

Proposed Standing Rules Amendments 2015

1. Expense Allowances

Remove paragraph: "Travel Expenses within the state are not normally reimbursable. Unusual travel expenses may be reimbursed at \$.25 per mile if authorized by the President."

[Insert after paragraph about expenses to National Convention]:

Travel expenses Committee Chairs for mileage (in excess of 20 miles) and tolls will be reimbursed at the National rate and will not exceed the budgeted line item.

Remove *No in state travel will be reimbursed by DPTA, so as to not create a financial hardship on DPTA.

Insert: To defray travel/business related expenses of the President, budget reimbursements will be subject to the same guidelines and procedures as all other approved reimbursement expenses for Delaware PTA.

Rational: The current budget does not allow for any reimbursement of expenses of the President during the normal course of PTA business like other Committee Chairs and Region VPs. This will allow the President to continue representing Delaware PTA at stakeholder meetings throughout the state and serving the organization.

2. Standing Committees: Condensing the following standing committees into one committee:

- a. Newsletter Editor, Public Relations and webmaster/IT condensed to one committee called the **Communications & Public Relations Committee.**
- b. Change Parent Involvement committee to **Family Engagement Committee.**
- c. Condense Male Involvement and Hispanic Outreach as a sub-committee of Diversity.
- d. Make Juvenile Protection a sub-committee of Family Engagement.
- e. Make Safety a sub-committee of Health Committee
- f. Make Reading and Library Services a sub-committee for Family Engagement.

Rational: Condensing dormant standing committees will help increase operational effectiveness and streamline organizational goals and practices. Committee content is more aligned with the purpose of the committee and reduces redundancy and duplication of efforts.

3. New section: Contracts

Prohibits individual members of Delaware PTA from entering into any business contract or agreement on behalf of Delaware PTA in excess of \$1,000. All contracts must be approved by the majority of the Executive Committee.

Rational: This reduces the likelihood of Delaware PTA being entered into a contract or agreement that does not serve in the best interest of the organization or is representative of the organizations' members.

4. Public Relations: It is required that the President approve the release of op-eds or any media coverage/interviews by members of the Delaware PTA state board representing Delaware PTA.

Rational: This allows the President to ensure that the applicable committee chair and/or officer, or designee is representing PTA in the public media and is prepared and well versed on subject matter being discussed.