

Q: If the proposed National PTA dues increase passes at the 2019 National PTA Convention and Expo, what is the timing of the rollout?

A: The motion from the National PTA Board of Directors includes a Sept. 1, 2019 implementation date. The convention body can vote to change the implementation date.

Q: Should state PTAs let units know about the proposed National PTA dues increase now?

A: Yes. Send your local PTAs the dues increase resources National PTA created at [PTA.org/DuesIncrease](https://pta.org/DuesIncrease).

Q: Should state PTAs answer questions about the proposed National PTA dues increase?

A: Yes. State PTAs should familiarize themselves with all the National PTA resources and share them with their PTAs. All resources can be found at [PTA.org/DuesIncrease](https://pta.org/DuesIncrease). For members who want to share their thoughts with National PTA, please direct them to share their thoughts through the National PTA feedback form found at [PTA.org/DuesIncrease](https://pta.org/DuesIncrease).

Q: What if a member joins for 2019-2020 before the proposed implementation date of Sept. 1?

A: Any member who pays dues for the 2019-2020 year prior to Sept. 1, 2019 may pay at the \$2.25 National PTA dues rate. This could apply to pre-paid dues or renewals taken by local units prior to Sept. 1, 2019. However, this membership dues amount is only guaranteed if the local PTA submits its dues to the state PTA in time for the state PTA to include the membership dues in their report to National PTA due no later than COB on the fifth business day of September, which is Sept. 9th. State PTAs should set a deadline for local PTAs to submit the information to the state that works within its procedures and systems.

Q: How does a local PTA account for pre-paid dues for 2019-2020 during the current budget cycle until it sends the dues to the state PTA?

A: If your local PTA sells 2019-2020 memberships prior to July 1, 2019 at the current membership rate (which would include the current National PTA portion of \$2.25), your local PTA should hold the state and National PTA dues portion under a separate finance line item and then submit the required membership information and dues

(state and National PTA portion) to the state PTA in July 2019.

Q: What if my state PTA receives pre-paid dues for 2019-2020? How does the state PTA account for them prior to sending to National PTA?

A: If your state PTA sells 2019-2020 membership prior to July 1, 2019 at the current membership rate which would include the current National PTA portion of \$2.25, the state PTA should hold the National PTA dues portion under a separate finance line item and then submit the required membership information and dues (National PTA portion) to National PTA in July 2019.

Q: What if a member joins for the 2019-2020 year before Sept. 1, 2019 but the local PTA does not submit the membership dues to the state until September 2019 or later in the year?

A: The local unit will have to submit the new approved National PTA membership dues amount to the state PTA. The local unit would then need to go back to the individual members to get the membership dues balance after submitting it to the state PTA. To avoid this, National PTA highly recommends local PTAs send in all dues collected before Sept. 1, 2019 to the state PTA per its instructions and deadlines.

Q: Our state, district, council, region or local PTA bylaws contain the current amount of National PTA dues amount (\$2.25). If the National PTA dues amount is changed at convention, do we have to amend our state, district, council, region or local PTA bylaws to reflect the new National PTA dues amount before we start to collect the different National PTA dues amount?

A: No. If the National PTA amount of dues is changed at convention, the new National PTA dues amount takes effect immediately upon adoption unless the motion gives a specific implementation date (E.g., Implementation date is currently set as Sept. 1, 2019). So even if your state, district, council, region or local PTA bylaws show a different amount, per the National PTA Bylaws, the National PTA dues are approved by "the voting body at a National PTA Annual Meeting."

Q: Should a state, district, council, region or local PTA update their bylaws if the National PTA dues amount is listed in them?

A: Yes. All PTAs should follow their bylaws amendment guidelines and seek parliamentary or legal assistance to answer any questions. National PTA Bylaws state that National PTA dues are approved by “the voting body at a National PTA Annual Meeting.” To avoid this in the future, National PTA recommends state PTAs remove specific National PTA dues amounts from state and local bylaws. State PTAs may also consider adding language to state and local bylaws that makes automatic any changes approved by the National PTA convention voting body that applies to state or local PTAs. Several State Congresses have bylaws structured in this way. Here are two examples:

RI: “Any changes in the National PTA Bylaws that would cause revision to the Rhode Island PTA Bylaws will automatically be put into effect.”

AZ: “The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the National PTA Bylaws shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the Arizona PTA to amend their corresponding bylaws.”

Q: How do I know where to find state PTA documents that list the National PTA dues amount?

A: Conduct an internal and external documents review. Look at internal state PTA documents, documents and resources the state sends to district, council, region and local PTAs, as well as your website and social media accounts.

Review documents such as: bylaws, policies, membership tools, dues remittance forms, financial documents, e-learning, forms, newsletters, training materials, workshops, etc. If you collect dues online, make sure the full dues calculation is updated on the start date with the new dues amount. Currently the dues increase motion proposes a Sept. 1, 2019 implementation date.

Q: When should State PTAs start to rollout the potential dues increase changes?

A: Now! Even though the vote does not happen till June 2019, it is never too early for state PTAs to let local PTAs know that if they renew members (or get new members) before Sept. 1, 2019 they will pay the current membership dues rate of \$2.25, if they submit the memberships to their

state PTA within the timeframe provided by the state PTA. Your state PTA can also start to identify the documents and resources that need updating so the state PTA is ready to make changes after the vote at the National PTA Convention & Expo in June 2019.

Q: How do I know which document to review and update first?

A: You should review your key documents first—bylaws and policies. Here is a [hierarchy document](#) to help.

Q: Is there an Internal Revenue Code that prohibits local PTAs from paying the required affiliation fees to National PTA from its own funds?

A: No. There is nothing in the Internal Revenue Code that prohibits a local PTA from paying required affiliation fees to National PTA from its own funds. However, per National PTA bylaws, Article IV—Constituent Associations, Section 6. Dues, “Members shall pay annual dues, as may be determined by the constituent association, which shall include the portion payable to the local and state PTA constituent association as determined by the local and state PTA constituent associations, and the portion payable to National PTA as recommended by the board of directors and approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting body at a National PTA Annual Meeting.”

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Example: The local PTA (constituent association) membership dues are made up of three items—local membership dues, state membership dues and National PTA dues.

Current membership dues for a local unit in Colorado:

Local Membership Dues Portion	\$5.75
State Membership Dues Portion	\$4.00
National Membership Dues Portion	\$2.25
Total Membership Dues Amount	\$12.00

With a \$1.50 National PTA dues increase:

Option 1: Increase the membership dues amount.

Local Membership Dues Portion	\$5.75
State Membership Dues Portion	\$4.00
National Membership Dues Portion	\$3.75
Total Membership Dues Amount	\$13.50

Option 2: Absorb the membership dues amount.

Local Membership Dues Portion	\$4.25
State Membership Dues Portion	\$4.00
National Membership Dues Portion	\$3.75
Total Membership Dues Amount	\$12.00

Q: Will state PTA's have to submit the new National PTA dues for statewide members too?

A: Yes. The National PTA membership dues are for all Constituent Associations who collect dues, whether it is a local PTA, a community PTA, a statewide PTA or any other PTA.

Q: How can a state PTA help local PTAs amend their bylaws?

A: The state PTA could consider providing a step-by-step guidance document and send it out to all local PTA presidents. The state PTA could develop a script, if instruction is given at a meeting. The state/district/council/region PTA could create a special email account for local PTA leaders to contact for any help and guidance they may need. Subsequently, multiple volunteer leaders could respond to local PTAs.

Q: How will delegates vote at the 2019 National PTA Convention & Expo?

A: The voting will be done through an anonymous electronic voting device.

Q: When will National PTA membership dues be considered for an increase vote again?

A: National PTA does not have in its bylaws a timeframe for recommended membership dues increases to happen.

Q: Is there a chance the National PTA proposed membership dues increase, if approved, could have a later implementation date?

A: Yes. The voting delegates from the floor of the National PTA Convention & Expo could recommend a later implementation date.