

## MCCPTA Committee Update – April 2007

### Bylaws Committee Report

On March 27, the MCCPTA delegates directed us to bring forward amendments to MCCPTA bylaws relating to the organization and operation of the board of directors. The rationale is as follows: Maryland PTA requires that the quorum for the MCCPTA board of directors be a majority. The board of directors currently number more than ninety people (officers, area vice presidents, cluster coordinators, committee chairs, and immediate past president) which sets the quorum at about forty-eight people. Reducing the number of people on the board would allow the quorum requirement to be achieved more easily.

Three of the proposed amendments address the quorum issue and the other two relate to changes from Maryland PTA.

- Article VIII, Section 8: Board of Directors – Insert a second sentence, “Each cluster and each committee is entitled to only one vote in meetings of the board of directors.”
- Article X, Section 2b: Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators, and Their Election – Insert after “shall coordinate the work of the cluster coordinators,” the phrase, “shall participate in meetings of the board of directors and delegate assemblies;”
- Article X, Section 3b: Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators, and Their Election – Insert after “coordinate testimony of the cluster before the Board of Education and the County Council;” the phrase “attend delegate assemblies;”
- Article VI, Section 2: Officers and Their Election – Insert after “installation” the words “in May”.
- Article VIII, Section 9: Board of Directors: Removal from Office – Insert after “a two-thirds (2/3) vote” the phrase “of the members present and voting”.  
(Note that this amendment addresses an issue raised last year regarding inconsistencies between the articles of incorporation and the bylaws.)

Discussion and voting on these amendments will be placed on the agenda for the May delegate assembly. If you have questions about these amendments, you will be able to ask them at the April 24<sup>th</sup> delegate assembly.