected in 2023 and every three years after that.

Amendment 1B: Term length and term limits

Amend the Oregon PTA bylaws, Article IX, Officers’ Elections and Vacancies, Section 3, Elected Officers, Paragraph h by substituting the following:

- h. The officers shall serve a term of three years. Except for the offices of president and president elect, no one shall be eligible to serve a third consecutive term in the same office.

Current wording	Proposed amendment	If adopted, will read
h. The term of office for elected officers, other than president and president elect, shall not exceed two (2) consecutive terms. Term is defined as a period of 24 months (two years).	h. The term of office for elected officers, other than president and president elect, shall not exceed two (2) consecutive terms. Term is defined as a period of 24 months (two years). <u>The officers shall serve a term of three years. Except for the offices of president and president elect, no one shall be eligible to serve a third consecutive term in the same office.</u>	h. The officers shall serve a term of three years. Except for the offices of president and president elect, no one shall be eligible to serve a third consecutive term in the same office.

Amendment 1C: Student representatives' terms

Amend the Oregon PTA bylaws, Article XIII, Committees and Appointed Positions, Section 1, Appointed Officers, Paragraph a by striking out “two (2) years” and inserting “three (3) years”.

Current wording	Proposed amendment	If adopted, will read
a. Two (2) Student Representatives shall be appointed to serve a term of two (2) years.	a. Two (2) Student Representatives shall be appointed to serve a term of two (2) years <u>three (3) years</u> .	a. Two (2) Student Representatives shall be appointed to serve a term of three (3) years.

Provisos to Amendment 1:

1. An officer’s term that began in 2019 will end in 2022.
2. An officer’s term that began in 2020 will end in 2023.
3. Article IX, Sections 3h and 4b apply to the three years of the terms that began in 2019 and 2020.

Rationale:

Three-year term limits will offer greater continuity, depth of institutional knowledge, more easily sustained organization partnerships and board cohesiveness. Advantages:

- Increased continuity in board cohesiveness and maintaining expertise and insight of board members.
- Relationships with Oregon PTA partners will be better sustained.
- Additional time between election cycles for identification, recruitment and onboarding of new board members.
- Increased time for Board members to become acclimated in their role and to make a meaningful difference.

Amendment 2: Extend Terms of Current Oregon PTA Officers

Note:

If amendment 1 is adopted, this amendment is unnecessary and will not be considered.

Amendment:

Amend the Oregon PTA bylaws, Article IX, Officers' Elections and Vacancies, Section 3, Elected Officers, Paragraph b by substituting the following:

Group I shall be elected in even-numbered years and Group II shall be elected in odd-numbered years.

Provisos

1. An officer's term that began in 2019 will end in 2022.
2. An officer's term that began in 2020 will end in 2023.
3. Article IX, Sections 3h and 4b apply to the three years of the terms that began in 2019 and 2020.

Current wording	Proposed amendment	If adopted, will read
b. Group 1 shall be elected in odd-numbered years and Group 2 shall be elected in even-numbered years.	b. Group 1 Group I shall be elected in odd-numbered even-numbered years and Group 2 Group II shall be elected in even-numbered odd-numbered years.	b. Group I shall be elected in even-numbered years and Group II shall be elected in odd-numbered years.

Rationale

The Covid-19 Pandemic greatly impacted PTA leaders and their service to Oregon PTA. Maintaining the existing leadership team allows current board members an opportunity to fulfill their intended service to the association as well as provide more ample time to identify and recruit new board members.

Amendment 3: Extend Terms of Current Council Officers

Amendment

Amend the Unified Bylaws for Council, Article VII, Officers and Their Election, by adding a new section as follows:

SECTION 10. In a public emergency, the Board of Directors of Oregon PTA may authorize the board of the council to extend the terms of the current council officers by one year. This authorization by the Oregon PTA Board of Directors requires a two-thirds vote.

Current wording	Proposed amendment	If adopted, will read
(None)	<u>SECTION 10. In a public emergency, the Board of Directors of Oregon PTA may authorize the board of the council to extend the terms of the current council officers by one year. This authorization by the Oregon PTA Board of Directors requires a two-thirds vote.</u>	SECTION 10. In a public emergency, the Board of Directors of Oregon PTA may authorize the board of the council to extend the terms of the current council officers by one year. This authorization by the Oregon PTA Board of Directors requires a two-thirds vote.

Rationale

The Covid-19 Pandemic is an example of how a public emergency situation can impact PTA leaders and their service. Maintaining existing leadership on a PTA board during an emergency or crisis provides much needed consistency and stability to the Council. Furthermore, recruitment and onboarding of new board members during a crisis can be very difficult. Maintaining an existing leadership team allows current board members ample time to identify and recruit new board members.

This amendment to the current Bylaws would give Oregon PTA the ability to authorize Council Board Members an opportunity to extend their term of board service by one year if they choose.

Amendment 4: Extend Terms of Current Local PTA/PTSA Unit Officers

Amendment

Amend the Unified Local Unit Bylaws, Article VI, Officers and Their Election, Section 2, Officers and Their Election, by adding a new paragraph as follows:

- g. In a public emergency, the Board of Directors of Oregon PTA may authorize the board of this local PTA/PTSA unit to extend the terms of the current local PTA/PTSA officers by one year. This authorization by the Oregon PTA Board of Directors requires a two-thirds vote.

Current wording	Proposed amendment	If adopted, will read
(None)	<u>g. In a public emergency, the Board of Directors of Oregon PTA may authorize the board of this local PTA/PTSA unit to extend the terms of the current local PTA/PTSA officers by one year. This authorization by the Oregon PTA Board of Directors requires a two-thirds vote.</u>	g. In a public emergency, the Board of Directors of Oregon PTA may authorize the board of this local PTA/PTSA unit to extend the terms of the current local PTA/PTSA officers by one year. This authorization by the Oregon PTA Board of Directors requires a two-thirds vote.

Rationale

The Covid-19 Pandemic is an example of how a public emergency situation can impact PTA leaders and their service. Maintaining existing leadership on a PTA board during an emergency or crisis provides much needed consistency and stability to the Local Unit. Furthermore, recruitment and onboarding of new board members during a crisis can be very difficult. Maintaining an existing leadership team allows current board members ample time to identify and recruit new board members.

This amendment to the current Bylaws would give Oregon PTA the ability to authorize Local Unit Board Members an opportunity to extend their term of board service by one year if they choose.



Teacher Education Scholarships (TES)

Your PTA can help send a student to college!

Annually, Oregon PTA awards a limited number of \$500 scholarships to high school seniors and college students who wish to become teachers. The TES Basket Raffle at the annual Oregon PTA Convention funds this scholarship. 100% of the proceeds from baskets donated by local PTAs, individuals, community members and businesses help to further this program.

We are inviting your PTA to donate a basket. Basket themes like A Night at the Movies, Chocolate, Coffee, Rainy Day Fun, BBQ Fun, and Game Night have funded this scholarship program for more than 60 years. In 2020, Oregon PTA awarded six (6) \$500 scholarships to Oregon college/university students. For 2021, our goal is ten (10) \$500 scholarships. *If your PTA can donate a basket, please email sclschang@comcast.net.*

Our annual convention is virtual this year and that means our basket raffle will look a little different. We will be hosting an 'Online' raffle through Memberhub. We will email details soon. We will also have a 'virtual' BINGO party on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM. There will be prizes. Please plan on attending. Your support will help Oregon students reach their goal to become a teacher.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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