

## **PROPOSED STANDING RULES AMENDMENTS**

The following amendments will be proposed at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting. In order to vote, you must be a current member of the Pattison Elementary PTA. Please make plans to attend.

### **Article III: Financial Procedures, Section C.2.**

**Article III. Section C.2.** Amend by specifying that the executive board has the right to collect a return check fee (not to exceed \$25.00) as a result of insufficient funds.

#### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

*Section C.2. The executive board has the right to require payment by any person who has made an uncollected payment to the Pattison PTA as a result of insufficient funds and to require payment of ~~any associated fees incurred~~ a return check charge not to exceed \$25.00.*

#### **RATIONALE:**

This amendment reflects the Texas PTA's guidance on fees related to insufficient funds.

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### **Article VI: Leadership Training, Section B.**

**Article VI. Section B.** Amend by adding the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for those listed that the Pattison Elementary PTA shall pay the expenses for to attend the Texas PTA Convention and PTA Summer Leadership Seminar.

#### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

*Section B. Pattison Elementary PTA shall pay the expenses for members to attend the Texas PTA Convention and PTA Summer Leadership Seminar in the following order, as funds allow:*

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| 1. President                      | 6. Treasurer                          |
| 2. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | 7. Parliamentarian                    |
| 3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | 8. Any other elected officer          |
| 4. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President | 9. Any other standing committee chair |
| 5. 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President |                                       |

**RATIONALE:** This amendment allows the newly added 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President to attend the Convention and Summer Leadership Seminar and have expenses paid for by the PTA in the above order, as funds allow.

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**Article VI: Leadership Training, Section C.**

**Article VI. Section C.** Amend by changing the amount allowed for Meals (not to exceed \$25.00 daily per person) to \$35.00 allowed per person per day.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

*Section C. The expenses paid by Pattison Elementary PTA was be limited to the following:*

1. *Registration fees*
2. *Workshop fees*
3. *Room fees (maximum occupancy, two beds per room)*
4. *Travel expenses (mileage based on current IRS rate for charitable travel; carpooling is encouraged)*
5. *Meals (not to exceed ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00 daily per person)*
6. *Parking fees*

**RATIONALE:** This amendment adjusts for the increase in food costs. The amount allowed for meals has not been increased for many years. It has been determined that \$25.00 was not adequate for three meals a day.

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**Article VIII: Scholarships, Section A.**

**Article VIII. Section A.** Amend by removing wording that scholarship funds will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis and include that criteria will be determined by a special committee and voted on by the membership.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

*Section A. As funds permit, teacher scholarships ~~will~~ may be awarded to qualifying applicants to further their education. ~~Funds will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.~~ Criteria for applying for teacher scholarships will be determined by a special committee and voted on by the membership. The committee will also be appointed to review and select the recipients. Applicants must:*

1. *Return to this school as an instructor,*
2. *Complete the designated course for which funds for given,*
3. *Supply the treasurer with a certificate of completion, and*
4. *Be a current member of this PTA.*

**RATIONALE:** This amendment adapts to the Texas PTA requirements regarding teacher scholarships.

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**Article X: Miscellaneous, Section B.**

**Article X. Section B.** Amend by changing \$500 to \$3,000.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

*Section B. There shall be no sum of less than ~~\$500~~ \$3,000 remaining in the budget (start-up) to start the next year's work.*

**RATIONALE:**

This amendment increases the start-up costs so that the PTA can conduct business at the beginning of the year. Due to the size of the PTA and the number of transactions it incurs at the beginning of the year, this amount is more appropriate.