

**MCCPTA Bylaws Renewal
Proposal for February 2012 MCCPTA Delegates Assembly
Approved by February 2012 MCCPTA Board of Directors
Approved by March 2012 MCCPTA Delegates Assembly**

The MCCPTA Bylaws, approved on April 28, 2009, have been reviewed. The bylaws, amended three times during the past three years, have served the organization well. Two significant revisions are recommended, and a few minor language changes are proposed. Those recommendations follow; new language is in **BOLD**, recommended deletions are ~~stuck through~~.

SIGNIFICANT REVISION “NEC Amendment”

Addresses concerns raised originally by NEC that MCCPTA bylaws process for the nomination of cluster coordinators is difficult for PTA members in the consortiums to follow, at least in part because of the articulation pattern of their students. That is, there is no single feeder path to high schools in the consortium, and all schools in the consortium’s area are, in essence, part of each cluster.

The proposal adds language specific to any and all consortiums in MCPS. It eases the process of choosing cluster coordinators by recognizing the distinct situation of these areas and allows them to conduct the selection of the AVP and cluster coordinators at a single meeting. Because of the unique nature of the consortiums and the intent of the MCCPTA bylaws to ensure representation from each high school cluster, Section 4b includes the added requirement that the area nominating committee’s participant include at least one current PTA membership from each high school in the area. This proposal maintains the status quo in the remaining predominantly geographically-based clusters, allowing them to continue to have cluster coordinators chosen from the high school and designated middle and elementary feeder school PTA/PTSA’s in their cluster, rather than having area representatives make such nominations.

**ARTICLE VIII.A: AREA VICE-PRESIDENTS, CLUSTER
COORDINATORS AND THEIR ELECTION**

Section 4. Elections

- a. Each area representative of the MCCPTA nominating committee shall be responsible for convening and chairing an area nominating committee of at least **six (6)** ~~five (5)~~ PTA/PTSA presidents, or his or her designee, and/or cluster coordinators from that area, ensuring representation from each cluster, by February 1; the area representative of the MCCPTA nominating committee may serve as one of the representatives if he/she also meets the requirements of the members of the area nominating committee. The area nominating committee shall submit to the MCCPTA nominating committee by March 15 the name and qualifications of one (1) candidate for area vice president. The MCCPTA nominating committee shall accept the recommendations of each area nominating committee and include such nominees in their report. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting at which elections are held by any member of the MCCPTA voting body from the area represented by the area vice president.
- b. Area representatives of the MCCPTA nominating committee responsible for areas containing consortium(s), school system-defined groupings of high schools that provide students within set geographical boundaries the choice of attending one of the included high schools, shall be responsible for convening and chairing an area nominating committee of at**

least six (6) PTA/PTSA presidents, or his or her designee, and/or cluster coordinators from the area, such representatives also including persons with current PTA membership from each high school in the consortium, for the purpose of nominating no more than three (3) cluster coordinators from each cluster; the area representative of the MCCPTA nominating committee may serve as one of the representatives if he/she also meets the requirements of the members of the area nominating committee. These area nominating committee representatives shall submit the name(s) to the MCCPTA nominating committee by March 15. The MCCPTA nominating committee shall accept the recommendations from the area meeting and include such nominees in their report. Additional nominations for cluster coordinator(s) may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting at which elections are held by any member of the MCCPTA voting body from that cluster.

- c. ~~Each~~ Area representatives of the MCCPTA nominating committee **responsible for all other school clusters** shall be responsible for ensuring that each cluster holds a meeting at which a majority of PTAs in the cluster are represented by their president, or his or her designee, for the purpose of nominating ~~at least one (1) and~~ no more than three (3) cluster coordinators. A current cluster coordinator or Area Vice President, will submit the name(s) to the MCCPTA nominating committee by March 15. The MCCPTA nominating committee shall accept the recommendations from the cluster meeting and include such nominees in their report. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting at which elections are held by any member of the MCCPTA voting body from that cluster.

Section 5. Vacancies

- a. A vacancy in any area vice president position shall be filled by nomination from a committee consisting of at least **six (6)** ~~five (5)~~ PTA/PTSA presidents, or their designees, and/or cluster coordinators from that area at a meeting convened by a Cluster Coordinator, Area Vice President, or Vice President for Administration. The name of the nominee shall be submitted to the board of directors for confirmation.
- b. A vacancy in a cluster coordinator position shall be filled by a nomination from the PTA/PTSA presidents or their designee, from a majority of PTAs in the cluster, **such representatives including at least one PTA/PTSA member from the cluster high school**, at a meeting convened by another Cluster Coordinator, the Area Vice President, or Vice President for Administration. The name of the nominee shall be submitted to the board of directors for confirmation.

MINOR LANGUAGE CHANGE SUGGESTIONS

Article VI: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION, Section 5. Nominating Committee, b.

Delete the words “in writing” and “by mail”. Section 5.b. would now read: The Board of Directors shall select the seven nominees for the nominating committee. The vice president for administration shall submit ~~in writing~~ the names of the seven nominees for the nominating committee to the local PTA presidents and delegates ~~by mail~~ at least fifteen days prior to the delegate assembly at which the vote will occur...

Article VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 1. President, d.

Delete the word “all”. Section 1.d. would now read: be a member of the Maryland PTA Board of Directors and attend ~~all~~ its meetings as provided in the Maryland PTA bylaws and standing rules.