

Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School PTSA

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#ARTICLE IV: BASIC POLICIES

The following are basic policies of the Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School PTSA in common with those of the Virginia PTA and the National PTA:

- a. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- b. The association shall work with the schools to provide quality education for all children and youth and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education authorities, and local education authorities.
- c. The association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth, and shall seek to promote collaboration among parents, schools and the community at large.
- d. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.
- e. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an association exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (ii) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- f. Upon dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, or associations that have established their tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are in accordance with those of the Virginia PTA and the National PTA.
- g. The association or members in their official capacities shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene (in any way, including publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office, or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislations by propaganda or otherwise.
- h. The association may cooperate with other associations and agencies concerned with child welfare, but a PTA representative shall make no commitments that bind the group he/she represents.

#ARTICLE V: RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA AND VIRGINIA PTA

Section 1. Local PTA/PTSAs shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Virginia PTA in the area in which the local PTA/PTSA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the bylaws of the National PTA, as the Virginia PTA may in its bylaws prescribe.

1 **Section 2.** The Virginia PTA shall issue to each local PTA/PTSA in its area an appropriate charter
2 evidencing the due association and good standing of the local PTA/PTSA.

3 A local PTA/PTSA in good standing is one which:

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- 5 a. Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;
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- 7 b. Has a minimum of three (3) elected officers, to include president and treasurer;
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- 9 c. Remits the state and national portion of dues to the Virginia PTA by dates designated in
10 these bylaws;
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- 12 d. Has bylaws approved according to the procedures of the Virginia PTA; and
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- 14 e. Submits local unit officers contact information form and verification of local unit's
15 employer identification number (EIN) to the state office immediately upon election of
16 officers and no later than June 15 annually;
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- 18 f. Submits a copy of the fiscal year-end audit report and minutes of the meeting at which it
19 was adopted shall be sent to the state office within thirty (30) days following the adoption
20 of the audit report by the general membership;
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- 22 g. Submits a copy of the filed 990 or 990EZ to the state office within fifteen
23 (15) days of filing;
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- 25 h. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the Virginia PTA.
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27 **Section 3.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall adopt such bylaws for the governance of the association as may be
28 approved by the Virginia PTA. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the bylaws of the National PTA or
29 the bylaws of the Virginia PTA.

30 **Section 4.** Bylaws of each constituent association shall include an article on amendments.

31 **Section 5.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall keep such permanent books of account and records as shall be
32 sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements of the association including,
33 specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members, and the amounts of dues
34 remitted to the Virginia PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to
35 inspection by an authorized representative of the Virginia PTA or, where directed by the committee on state
36 and national relationships, by a duly authorized representative of the National PTA. Such authorized
37 representative shall have full access in cases where account information and records are required from
38 banks.
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40 **Section 6.** The charter of a local PTA/PTSA shall be subject to withdrawal and the status of such
41 association as a PTA/PTSA unit shall be subject to termination, in the manner and under the circumstances
42 provided in the bylaws of the Virginia PTA.
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44 **Section 7.** Each local PTA/PTSA is obligated upon withdrawal of its charter by the Virginia PTA:

- 45
- 46 a. To yield up and surrender all of its books and records and all of its assets and property to the
47 Virginia PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the Virginia PTA or to another local
48 PTA/PTSA organized under the authority of the Virginia PTA;
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2 b. To cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association with
3 the National PTA or the Virginia PTA or status as a constituent association of the National
4 PTA; and
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6 c. To carry out promptly, under the supervision and direction of the Virginia PTA, all proceedings
7 necessary or desirable for the purpose of dissolving such local PTA/PTSA.
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9 **Section 8.** Each officer or board member of a local PTA/PTSA shall be a member of such local
10 PTA/PTSA.
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12 **Section 9.** A PTA/PTSA member shall not serve as a voting member of a constituent association's board at
13 the local, council, district, region, state or national level while serving as a paid employee of, or under
14 contract to, that constituent association.
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16 **Section 10.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall collect dues from its members and shall remit a portion of such
17 dues to the Virginia PTA by dates designated in these bylaws.
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19 **Section 11.** Only members of a local PTA/PTSA who have paid dues for the current membership year may
20 participate in the business of that association.
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22 **Section 12.** Bylaws of each constituent association shall include a provision establishing a quorum.
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24 **Section 13.** The members of the nominating committee for officers of a constituent association shall be
25 elected by the membership, Board of Directors/Managers, Executive Board, or Executive Committee.
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27 **Section 14.** The bylaws of all constituent associations shall prohibit voting by proxy, (unless proxy voting is
28 specified by applicable state law).
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30 **Section 15.** Each local PTA shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the provisions of such
31 of these bylaws as are identified by the state symbol #.
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33 **Section 16.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the bylaws of the National PTA shall serve
34 automatically and without the requirement of further action by the local PTA/PTSA to amend
35 correspondingly the bylaws of the local PTA/PTSA. Notwithstanding the automatic character of the
36 amending process, the local PTA/PTSA shall promptly incorporate such amendments in their respective
37 bylaws.
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39 **Section 17.** Local units may address legislative items or issues if the position on the legislative item or issue
40 does not conflict with that of the Virginia PTA Legislation Program. The local unit's name must be used
41 and not that of the Virginia PTA.
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43 **Section 18.** Each member of a local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues to the association as approved by a
44 two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting after having been given at least thirty (30) days written
45 notice. The amount of such annual dues shall include the portions payable to the local unit, Virginia PTA
46 and the National PTA.
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48 **Section 19.** Any dissolution of a local unit and termination of its affairs shall take place in the following
49 manner:
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- 1 a. The executive board shall adopt a written resolution recommending that the local PTA/PTSA be
2 dissolved and directing that the question of such dissolution be submitted to a vote at a special
3 meeting of the general membership having voting rights at the time of the meeting;
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- 5 1. Only those funds approved by the general membership in the current budget year may be
6 spent. All other funds shall be frozen until the question of dissolution is decided;
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- 8 2. Written notice of the adoption of such resolution accompanied by a copy of the notice of
9 the special meeting of members shall be given to the president of Virginia PTA at least
10 thirty (30) days before the date fixed for such special meeting of the members;
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- 12 3. A complete membership list including contact information shall be provided to the state
13 office at least thirty (30) days before the date fixed for such special meeting of the
14 members;
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- 16 b. Written notice stating the purpose of such meeting to consider the dissolving the local PTA/PTSA
17 shall be given to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting. Such
18 meeting shall be held only during the academic year of the school involved.
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- 20 c. A dissolution quorum must be met for the general membership of the local PTA/PTSA to consider
21 the resolution to dissolve. The dissolution quorum includes the required quorum for general
22 membership meetings per local unit bylaws plus a majority of the executive board members.
23
- 24 d. Prior to the vote on dissolution, the president of Virginia PTA, or his/her designated representative,
25 shall be permitted to attend the meeting and shall be allowed to speak for a minimum of sixty (60)
26 minutes followed by a maximum of sixty (60) minutes question and answer session.
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- 28 e. Voting shall be by ballot.
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- 30 f. Only those persons who are members of the local PTA/PTSA on the date of adoption of the
31 resolution and who continue to be members on the date of the special meeting shall be entitled to
32 vote on dissolution.
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- 34 g. Upon adoption to dissolve, the unit's charter will be withdrawn by Virginia PTA in accordance with
35 state bylaws.
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37 **Section 20.** One (1) president shall preside over local PTA/PTSA associations as prescribed in its bylaws.
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39 **Section 21.** One (1) treasurer shall be responsible for all PTA/PTSA funds and finances.
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41 **Section 22.** A local unit is required to file a 990 or 990EZ per IRS regulations. A copy of the report filed
42 shall also be forwarded to the state office within fifteen (15) days of filing.
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44 **Section 23.** The local PTA/PTSA fiscal year shall begin and end as designated in the bylaws with the
45 ending date the last day of a calendar month.
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47 #ARTICLE VI: AUDITING PROCEDURES 48 49

1 **Section 1.** An auditing committee or a professional auditor shall be selected by the executive board prior
2 to the end of the fiscal year. An auditing committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members and no
3 one with signature authority shall sit on the auditing committee.
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5 **Section 2.** The local unit treasurer shall submit the books to the auditing committee or the professional
6 auditor at the end of the fiscal year. The audit report shall be submitted in writing to the executive board
7 prior to finalization of the proposed budget for the coming school year.
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9 **Section 3.** The executive board of a local PTA shall, upon resignation of the treasurer during a term, select
10 an auditing committee or a professional auditor within one (1) week of the resignation. The audit shall be
11 performed with fiscal year end auditing procedures and shall be completed within three (3) weeks of the
12 resignation. This audit shall not be performed in lieu of the year-end audit.
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14 **Section 4.** The newly elected treasurer shall not undertake any banking responsibilities of that office with
15 the exception of depository duties, reconciliation of bank statements, change of signatory or other clerical
16 duties not requiring signatory until the audit is presented to the executive board.
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18 **Section 5.** All audit reports shall be presented to the general membership for adoption. The fiscal year-
19 end audit report shall be presented to the membership for adoption at the first general membership meeting
20 held after the completion of the report. A copy of the fiscal year-end audit shall be sent to the state office
21 within thirty (30) days following the adoption of the audit by the membership.
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23 **Section 6.** Local units shall forward to the state office each year, within fifteen (15) days of filing, a
24 copy of their Form 990N, 990, or 990EZ as required per IRS regulations.
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26 #ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

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29 **Section 1.** Every individual who is a member of this PTA/PTSA is, by virtue of that fact, a member of the
30 National PTA and of the Virginia PTA by which this PTA/PTSA is chartered and is entitled to all the
31 benefits of such membership.
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33 **Section 2.** Membership in this PTA/PTSA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes
34 in and supports the mission and purposes of National PTA.
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36 **Section 3.** This PTA/PTSA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but may admit persons to
37 membership at any time.
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39 **Section 4.** Each member of this PTA/PTSA shall pay such annual dues to said association as may be
40 prescribed by the association. The amount of such dues shall include the portion payable to the Virginia
41 PTA (the "state portion") and the portion payable to the National PTA (the "national portion").
42

43 **Section 5.** Only members of this PTA/PTSA shall be eligible to vote in the business meetings of this
44 PTA/PTSA or to serve in any of its elected or appointed positions.
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46 **Section 6.** The amount of the state portion of each member's dues shall be determined by the Virginia
47 PTA. The Virginia PTA portion of each member's dues shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per annum. The
48 national portion of each member's dues shall be two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per annum.
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1 **Section 7.** The state and national portions of the dues paid by each member of this PTA/PTSA shall be set
2 aside by this PTA/PTSA and remitted to the Virginia PTA through such channels and at such times as the
3 state bylaws may provide. Each state PTA shall pay to the National PTA the amount of the national portion
4 of dues paid by all members of local PTAs in its area.
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6 **Section 8.** Each member of a local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues to the association as approved by
7 two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting after having been given at least thirty (30) days' notice.
8 The amount of such annual dues shall include the portions payable to the local unit, the Virginia PTA and
9 the National PTA.
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11 **Section 9.** PTAs with students in secondary schools shall offer membership to students.
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13 **Section 10.** All memberships received during the fiscal year ending June 30 shall expire the following
14 October 31.
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16 **Section 11.** A person may hold membership in one (1) or more local PTA units upon payment of all-
17 inclusive dues as required in each local unit bylaws.
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19 **Section 12.** Payment of State and National Dues
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21 a. The state and national portions of the dues paid by each member of a local PTA/PTSA
22 shall be the property of the Virginia PTA and National PTA, respectively, and shall not
23 be included in the local unit's budget.
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25 b. Membership dues shall be remitted to the treasurer of the Virginia PTA at the Virginia
26 PTA office on or before December 1. Additional membership dues received after
27 December 1 shall be remitted to the Virginia PTA treasurer on or before March 1.
28 Membership dues received after March 1 shall be remitted to the Virginia PTA treasurer
29 on or before June 30.
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31 c. A list of members who joined the association during the reporting period shall be kept by
32 the local unit and submitted to the Virginia PTA.
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34 **Section 13.** Honorary Life Membership in the Virginia PTA may be conferred for distinguished service,
35 for which a fee shall be paid to the treasurer of the Virginia PTA. This fee shall be deposited in the special
36 Life Membership-Scholarship Fund of the Virginia PTA. Honorary Virginia Life Membership entitles a
37 recipient to attend the State Annual Meeting as a non-voting participant without payment of the registration
38 fee.
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40 **Section 14.** National PTA Life Achievement Award may be conferred for distinguished service, for which
41 a fee shall be paid to the treasurer of the National PTA for the Endowment Fund of the National PTA. The
42 National PTA Life Achievement Award provides only National Convention guest privileges upon payment
43 of the convention registration fee.
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45 **Section 15.** A holder of a National PTA Life Achievement Award or Virginia Honorary Life Membership
46 may be an active member only upon payment of dues in a local PTA/PTSA unit.
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49 **ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

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1 **#Section 1.** Each officer of this PTA/PTSA shall be a member of this PTA/PTSA.
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3 **#Section 2.** Only members whose individual dues are paid to this association for the current fiscal year
4 shall be eligible to hold office, to serve on the executive committee, the executive board, a standing or
5 special committee or to serve as a delegate to the council or district.
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7 **Section 3.** Officers and their election:
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9 a. The officers of this association shall consist of:

10 #1. One (1) President;
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12 2. One (1) President-elect;
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14 3. Three (3) Vice Presidents, a Vice President of Finance, a Vice President of
15 Membership, and a Vice President of Events;
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17 4. One (1) Secretary; and
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19 #5. One (1) Treasurer.
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22 b. Officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting, which shall be held in the month
23 of May. The president-elect shall automatically succeed to the office of president.
24 However, if there is but one nominee for office, election for that office may be by voice
25 vote. A majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election.
26

27 c. Officers, except the treasurer, shall assume their official duties following the close of the
28 board meeting in June. The Treasurer shall assume his/her official duties upon the
29 completion of the auditing process. Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year(s) or
30 until his or her successor is elected except that the treasurer shall serve until the completion
31 of the auditing process.
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33 d. No person shall serve more than one term in the office of president or president-elect. A
34 person shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in any other
35 office. A person who has served in an office for more than one-half (1/2) of a full term
36 shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office
37

38 **Section 4.** Nominating committee:
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40 a. There shall be a nominating committee composed of three (3) members who shall be
41 elected appointed by the executive committee not less than two (2) months prior to the
42 annual meeting. The members of the nominating committee shall designate a chairman.
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44 b. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled,
45 except the office of president, and report its nominees at a regular meeting no less than
46 thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, additional nominations
47 may be made from the floor.
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49 c. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated
50 for or elected to such office. It is understood that the president-elect, by accepting the

1 nomination is agreeing to automatically succeed to the office of president at the end of
2 his/her term as president-elect.
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4 **Section 5.** Vacancies:

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6 A vacancy occurring in any office other than president or president-elect shall be filled for the unexpired
7 term by a person elected by a majority vote of the executive board, notice of such election having been
8 given as prescribed in Article XI, Section 4. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the
9 president-elect shall automatically become president and serve notice as prescribed in Article XII, Section 2
10 to the general membership of the election to fill the vacancy in the office of president-elect.
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13 **ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**
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15 **Section 1.** The president shall:

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17 a. Be the chief executive officer of the association and preside at all meetings of the
18 association;
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20 b. Exercise general supervision over the property, business, and affairs of the association and
21 perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned by the
22 association;
23
24 c. Be an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee;
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26 #d. Submit local unit officers' form and verification of the local unit's employer identification
27 number (EIN) to the state office immediately upon the election of officers and no later than
28 June 15 annually;
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30 e. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the association in order that the
31 purposes may be promoted.
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33 **Section 2.** The president-elect shall:

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35 a. Act as aide to the president;
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37 b. Perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to act;
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39 c. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.
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41 **Section 3.** The vice president of events shall:

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43 a. Supervise and assist the chairmen of the projects and programs of the association that
44 enhance the opportunities and experiences of the members of the school's community;
45
46 b. Act as aide to the president; and
47
48 c. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned by the
49 association.
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1 **Section 4.** The vice president of finance shall:

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- 3 a. Supervise and assist the chairmen of the projects and programs of the association that are
- 4 designed to generate revenue;
- 5
- 6 b. Act as aide to the president; and
- 7
- 8 c. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned by the
- 9 association.

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11 **Section 5.** The vice president of membership shall:

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- 13 a. Supervise and assist the chairmen of the projects and programs of the association that
- 14 inform the members of the association, prospective students and their parents, and the
- 15 general public of the school's activities and opportunities;
- 16
- 17 b. Act as aide to the president; and
- 18
- 19 c. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned by the
- 20 association.

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22 **Section 6** The secretary shall:

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- 24 a. Record the minutes of all meetings of the association;
- 25
- 26 b. Keep the official copy of the local unit's bylaws in his/her files;
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- 28 #c. Maintain a membership list as required by the Virginia PTA;
- 29
- 30 d. Help direct the delivery of correspondence received to the appropriate member of the
- 31 executive board; and
- 32
- 33 e. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.

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35 **Section 7.** The treasurer shall:

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- 37 a. Have custody of all the funds of the association;
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- 39 b. Keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures;
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- 41 c. Make disbursements as authorized by the president, executive board, or association in
- 42 accordance with the budget adopted by the association;
- 43
- 44 #d. Remit by December 1 to the Virginia PTA state office, state and National PTA dues for
- 45 memberships received prior to December 1. Remit by March 1, dues received after
- 46 December 1 and remit by June 30, all state and National dues received after March 1.
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- 48 #e. Have checks or vouchers signed by two (2) officers, preferably the treasurer and the
- 49 president;
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- 1 f. Present a written financial statement at every meeting of the association and at other times
2 when requested by the executive board;
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- 4 g. Prepare an annual financial report at the close of the fiscal year;
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- 6 #h. Have the accounts examined according to the auditing procedures outlined in Article VI;
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- 8 #i. When a local unit is required to file a 990 or 990EZ per IRS regulations, a copy of the 990
9 or 990EZ report shall also be forwarded to the state office upon its completion;
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- 11 #j. Submit a copy of the fiscal year-end audit to the state office within thirty (30) days
12 following the adoption of the audit by the membership;
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- 14 k. Perform other duties as assigned.
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16 **Section 8.** All officers shall perform the duties outlined in these bylaws and those assigned from time
17 to time. Upon the expiration of the term of office or in case of resignation, each officer shall turn over to the
18 president, without delay, all records, books, and other materials pertaining to the office.

21 **ARTICLE X: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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23 **Section 1.** The executive committee shall consist of the elected officers of the association and the
24 principal of the school, who shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the executive committee.

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26 **Section 2.** Duties of the executive committee shall be:

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- 28 a. To develop goals for the association for presentation to the executive board and general
29 membership for approval,
- 30
- 31 b. And to appoint standing and special committee chairmen and members of the standing and
32 special committees.
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34 **Section 3.** The executive committee shall meet within thirty (30) days after the annual meeting for the
35 purpose of appointing standing committee chairmen. Special committee chairmen shall be appointed as
36 necessary. Members of the standing and special committees shall be appointed as soon as possible after the
37 appointment of the committee chairmen.

38
39 **Section 4.** Meetings of the executive committee shall be called by the president or a majority of the
40 executive committee and held at such times and places as the president or a majority of the voting members
41 of the executive committee may designate. A majority of the voting members of the executive committee
42 shall constitute a quorum.

43 **ARTICLE XI: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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47 **Section 1.** The executive board shall consist of the officers of the association, the class parent
48 representatives, and a representative designated by each of the school's booster clubs. The principal of the
49 school or his/her designee and a representative appointed by the principal or elected by the faculty also shall
50 serve as non-voting, ex-officio members of the executive board. The vote of a class parent representative

1 may not be divided to accommodate instances when two or more individuals concurrently serve as co-
2 representatives of the same class.

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4 **#Section 2.** A PTA member shall not serve as a voting member of a constituent organization's board at the
5 local, council, district, region, state or national level while serving as a paid employee of, or under contract
6 to, that constituent organization.

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8 **Section 3.** The duties of the executive board shall be:

- 9
10 a. To transact necessary business in the intervals between the regular membership meetings of
11 the association and to conduct such other business as may be referred to it by the
12 association;
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14 b. To appoint one or more class parent representatives for the school's freshman, sophomore,
15 junior, and senior classes;
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17 c. To create standing and special committees;
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19 d. To approve the plans of work of the standing and special committees;
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21 e. To present a report at the regular membership meetings of the association;
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23 #f. To select an auditing committee or professional auditor as outlined in Article VI;
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25 g. To prepare and approve the proposed budget to be presented to the membership for
26 adoption;
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28 #h. To obtain general membership approval for any changes to the adopted budget over three
29 hundred dollars (\$300.00).

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31 **Section 4.** Regular meetings of the executive board shall be held during the school year, the times of which
32 shall be fixed by the executive board at its first meeting of the year. Special meetings of the executive board
33 may be called by the president or by a majority of the voting members of the executive board, and shall be
34 held at such times and places as the president or a majority of the voting members of the executive board
35 may designate. Notice of the time and place of each special meeting may be given by any means, including
36 electronic, to all members of the executive board at least five (5) days in advance of the special meeting. A
37 majority of the voting members of the executive board shall constitute a quorum.

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39 **Section 5.** The executive board shall reserve the right to vote on business via electronic vote. Only the
40 president shall have the authority to call for an electronic vote and to establish the guidelines for that vote.
41 The established quorum of the executive board shall prevail. Results must be recorded in the minutes and
42 ratified at the next executive board meeting.

43 **ARTICLE XII: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

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46 **Section 1.** Regular meetings of the membership of the association shall be held at least five (5) times
47 during the school year, unless otherwise provided by the association or by the executive board, Notice of the
48 time and place of each meeting may be given by any means including electronic, to all members of the
49 association at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

1 **Section 2.** Special meetings of the membership of the association may be called by the president or by
2 a majority of the voting members of the executive board, and shall be held at such times and places as the
3 president or a majority of the voting members of the executive board may designate. Notice of the time and
4 place of each meeting may be given by any means including electronic to all members of the association at
5 least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.
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7 **Section 3.** The annual meeting of the members of the association shall be held in May.
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9 **Section 4.** Ten (10) members, as defined in Article V, Section 11, shall constitute a quorum for the
10 transaction of business in any meeting of this association.
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12 **Section 5.** Voting on routine matters may be by voice vote; however, motions requiring a two-thirds
13 (2/3) affirmative vote (e.g., votes on bylaws) shall be by a rising vote or show of hands by verified members
14 of the association..
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16 **ARTICLE XIII: COMMITTEES**

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18 **#Section 1.** Only members of this association shall be eligible to serve in any elected or appointed
19 positions.
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21 **#Section 2.** Only current members of the association shall serve as a member of a standing or special
22 committee.
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24 **Section 3.** The executive board may create such standing committees, as it may deem necessary to
25 promote the purposes and carry on the work of the association. The executive committee shall appoint
26 standing committee chairmen and committee members. The term of each chairman shall be one (1) year(s)
27 or until the appointment of a successor. No chairman shall be eligible to serve in the same capacity for more
28 than two (2) consecutive terms.
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30 **Section 4.** The executive board may create such special committees as it may deem necessary or as
31 may be directed by the association. The executive committee shall appoint special committee chairmen and
32 committee members. The term of each special committee chairman ends upon completion of the task
33 assigned to the committee.
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35 **Section 5.** The chairman of each standing and special committee shall present a plan of work to the
36 executive board for approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the executive
37 board.
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39 **Section 6.** A majority of the members of any committee shall constitute a quorum.
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41 **Section 7.** The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating
42 committee.
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44 **Section 8.** Committee chairmen shall turn over to the president, without delay, all records, books and
45 other materials pertaining to the committee at the end of the term served, completion of the task assigned to
46 the committee, or when departing office.
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48 **ARTICLE XVI: COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

1 **Section 1.** Designation of delegates
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- 3 a. The association shall be represented in meetings of the Richmond Council of Parent-
4 Teacher Associations by the president or designated alternate, the principal or designated
5 alternate, and by one delegate(s) or alternate(s) designated by the executive committee. All
6 representatives to a council must be members of a local unit.
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8 b. Delegates and alternates shall be designated by December 31.
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10 c. Delegates to the Richmond Council of PTAs shall serve for a term of one (1) year(s) or
11 until the selection of a successor.
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13 **Section 2.** This association shall pay annual dues as prescribed in council bylaws to the Richmond
14 Council of PTAs.
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16 **Section 3.** Responsibilities of delegates:
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- 18 a. Delegates shall report activities of the council to the local unit and shall present to the
19 council such matters as may be referred to it by the local unit.
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21 b. Delegates shall vote on all issues as instructed by their association; but if not instructed,
22 they shall use their own discretion, except as provided by council bylaws.
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25 **#ARTICLE XV: DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP**
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27 **Section 1.** This PTSA shall be a member of the district designated by the Virginia PTA. This PTSA is in
28 the Richmond District of the Virginia PTA.
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30 **Section 2.** The district shall act as liaison between the Virginia PTA and local units, to coordinate policies
31 and current programs of local units with those of the Virginia PTA, and shall submit votes cast by local unit
32 members in their respective districts for the Proposed Legislation Program to the Legislation Committee
33 chairman for tabulation.
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35 **Section 3.** Local units are entitled to be represented at the Annual District Meeting and the District
36 Legislation Workshop by the president or alternate and three (3) other voting delegates. If the membership
37 is larger than one hundred (100), there shall be one (1) additional delegate for each fifty (50) memberships
38 or major fraction thereof.
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40 **Section 4.** PTA delegates for the district shall report activities of the district to their associations and shall
41 present to the district such matters as may be referred to it by their associations. Delegates shall vote on all
42 issues as instructed by their associations; but if not instructed, they shall use their own discretion.
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45 **#ARTICLE XVI: FISCAL YEAR**
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47 The fiscal year of this PTA/PTSA shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.
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1 # ARTICLE XVII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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3 The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the
4 National PTA and its constituent associations in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are
5 not in conflict with the Bylaws of the Virginia PTA, and the Bylaws of the National PTA, or the articles of
6 incorporation.
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9 #ARTICLE XVIII: LOCAL UNIT BYLAWS REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS

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11 **Section 1.** Bylaws shall be reviewed and amended with the following procedures:

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13 a. A committee shall be appointed to submit a revised set of bylaws as a substitute for existing
14 bylaws or to submit an amendment to current bylaws.
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- 16 b. Bylaws shall be revised or amended at a regular meeting of the association provided notice
17 and a copy of the proposed bylaws revision or amendments are provided to the membership
18 at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the revision or the amendments are to
19 be voted upon. A quorum shall be established at the meeting in which voting takes place.
20 The revision or amendments are subject to approval by the Virginia PTA Bylaws
21 Committee. The proposed bylaws revision or amendments require a two-thirds (2/3) vote
22 of the members present and voting.
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- 24 c. Submission of amendments and revised bylaws for approval by the State PTA shall be in
25 accordance with the bylaws or regulations of the Virginia PTA.
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- 27 d. Each local PTA shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the provisions of
28 such of the bylaws of the Virginia PTA as are identified by the state symbol #.
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- 30 e. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Bylaws of the Virginia PTA
31 identified by the number symbol (#) shall serve automatically and without requirement of
32 further action by the local PTA to amend correspondingly its bylaws. Notwithstanding the
33 automatic character of the amending process, the local PTA shall promptly incorporate
34 such amendments in its respective bylaws.
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36 **Section 2.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Bylaws of the National PTA shall serve
37 automatically and without the requirement of further action by the local PTA to amend correspondingly the
38 bylaws of each local PTA. Notwithstanding the automatic character of the amending process, the local
39 PTAs shall promptly incorporate such amendments in their respective bylaws.
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42 #ARTICLE XIX: APPROVAL OF BYLAWS

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44 The bylaws of this association shall be submitted to the State Office every five (5) years for approval by the
45 Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Board of Managers.
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48 **# Required by the Virginia PTA**