

**INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PTSA
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON
STANDING RULES
2019-2020**

ARTICLE I NAME

- 1.1 The International School PTSA 2.3.121 is a branch of the Washington Congress of Parents and Teachers (“WSPTA”) and the National PTA. It was chartered on October 1, 1991. Its national PTA number is 29955
- 1.2 The International School PTSA works for the health, welfare, safety, and education of the students who attend the International School in Bellevue, Washington.
- 1.3 The International School PTSA was incorporated on May 26, 1992. It is assigned UBI #601 391 498. The Treasurer is responsible for filing the annual corporation report by the incorporation date to avoid penalties. The registered agent for this corporation is the Washington State PTA. The Employer Identification Number is available in our legal documents binder maintained by the Secretary.

ARTICLE II COMPLIANCE

- 2.1 The International School PTSA is registered with the Secretary of State under the Charitable Solicitations Act. The registration number is 413. The Treasurer is responsible for filing the annual registration by May 31 to avoid penalties.
- 2.2 IRS nonprofit tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) was established on January 29, 1996. A copy of the letter of determination is filed in the legal documents binder maintained by the Secretary.
- 2.3 The treasurer, with assistance from the immediate past treasurer, is responsible for filing the appropriate IRS Form 990, Form 990 EZ or Form 990-N prior to November 15. Copies of the current and past years' returns are located in the legal documents binder maintained by the Secretary.
- 2.4 Per the Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws, we will annually review, complete and sign the WSPTA Standards of Affiliation Agreement by the required deadline.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership at International School PTSA shall be open to all people without discrimination. Membership is open to all parents, teachers, staff, students, grandparents, guardians, community members and any other persons that support and encourage the purpose of PTA.
- 3.2 The membership service fees of the International School PTSA shall be:
 - \$20.00 for an individual membership
 - \$35.00 for a family or dual membership of up to two members
 - \$10.00 for IS teachers and staff.

3.3 A service fee of \$9.50 per member will be sent to the Bellevue PTSA Council, which will be distributed as follows:

Bellevue PTSA Council:	\$1.50
Washington State & National PTA	\$8.00

3.4 International School students shall be considered honorary members without voice, or privilege of holding office, to participate in gambling activities. The students shall be conference members with the ability to discuss issues and express ideas at meeting of the general membership and at board of director's meetings.

3.5 International School teachers and staff are encouraged to be PTSA members of the current academic year and to apply for International School PTSA grants for that academic year.

3.6 In years where the executive committee of the ISPTSA determines that in-person voting is difficult or impossible due to unforeseen circumstances, voting and business may be conducted by email or electronic transmission if the name of each candidate and/or the content of each proposal is contained in the notice of the meeting.

3.7 The Board of Directors will use their discretion to select email or another online voting tool and will communicate specific voting instructions to the membership. The board will follow recommendations in Appendix M of the WA State PTA policy manual relating to email and electronic balloting.

4.1 In addition to the President, Secretary and Treasurer, at least one, but no more than four Vice Presidents shall be elected, together with a President-elect. Two Co-Presidents may be elected at the option of the members. When more than one Vice-President is elected, each such office shall be designated as First, Second and Third for the purposes of succession to the Presidency. Any elected position may be held jointly by two (2) people. Each co-position holder shall be entitled to have a voice and vote at the board of directors' meeting. In the event of co -treasurers one treasurer can NOT be a signer on the bank account.

4.2 If co-treasurers are elected, Treasurer One (1) shall be responsible for reimbursements and financial records, including filing tax returns and the annual corporation report. The other treasurer, Treasurer Two (2) shall be responsible for deposits (membership fees, event collections, products sales, Paypal) and matching gifts. Treasurer Two (2) shall NOT be a signer on the bank accounts.

4.3 To serve as an officer, a person must be a member in good standing of the International School PTSA. Their term of office shall be one year. All officers and appointed members of the executive committee and board of directors shall be required to sign an ISPTSA Board Contract of Commitment for each term.

4.4 A member may not hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.

4.5 The International School PTSA will comply with the annual training requirements necessary to remain in good standing, as specified in the most current WSPTA Standards of Affiliation Agreement.

- 4.6 If a vacancy occurs in an office, the Executive Committee may appoint an acting officer to serve until the next General Membership Meeting, at which time nominations shall be made from the floor with the consent of the nominees.
- 4.7 The Nominating Committee shall be elected by the general membership at the January meeting according to WSPTA Uniform Bylaws.
- 4.8 PTSA officers shall be elected at a General Membership Meeting to be held no later than the end of the current school year, but ideally two weeks before the state PTA convention. Membership Chair will notify WSPTA of new officers' names, addresses and emails by June 30. Officers shall assume office July 1.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION

- 5.1 The Executive Committee of the International School PTSA shall consist of the elected officers.
- 5.2 The Board of Directors shall include all elected officers and standing committee chairpersons as designated by the Executive Committee.
- 5.3 The Board of Directors shall be PTSA members in good standing.
- 5.4 Committee chairpersons shall keep a notebook of their activities and information for future reference. This notebook must be submitted to the International School PTSA President by June 1.
- 5.5 The International School PTSA will send voting delegates to the WSPTA convention. All delegates for the WSPTA convention shall be selected by the board of directors. Registration and hotel shall be paid by The International School PTSA. Persons attending convention paid for by the PTSA will submit to the board of directors a summary of classes and general sessions attended.
- 5.6 Voting delegates to the PTSA Council Meetings shall consist of the President and additional authorized delegates, or their alternates, approved by the Executive Committee.
- 5.7 The International School PTSA will send as many voting delegates and as many visiting delegates to the WSPTA Legislative Assembly that the budgeted amount will sustain. Registration, hotel and WSPTA meal fees shall be paid for by the International School PTSA. The legislative (Advocacy) chair will be one of the voting delegates representing the International School PTSA at the legislative assembly, the rest of the voting delegates will be determined by the board of directors. Individuals attending the assembly, paid for by International School PTSA, will submit a board report/summary about the WSPTA legislative assembly. The vote of the International School PTSA for the position of Washington State PTA Area Vice President shall be determined by the board of directors.
- 5.8 The original legal documents of the International School PTSA, per WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, shall remain with the Secretary. One additional copy of the legal documents shall be kept with the President.
- 5.9 Information contained in directories, newsletters, or membership lists published by the International School PTSA may not be used for purposes of solicitation, either commercial, political, ideological, or any other purpose not consistent with the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI BUDGET

- 6.1 The International School PTSA shall approve a preliminary annual operating budget by June 30th so that spending can continue past the end of the fiscal year. The International School PTSA shall approve the annual operating budget at a general meeting prior to October 31st.
- 6.2 The Board of Directors may reallocate funds budgeted for one purpose to another purpose by a majority vote, subject to the following limits. The Executive Committee may approve by majority vote any such proposals up to \$2500 during a budget year. The Board of Directors may approve by majority vote any such proposals up to \$5,000 during a budget year. Proposals over \$5,000 must be approved by the General PTSA membership.
- 6.3 All proposals to raise funds on behalf of the International School PTSA must be presented in writing to the Executive Committee.
- 6.4 It is recommended that a budget reserve be maintained at the end of each budget year in an amount not less than \$50,000 or 50% of the total expenses for the prior year's budget.

ARTICLE VII FINANCIAL REVIEW

7.1 A financial review committee, minimum of three (3) members appointed by the President, will review the financial books twice a year. Members of this committee shall not include the treasurer or any person authorized to sign on the PTSA bank accounts for the period that is being reviewed or any individuals living in their households. The Financial review committee will prepare a report to submit to the Board of Directors and to the next subsequent general membership meeting.

7.2 All financial matters and binding agreements shall require two signatures, at least one must be the President's unless the office holder or a member of his/her immediate family is involved. Building Use forms for the BSD shall be signed by two designated officers to facilitate scheduling by International School or the district. The Board of Directors shall determine a minimum of two additional officers that can have signing authority. Board members who are designated signers shall make every effort to get bank signature cards completed in a timely manner.

7.3 The International School PTSA's monthly bank account statements shall be provided unopened to a person appointed by the board of directors. Such person will be appointed by the board at the beginning of the fiscal year, and shall not be a signer on the account. The reviewer shall promptly report any concerns or discrepancies identified in the review to the Executive Committee. If there are no concerns or apparent discrepancies, the reviewer shall initial and date the account statements and provide them to the treasurer.

7.4 All reimbursement requests for authorized expenses must include a receipt and be submitted to the treasurer within 60 days of purchase. All requests for reimbursement must be received by the next to last day of school or they will be considered a donation to the PTSA.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

8.1 General Membership meetings will be held at least three times during the school year at time and place determined by the Executive Committee. Executive Committee and/or Board meetings will

be held on a regular basis, except during July and August. Meeting dates and times shall be set by the Executive Committee. Meeting times and agendas will be posted prior to all meetings.

- 8.2 The Executive Committee has the power to call special meetings with a minimum of five days by electronic communication and posting on the ISPTSA website to the general membership stating the business to be conducted.
- 8.3 A quorum of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee shall be a simple majority. A quorum of the General Membership shall be five percent but not less than ten International School PTSA members.

ARTICLE IX RECOGNITION

9.1 International School PTSA can, but is not required to, honor its outstanding volunteers by presenting them one of the Washington State PTA individual awards such as the Golden Acorn, Outstanding Advocate, Outstanding Student Advocate, Outstanding Educator, or Honorary Lifetime Membership awards. A committee appointed by the President shall select the recipient(s). The Board of Directors shall determine category of awards and the number of recipients.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

- 10.1 These Standing Rules shall be reviewed annually at a General Membership meeting before October 31st.
- 10.2 These Standing Rules may be amended at any General Membership meeting by a two-thirds vote, or if previous notice is given, by a majority vote.
- 10.3 The international School PTSA shall accept gifts/donations in the form of publicly traded securities, and the securities accepted in donation shall be sold within 60 days of receipt at fair market value. The cash proceeds from the sale shall be deposited into the International School PTSA's primary checking account, in order that the funds from the gift may be used for the purpose of the International School PTSA.