



January 20, 2009

Members of the Walker PTA,

As our school has grown and changed over the last ten years it has become apparent that we need to make changes to our PTA organization to meet the needs of our school community. This year the PTA organized a special committee to review and revise our Bylaws and Standing Rules to reflect those needs. Through this process several amendments were recommended by the committee and were voted on by the PTA executive board on January 13<sup>th</sup>. We would like all members of the PTA to review these amendments to the Bylaws and the revision of the standing rules. Copies of both the old and new Bylaws and Standing Rules are posted on the PTA Bulletin Board at Walker. You may also download a copy from the Walker PTA website. The PTA will vote in a regular meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> following Friday Live to accept the new amendments to the bylaws and the revision of the standing rules. If you have any questions please contact PTA President Kathryn Lewis (kathrynl@ncms-inc.com) or Parliamentarian Dindra McFadden (dintroy@tx.rr.com). The following list includes all amendments to the Bylaws with rationale and an explanation to the revision of the Standing Rules. Thank you for taking the time to review these changes.

## **Bylaws Amendments**

### **Article VII, Section 5**

Each member of the local PTA shall pay annual dues as determined by the organization. The amount of the dues shall include the portion of one dollar and twenty-five cents (1.25) per member payable to Texas PTA, the portion of one dollar and seventy-five cents (1.75) per member payable to the National PTA, and the local PTA portion of four dollars and fifty cents (4.50) per member.

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Each member of the local PTA shall pay annual dues as determined by the organization. The amount of the dues shall include the portion of one dollar and twenty-five cents (1.25) per member payable to Texas PTA, the portion of one dollar and seventy-five cents (1.75) per member payable to the National PTA, and the local PTA portion of five dollars (5.00).

**Rationale:** To help cover the cost of member directory which is received free of charge and to support other PTA programs.

### **Article VIII, Section 2, a.**

The officers of the local PTA shall be a president, six (6) vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and a parliamentarian.

### **Amended Article VIII, Section 2, a.**

The officers of the local PTA shall be a president, five (5) vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, a historian and a parliamentarian.

**Rationale:** The organization of the Board has changed to include less Vice Presidents and more standing chairs positions to help give Board opportunities to more PTA members and to divide large board positions into more manageable positions.

**Article VIII, Section 2, b.**

Officers, with the exception of the parliamentarian, shall be elected by ballot in the month of April. However, if there is but one (1) nominee for an office, election for that office may be by voice vote. The parliamentarian shall be appointed by the president subject to the approval of the newly elected officers.

**Amended Article VIII, Section 2, b**

Officers, with the exception of the historian and parliamentarian, shall be elected by ballot in the month of April. However, if there is but one (1) nominee for an office, election for that office may be by voice vote. The historian and parliamentarian shall be appointed by the president subject to the approval of the newly elected officers.

**Rationale:** Needed to include the position of Historian.

**Article IX, Section 2, a, 1**

be the aide-to-the-president (and be in charge of events); and.

**Amended IX, Section 2, a, 1**

be the aide-to-the-president (and be in charge of programs); and

**Rationale:** Same as Article VIII, Section 2, a.

**Article IX, Section 2, c, and 1**

be in charge of hospitality; and

**Amended Article IX, Section 2, c, 1**

be in charge of volunteers and

**Rationale:** Same as Article VIII, Section 2, a.

**Article IX, Section 2, d, 1**

be in charge of volunteer coordination and

**Amended Article IX, Section 2, d, 1**

be in charge of fundraising and

**Rationale:** Same as Article VIII, Section 2, a.

**Article IX, Section 2, e, 1**

be in charge of environmental education and

**Amended Article IX, Section 2, e, 1**

be in charge of communications and

**Rationale:** Same as Article VIII, Section 2, a

**Article IX, Section 2, f**

be in charge of fundraising and

**Amended Article IX, Section 2, f**

Removed

**Rationale:** Position moved to Article IX, Section 2, d, 1.

**Article IX, Section 3, d**

collect and preserve documents relating the history of the association

\*This Responsibility was moved to Section 6 under historian

**Article IX, Section 6**

- a. be a graduate of the Texas PTA Leader Orientation or complete the course by October 15 after their election;
- b. submits a Plan of Work to the executive board for approval;
- c. attends all meetings of the association;
- d. has a current copy of the Local PTA bylaws;
- e. perform the duties outlined in these bylaws and those assigned from time to time; and
- f. deliver to their successors or the president all official materials within fifteen (15) days following the date at which their successors assume their duties.

**Amended Article IX, Section 6**

. The historian shall:

- \*a. collect and preserve documents relating the history of the association; and
- \*b. compile and keep a record of events and activities to be presented as the official history to the general body for adoption at the annual meeting.

**Rationale:** The Historian responsibilities needed to be added.

**Article IX, Section 7**

New section to include information from previous Section 6.

**Article X, Section 1, a.**

Regular meetings of the association shall be held in the months of September, November, February, April, May, time and date to be established by executive board at its first meeting of the year. Five (5) days notice shall be given if change of date is needed.

**Amended Article X, Section 1, a.**

Regular meetings of the association shall be held in the months of August, November, February, April, May, time and date to be established by executive board at its first meeting of the year. Five (5) days notice shall be given if change of date is needed.

**Rationale:** First regular meeting to be held in August when school year begins.

**Revisions to the Standing Rules**

The Standing Rules have been revised to include the changes that we have made to the organization of the PTA Executive Board. The rationale behind these revisions is to provide more board positions for members of the PTA and to divide large board positions to smaller more manageable positions.