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## Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Sponsoning organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning SEP 1, 2008 and ending AUG 31, 2009 Check if applicable C Name of organization D Employer identification number Please Address use IRS label or Name change Puyallup Paraeducators Association 90-0441241 pnnt or type X Initial return Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) E Telephone number Room/suite Specific 201 43rd Ave SE Termin-ation (253)845-4535Amended City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 F Group Exemption Puyallup, WA 98374 Number > • Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed G Accounting method Cash X Accrual Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ). Other (specify) Website: ▶ puyallupparaeducatorsassociation.com H Check X if the organization is not K Check ▶ Lift the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ Part 1 Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I) Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts 23,434. 3 3 Membership dues and assessments Investment income 4 5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory 5a b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses 5b c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule) 5c Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ a Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1) бa 6b b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a) 6с Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances 7a Less cost of goods BECEIVED 7h Gross profit or (1055) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) 7c Other revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c 10,277. See Statement 8 Ö 33,711 9 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule 10 10 Benefits paid to or for methodis N. 11 11 8,105. 12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits 12 883. 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors 13 See Statement 4 213. 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance 14 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping 15 17,220. Other expenses (describe See Statement 1 16 16 26,421. 17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 17 7,290. 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) 18 **Net Assets** 19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) 22,633. (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) 19 20 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) 29,923. 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 21 Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ (See the instructions for Part II) (B) End of year (A) Beginning of year 20,578. 22 26,856. 22 Cash, savings, and investments Land and buildings 0.1 991. 23 23 See Statement 2 2,780.24 2,801. 24 Other assets (describe 23,358.25 30,648. 25 Total assets 725.26 26 Total liabilities (describe > Accounts Payable 725. 633. 27 29,923. 27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (8) must agree with line 21)

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Form **990-EZ** (2008)

Form 990-EZ (2008) Puyallup Paraeducators A	ASSOCIACION		<del>7</del> 0-	-04412	
Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishm		Part III )			cpenses
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Statemer	nt 7	- <del> </del>		Hequired	for 501(c)(3) ganizations and
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes	In a clear and concise manner, d	escribe the services		4947(a)(1	) trusts, optional
provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each	program title			for others	
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31 Other program services (attach schedule)					
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32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	Fariance			32	
Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key	Employees. List each one en	ven if not compensated			
	(b) Title and average hours	(c) Compensation		ontributions employee	(e) Expense
(a) Name and address	per week devoted to	(If not paid, enter		efit plans &	account and
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Jan Olmstead	President				
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Monica Besteman	Vice Presiden	t			
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Shelly Guertin	Secretary/Tre	asurer			
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Pa	art V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)					
	See Statement	8	Yes	No		
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity					
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes						
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not					
	reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.					
а	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy			}		
	tax requirements?	35a	<u> </u>	X		
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	N/			
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N	36	<u> </u>	X		
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	0.				
	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	<u> </u>	X		
38 a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made					
	in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	38a	ļ	X		
þ	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved  38b N/A	_				
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter					
	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9					
	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities  39b N/A					
40 a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under					
	section 4911 ► N/A , section 4912 ► N/A , section 4955 ► N/A	-	1			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or	405	N/	, 		
	did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	11/	<u> </u>		
C	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under	n				
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e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	1	X		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed None	406		1		
	The books are in care of ▶ Patti Taylor  Telephone no ▶ (25)	3)845-	-453	5		
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b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority					
Ī	over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial		Yes	No		
	account)?	42b		X		
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country		T			
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.					
C	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c		X		
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country					
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here		<b>&gt;</b>			
	and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	N/ <i>P</i>	<u> </u>			
		ţ	Yes	No		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of					
	Form 990-EZ	44	<del> </del>	<u> </u>		
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be					
	completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
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Total numb	er of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000		<u> </u>	
Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompared to the complete Declaration of prepared other than officer is based on all informations.  Signature of officer  Type or print name and title	ion of which preparer has a	nents, and to the best iny knowledge	of my knowledge and belief, it is true,    3/19//D  Date
Paid Preparer's	Preparer's signature	<b>カ</b> /へ/	heck if self- mployed	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr.)
Use Only	Tremper & Co., LLP  3131 Elliott Avenue; Ste.  Seattle, WA 98121	290	<u> </u>	IN ► hone ► 0. 206-285-4456
May the IRS	discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions			► X Yes No

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Form 990-EZ	Other Expenses		Statement	1
Description			Amount	
Office Expense Conferences and Committees			2,04	56.
Bargaining and Advocacy Member Services Living Wage Expense			1,4 1,3 5,5	61.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16			17,2	20.
Form 990-EZ	Other Assets		Statement	2
Description		Beg. of Year	End of Yea	ar
Accounts Receivable Deposit on Building Other Depreciable Assets		1,780. 1,000. 0.	1,7	0.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 24		2,780.	2,8	01.
Form 990-EZ	Other Revenue		Statement	3
Description			Amount	
Interest Income Living Wage Grant			10,0	77. 00.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 8			10,2	77.
Form 990-EZ Occupancy, Rent	t, Utilities and M	aintenance	Statement	4
Description			Amount	
Depreciation			2	13.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 14			2	13.

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Statement

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Contract maintenance for members. Organization is a paraeducators association for the Puyallup School District. Activities include grievance processing, arbitration and representation for members at the state and national levels.

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Statement

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To promote the cause of public education on behalf of its members.

Puyallup	Paraeducators	Association

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Activities Not Previously Reported Part V, Line 33

Statement

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Description

See attached bylaws

FORM 990-EZ	Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts	ding Transfers Statement al Benefit Contracts			5
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(D) - Asset disposed

\* ITC, Section 179, Salvage, Bonus, Commercial Revitalization Deduction, GO Zone

# PUYALLUP PARAEDUCATORS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

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### ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

All members of the recognized bargaining unit are eligible for local Association membership.

#### ARTICLE II DUES

# SECTION 1. PPA Membership dues will be \$5.00 per month per member. Members shall also pay UniServ, State & National Affiliate dues as required. The membership of the Puyallup Paraeducator Association shall consist of a class of active members in accordance with the law.

Membership shall not be denied to individuals on the basis of race, religion, color, marital status, sex, age, national origin, domicile, bonafide political activity or lack thereof, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical handicap.

- Active membership shall be permanent and continuing from year-to-year, except on resignation or retirement. Only active members shall have the right to formulate policy and to seek and hold an elective position in the Association. The membership year and fiscal year shall be coincident, September 1 to August 31, inclusive.
- SECTION 3. Special assessments may be levied by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members of the Governing Assembly, provided they include a termination of the special assessment in either dollar amounts or a specific date.

### ARTICLE III MEETINGS

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- **SECTION 1:** General Membership meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the President or Co-Presidents and/or a majority of the Representative Assembly.
- SECTION 2: Final acceptance of the Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be by secret ballot of the General Membership. Acceptance of the proposed Agreement shall be by an affirmative vote of 50% of those voting plus one vote.

#### REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

- SECTION 1: The Representative Assembly shall approve the budget, act on reports of committees, and approve resolutions and other policy statements. It shall review the actions of the Executive Board. It shall adopt procedures to be followed in censuring, suspending, and adopting rules governing the conduct of the Association and the conduct of meetings as are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws, except as provided above and in Article IV, Section 1. Powers not delegated by the constitution and bylaws to the Executive Board, the officers, or other groups in the Association shall be vested in the Representative Assembly.
- The Representative Assembly shall meet on the second working Tuesday of each school month, except when that conflicts school activities, community activities or conferences. When such a conflict arises, the meeting will be re-scheduled as determined by the President or Co-Presidents. The Executive Board shall prepare the agenda for each meeting and shall circulate it to all members of the Representative Assembly.

**SECTION 3.** All meetings of the membership, and emergency special meetings, shall be announced by written notice and/or electronic mail.

SECTION 4. The Executive Board, by a majority vote, may call an emergency meeting of the governing body at any time.

#### ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### <u>SECTION 1. PRESIDENT/CO-PRESIDENTS (Or Co-President as stipulated in Article VII, Section I of the Constitution.)</u>

The president /co-presidents shall:

- (A) preside at all official meetings and shall perform such duties as are customarily associated with the office:
- (B) appoint and/or discharge all committee members with the approval of the Executive Board, and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees or designate someone to do so;
- (C) charge committees with their duties;
- (D) represent the Association at meetings with Puyallup School District management and Summit UniServ Council;
- (E) maintain the records and files of the Association;
- (F) act as chairperson/chairpersons of the Executive Board;
- (G.) may be co-signer on all Association checks.

#### **SECTON 2. VICE PRESIDENT**

The vice president:

- (A) assist the President/Co-Presidents and shall act in the absence of the President/Co-Presidents;
- (B) organize and oversee the enrollment of new members, and keep accurate records of all active members of the Association, along with a seniority list of all members;
- (C) keep accurate and updated records of the membership of the Governing Assembly;
- (D) perform all the duties of the president/co-presidents if the office of President/Co-Presidents should become vacant,
- (E) may be co-signer on all Association checks.
- (F) Shall attend all Council Representative Meetings as a Paraeducator Delegate.

#### **SECTION 3. SECRETARY/TREASURER**

The secretary/treasurer shall

- (A) handle correspondence of the Association;
- (B) keep accurate minutes of all Executive Board, Representative Assembly, General Membership and Special meetings;
- (C) distribute copies of minutes of the Executive Board, Representative Assembly, and Special meetings to the Executive Board members and building representatives attending monthly RA meetings;
- (D) assist the Vice-President with enrollment and maintenance of membership activities.
- (E) oversee the collection, transmittal and disbursement of dues and will oversee activities of the bookkeeper and outside audit when required;
- (F) ensure that Officer Stipends are paid per the approved annual budget.
- (G) dispense stipends to committee chairs per the recommendation and approval of the Representative Assembly.
- (H) dispense stipends for Executive Board members per the recommendation and approval of the Representative Assembly
- (I) dispense stipends for Bargaining Team members during the year of contract ratification per the recommendation and approval of the Representative Assembly
- (J) may be co-signer on all Association checks;
- (K) Present prepared financial reports to the Executive Board and the Representative Assembly members;
- (L) work with local associate staff to prepare the books for an audit, if required;
- (M) maintain the records and files of the Association stored at the Summit UniServ Council.

### ARTICLE V DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

<u>SECTION 1.</u> The Executive Board shall conduct and manage the affairs and business of the Association, carry out policies established by the Representative Assembly, report its transactions and those by the Representative Assembly to the members, interpret the Constitution and Bylaws and suggest policies for consideration by the Assembly.

The duties of the Executive Board shall consist of the following:

- (A) shall conduct and manage the affairs and business of the Association at Executive Board, Rep Assembly, General/Special membership meetings;
- (B) The Executive Board shall meet the first working week of each school month, at the call of the President, or at the request of two (2) members of the Board A list of regular meetings for the year shall be published at the beginning of the year for all representatives.
- (C) The President shall provide to the Executive Board an agenda for each meeting as determined by the previous Representative Assembly and Executive Board Meetings. New business may be on the agenda or added by a Motion from the floor.
- (D) shall see that the agenda/budget is prepared and submitted for approval at Executive Board and Representative Assembly meetings;
- (E) shall implement motions and resolutions approved by the membership and put into operation other measures consistent with the Bylaws and policies of the Association;
- (F) shall make necessary arrangements; time/place for General/Special meetings;
- (G) with the exception of committees established by the membership, the Executive Board shall approve the appointment and discharge of all standing and special committee members, shall approve the creation of all special committees and review the activities of all committees. Committee reports seeking action shall be submitted in written form with recommended action.
- (H) establish Association guidelines, policies and objects for approval of the Representative Assembly;
- (I) enact such other measures as may be necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the Association which are not in conflict with the Bylaws.
- (J) Mileage for the purpose of conducting Association business shall be reimbursed to the members of the Executive Board at the IRS rate.

#### ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE UNISERV DELEGATES

SECTION 1: Delegates shall be elected to the Summit UniServ Representative Assembly as provided in the Bylaws. The election of said delegates shall be held each year to coincide with the election of officers, if required. Otherwise, the UniServ Delegate election will stand alone. The beginning of their term shall coincide with the conclusion of the NEA Representative Assembly and will last for one year from that date

- (A) The UniServ delegates, with the exception of the President and Vice-President, shall be at-large delegates, serving for one-year terms. The delegates may be elected to Summit UniServ Representative Council on the basis of one (1) for one hundred (100) PPA members or major portion thereof.
- (B) A UniServ delegate shall attend the regular meetings unless s/he receives prior excuse from the President of PPA. After two consecutive unexcused absences, or a total of any three absences, that President may declare the seat unfilled. The President may appoint an interim Delegate, with Executive Board and Representative Assembly approval.

#### ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

#### **SECTION 1. REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

The duties of the Representative Assembly shall consist of the following:

- (A) establish Association policies and objectives,
- (B) establish guidelines and hear continuing reports on bargaining;
- (C) adopt the annual budget for the Association and approve any annual budget changes if necessary.
- (D) approve or ratify the establishment of positions in the Association;

- (E) approve or ratify the establishment of committees not established in the Bylaws;
- (F) adopt procedures and agendas for its meetings; and
- (G) notify the Vice-President of current Paraeducators in buildings and provide updates as necessary.

### ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF THE BUILDING REPRESENTATIVES

#### **SECTION 1. BUILDING REPRESENTATIVES**

The duties of the Building Representatives at each building/worksite shall consist of the following:

- (A) maintain two-way Association communication within the building/worksite
- (B) when necessary call building meetings of the Association members to discuss Association business;
- (C) organize and oversee an accurate record of members within the building/worksite, reporting any new or change in members to the vice president/co-vice presidents of the Association;
- (D) receive and distribute to building members any Association or District bulletins, mail, ballots, and etc.

## ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

**SECTION 1.** Standing committees are authorized by the Bylaws. Special committees may be established by the Executive Board. Committee members shall be appointed by the president/co-presidents with the approval of the Executive Board. Standing committee members shall serve until August 31 of the school year for which they are appointed or until discharged by the president/co-presidents with the approval of the Executive Board. Special committee members shall serve until their committee is dissolved by the Executive Board.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> Standing or special committees shall make a verbal report at each Executive Board and/or Representative Assembly meeting as to the progress of each committee

Standing committees shall include, but not be limited to:

(A) Benefits

(E) Nominations and Elections

(B) Constitution & Bylaws

(F) Professional Development

(C) District Staff Development

(G) Student Scholarship

(D) Bargaining Team

(H) Sunshine

### ARTICLE X. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEES

#### ARTICLE 1.

Benefits Committee shall represent the Association at the District Insurance and Benefits committee meetings, serving as liaison for the Association. A report will be given at General meetings.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall consist of two or three (2-3) members that will review the bylaws once a year and advise the Executive Board as to any up dates or revisions needed to keep the Bylaws current and in good working order.

**District Staff Development** shall consist of two or three (2-3) members who shall work to provide educational classes, and in-service workshops. The committee's members shall serve on the District's Staff Professional Development Committee for Paraeducators.

The Bargaining Team shall consist of no less than three (3) members including one (1) Chief Negotiator and not less than two (2) at large members and an Association Representative. The Team shall be responsible for surveying the membership, researching and collecting the data necessary for developing a bargaining package. The Bargaining Team shall negotiate between the Association and/or the Administration, and the Puyallup School Board in all matters as may be referred to it by the Executive Board. Each Bargaining Team member must remain on the team and complete the bargaining process to the final ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement to be eligible for

stipends detailed in Article IV, Section 3(1).

**Nominations and Election Committee** will consist of two or three (2-3) members who shall identify a slate of candidates for the Association officers. The election shall be by secret ballot, observing the one person, one vote principle. Committee members shall conduct elections of officers per Article X, "Nomination and Election of Officers."

**Professional Development Committee** will administer and review the scholarship applications and direct distribution of the funds available through the Association, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the membership. These funds are for Association members to attend classes, workshops or conferences to help improve their abilities for employment within the District.

Student Scholarship Committee shall work with the Puyallup School District High Schools Counselors to select recipients. One recipient per high school is to be selected. Specific guidelines for selection are outlined on the application which has been approved by the general membership. Announcement of the winners will be in the spring at an event honoring graduating seniors. The actual amount of the scholarships will be specified in the budget each year.

Sunshine Committee shall represent the Association in acknowledging unique situations pertaining to members such as births, illnesses, deaths in the family, etc.

### A R T I C L E XI. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**SECTION 1.** The president/co-presidents, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint a Nominations and Elections Committee consisting of two or three (2-3) members. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall actively seek candidates and conduct elections for PPA officers. Each nominee must be a member in good standing and give their consent to appear on the ballot.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> In addition to the provisions of SECTION 1 above, nominations from the floor shall be called for and received at the March Representative Assembly meeting. Nominations will remain open until the adjournment of the April Representative Assembly Meeting.

The Nominations and Elections Committee shall report all nominations to the Representative Assembly at the April meeting. Members of the Assembly may nominate candidates from the floor prior to the end of the meeting.

Should all candidates run uncontested, a ballot shall not be necessary. In this event, the accepted slate of officers shall be introduced through a publication to the PPA Membership.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> The election of officers and UniServ Delegates shall be held the second Wednesday of May. Voting will be by secret ballot, observing the one person, one vote principle.

The Nominations and Elections Committee shall report results to the President. The President shall publish the elected candidates' names after the elections have been verified.

**SECTION 4.** To win, a candidate must receive a majority of the vote cast. In the event of a plurality or tie, the membership shall hold a run-off election between candidates receiving the most votes. The run-off election will be held within two (2) weeks of the original election and in the same manner as the regular election.

SECTION 5. Balloting Procedures: Ballots shall be counted under the direction of Building Representatives and by at least one (1) PPA member of that building referred to as building election officials who are not running for any office on the ballot. If a member is on the ballot he/she may not collect, tally, or handle the ballots. Each voting member must sign the building tally sheet upon return of the ballot to the building representative. The tally sheet shall be completed with a total building vote count for each candidate or proposition and signed by the building representative and one (1) other PPA member. Ballots must be returned to the PPA Office within three (3) school days following the second Wednesday of May, arriving no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third day unless the Building Representative makes other arrangements with the President or the Nominations and Election Committee Chairman. The President or

Chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee may extend the due date for special circumstances. Ballots shall be sent to the designee at the PPA office who shall hold ballots in a safe place.

**SECTION 6.** Special Elections: When an elected office of PPA (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) becomes vacant, a special election shall be conducted by the Nominations and Elections Committee. The openings will be announced at the next Executive Board meeting. The Board will post the positions at the next Representative Assembly for nominations. Nominations shall be forwarded to the PPA President within two weeks of the posted announcement. Nominations will be presented to the next scheduled Rep Assembly. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time. Election procedures shall be as described in the Bylaws, Article XI, Section 5.

### A R T I C L E XII NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BUILDING REPRESENTATIVES

**SECTION 1.** Building representatives shall be elected no later than the third week of school, by the members located at each building/worksite on the basis of at least one (1) representative for each building/worksite.

**SECTION 2.** A vacancy in the position of Building Representative shall be filled by a special election by those members located at building/worksite affected by the vacancy within thirty (30) days. Members may volunteer or be appointed by the Executive Board to fill building representative positions for the remainder of the year and assume duties of the Building Representative.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> Term of office shall be for one (1) year and commence on September 1 and ending August 31 of the following year.

### A R T I C L E XIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF WEA AND NEA DELEGATES

The election of WEA and NEA Representative Assembly delegates shall follow the election procedures outlined by WEA and NEA.

The WEA RA Convention delegate positions #1, #2 & #3 will be automatically filled by the Association President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer respectfully. At large WEA delegates shall be elected upon securing a simple majority of those active members voting. In the event an insufficient number of candidates receive a majority of votes, subsequent elections shall be held between those non-elected candidates with the greatest number of votes. The number of such candidates in subsequent elections shall equal the number of unfilled positions plus one.

Election and balloting procedures will follow those outlined in Article XI.

Per the recommendation and approval of the Representative Assembly, PPA delegates may attend either the annual NEA Representative Assembly Convention or the NEA ESP Convention. Delegate position #1 will automatically be filled by the Association President. Additional at-large delegates may be elected as allowed by NEA guidelines. At-large NEA delegates shall be nominated and elected as a "pool" of delegates and/or successor delegates. The individual receiving the greatest number of votes shall be designated delegate #2, that individual receiving the second greatest number of votes shall be designated delegate #3, and so on until all delegate positions are filled. The remaining candidates shall be designated successor delegates in order according to the greatest number of votes received.

Election and balloting procedures will follow those outlined in Article XI.

#### A R T I C L E XIV MEMBERSHIP AND FISCAL YEAR

Membership in the Association shall be for the period of the contract. The fiscal year shall be September 1 through August 31 of the following year.

### A R T I C L E XV RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION OF STRIKES

<u>SECTION 1.</u> The President/Co-Presidents shall be authorized to sign a legal, binding, yearly, or multi-year agreement with the employing board only after completion of the following procedure at a general membership meeting:

- (A) report the recommendations of the bargaining team:
- (B) a report and recommendation by the Executive Board;
- (C) a written digest of the proposed agreement or changes provided to all members in attendance at ratification meeting;
- (D) discussion by the membership;
- (E) a majority affirmative vote by secret ballot of the active membership present and voting.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> Ratification of amendments to the negotiated agreement shall occur at a General/Special membership meeting and in the same manner.

SECTION 3. Except in a work stoppage or work slow down situation, at least a twenty-four (24) hour written notice of the ratification meeting is required. The notice shall specify the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.

**SECTION 4.** Strike or work slow action must be authorized by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present and voting in a special meeting.

#### ARTICLE XVI QUORUM

**SECTION 1.** The membership present in attendance at any authorized meeting of the Association membership shall constitute a quorum.

**SECTION 2.** Quorum at any authorized meeting of the Executive Board or any committee shall be a majority of its members.

#### ARTICLE XVII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote at any regular meeting of the Representative Assembly provided that proposed amendments have been sent to Faculty Representatives five (5) days in advance of the meeting. Representatives will then have time to discuss it with the Faculty members in advance of the Assembly meeting. Amendments shall become effective immediately upon adoption, unless otherwise provided

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