

Proposed Amendments to Council Bylaws for the
Torrance Council of PTAs
To be Presented for Approval and Adoption by the Association on October 5, 2011

Bylaws Article, Section	Proposed Change
IV 6	<p>Membership Dues: Change council portion of membership dues from 20% per capita to <u>one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25)</u>.</p> <p>Rationale: This change in dues is more clear and equitable. It also allows our council to have access to the statewide electronic bylaws system, and it is sufficient to meet the council budget.</p>
IV 6	<p>Add the following proviso: “If adopted, the membership dues change will take effect on July 1, 2012”</p>
IV 7 & 8	<p>Membership turn-in deadlines: Change the council membership turn-in deadlines from “the first Friday in October” to <u>October 10</u>.</p> <p>Rationale: This change will allow the Torrance council access to the online electronic bylaws system.</p>
V 2	<p>Voting delegates to Torrance Council’s election meeting: Increase the number of delegates from one (1) to <u>two (2)</u>.</p> <p>Rationale: This will allow the two voting delegates selected by the unit (in Article V, Section 1) to participate in the election of officers.</p>
VI 2	<p>Vice Presidents: Increase the number of vice presidents from seven (7) to <u>nine (9)</u> and strike the director of budget and finance and the director of legislation.</p> <p>Rationale: The director of budget and finance and the director of legislation will continue to serve in their duties, they will, however, become vice presidents. Note: The duties of these vice presidencies will be detailed in the Standing Rules.</p>
VI 3b	<p>Nominating Committee: Increase the second number from three (3) to <u>six (6)</u>, and <u>strike the sentence “there shall be three (3) council chairmen and three (3) association presidents, each group to be nominated and elected separately in the above order.”</u> Also, strike the words “be from” and replace with “represent”</p> <p>The subsection will now read:</p> <p><i>“Officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee of nine (9) members of the voting body of the council, of whom at least <u>six (6)</u> three (3) shall be members of the council executive board and no two shall be from represent the same local association, with three (3)</i></p>

alternate(s). There shall be three (3) council chairmen and three (3) association presidents, each group to be nominated and elected separately in the above order. The committee shall be elected at a council meeting at least two months prior to the annual election meeting...

Rationale: This change to the nominating committee is intended to simplify the process and make it more equitable and inclusive.

- VII 1e. **President’s Duties – Compile a list of Officers:** Keep this subsection. It was struck in the prior version. It will now read: The president shall:
“Compile a list of council officers and association president no later than April 10. Send all directory data from the council to the district by May 1.”

Rationale: This duty will reside with the president, though the corresponding secretary will assist with the list (see new Standing Rules.)

- VII 2 **Vice Presidents:** Two new vice president positions will be added: the director of budget and finance and the director of legislation. The numerical order of the vice presidents will change as follows:

- 1st VP – Director of Leadership
- 2nd VP – Director of Organization and Programs
- 3rd VP – Director of Education
- 4th VP – Director of Community Services
- 5th VP – Director of Health
- 6th VP – Director of Hospitality
- 7th VP – Director of Communications
- 8th VP – Director of Legislation
- 9th VP – Director of Budget and Finance

Rationale: These are not new positions in the Torrance Council. This is just a title change in order to have these bylaws more easily accommodate the electronic bylaws system. Their jobs have not been altered, and their specific duties will be outlined in the Standing Rules.

- VII 5d **Corresponding Secretary’s Duties – Compile a list of Officers:** Strike this entire subsection which says:
“Compile a list of council officers and association president no later than April 10. Send all directory data from the council to the district by May 1.”

Rationale: This duty will reside with the president, though the corresponding secretary will assist with the list (see new Standing Rules.)

- VII 7 **Financial Secretary:** Strike “*remit at once to the treasurer or.*” The section will now read: The financial secretary shall:
“Give a receipt for monies received for the council and ~~remit at once to the treasurer or~~ deposit immediately in a bank approved by the executive board and give a copy of the bank deposit slip to the treasurer.”
- Rationale:** This is how the Torrance Council does business. The financial secretary receives money and deposits it in the bank.
- VII 7 & ___? (in old template) **Director of Budget and Finance, and the Director of Legislation:** Strike entire sections regarding the directors of budget and finance and legislation.
- Rationale:** Due to these positions becoming vice presidents, the details of the jobs will be specified in the Standing Rules. This information will remain the same, but be transferred to Standing Rules.
- VII 9d **Historian:** Strike the entire subsection which reads: The historian shall:
“Prepare an annual report for presentation at the May council meeting.”
- Rationale:** This duty will remain the same, but will be transferred to Standing Rules.
- VII 10 **Parliamentarian:** Strike the following sentence. “Facilitate the formation of the nominating committee (pursuant to Article VI, Section 3b.)”
- Rationale:** This duty of the parliamentarian will be remain the same, but will be transferred to Standing Rules.
- IX 2 (in old template) **Executive Board:** Strike entire section which reads:
“During his/her term of office, a unit president shall not serve as an elected or appointed council officer, unless a designated representative for their unit attends council executive board and association meetings.”
- Rationale:** This rule will remain the same, but will be transferred to Standing Rules.
- IX 7 **Executive Board Quorum:** Reduce quorum for executive board meetings from 24 to 15,
- X 5 **Board of Directors Quorum:** Reduce quorum for meetings of the board of directors from 8 to 5.