

General Membership Meeting
January 9, 2008

In attendance: Karen Baxter, Dan Meir, Vicki Kagan, Tobi Schwartzman, Kathy Skocik, Sharon Brown, April Dougherty, Bev Steffan, Emily Steffan, Val Criman, Jeannie Lesko, Kevin Bell, LeighAnne Baxter, Kevin Baxter, Pat Wirth, Kathe Naughton, Patti Barber, Judy Ottosen, Sarah Fuller, Mary Spence, and Melissa O'Connor.

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm by Karen Baxter, President. Minutes passed out and approved from the two Back to School Nights.

Vote was taken on several by law changes:

Amendment 1

Article XI: Executive Board, add section 5

Amend to read:

Section 5. Only the President shall have the authority to call for an electronic vote. The established quorum of the executive board shall prevail. Results must be recorded in the minutes. Rules governing electronic voting shall be established.

RATIONALE: This new section is being added to allow the executive board to conduct unexpected, necessary business between normally scheduled meetings. This addition to the association's bylaws is in compliance with the Virginia Code which allows for electronic voting. At the 2007 Virginia PTS Annual convention, an identical amendment was added to the state's bylaws.

Approved Unanimously.

Amendment 2

Article XI: Executive Board, Section 1.g.

Current Language:

- g. the sub-parent representative

AMEND TO READ:

- g. the sub-schools parent representatives

RATIONALE: When the association's bylaws were retyped by Virginia PTA at the latest five year revision, they made this error. This change clearly defines our PTSA Sub-school coordinators as members of the association's Executive Board.

Approved Unanimously.

AMENDMENT 3

Article XII: General Membership Meeting, section 1.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 1. Regular meetings of the association shall be held at least five (5) times during the school year, unless otherwise provided by the association or the executive board, five (5) days notice having been given.

AMEND TO READ:

Section 1. Regular meetings of the association shall be held at least four (4) times during the school year, unless otherwise provided for by the association or by the executive board, five (5) days notice having been given.

RATIONALE: Because of school size and the complexity of the programs presented to the association it seldom links General Membership meetings with programs and realistically only needs a maximum of four meetings to conduct business requiring action by the general membership. In addition, the school has reduced its back-to school nights from three to two thus eliminating one of the five meetings held each year. For clarity it is preferable to amend the bylaws rather than have the association of executive board change this number annually.

Passed Unanimously.

AMENDMENT 4

Article XIV: District Membership, Section 1.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 1. This Pts/PTSA shall be a member of the district designated by the Virginia PTA/PTSA. This PTA/PTSA is in the Fairfax District of the Virginia PTA?PTSA.

AMEND TO READ:

Section 1. This PTS/PTSA shall be a member of the district designated by the Virginia PTA/PTSA. This PTA/PTSA is in the Northern Virginia District of the Virginia PTA/PTSA.

Rationale: At the district's spring meeting, it voted to change its name from Fairfax District to Northern Virginia District. This amendment makes that change in the association's bylaws.

Passed Unanimously.