

FAQ's regarding the National PTA's Dues Increase of 50 cents:

How will the Dues Increase of the National PTA's Portion Affect our Current Bylaws?

- ✓ If your current dues for your members are \$3.50, it will automatically become \$4.00 and you will not need a bylaws amendment.
- ✓ If your current dues for your membership are over \$3.50, but for an additional family member or for your students your bylaws state \$3.50, they too will automatically become \$4.00 and you will not need a bylaws amendment.

What is the Process if We Want to Increase our Local Membership Dues to Make Up for the National PTA dues increase?

- ✓ You will need to provide your membership with 30 days' notice of the meeting date when you will vote on a membership dues increase. You will need to vote on this increase prior to 9/30/11 as that is when your current membership cards expire.
- ✓ If your dues increase is approved, you will need to revise your bylaws and we are asking you to do this using Bylaws EZ so that they will be processed electronically and quickly. Please go to our website www.nyspta.org and on the right hand side of our homepage you will see Quick Links. Click on Bylaws EZ and you will see the Bylaws EZ Instructions and link to the website. It takes no more than 10 minutes to complete.

Can we vote on an increase at our first meeting of the school year and then collect the new dues amount prior to revising our bylaws with Bylaws EZ?

- ✓ Yes - **BUT...** You must process your Bylaws EZ **immediately** following this meeting and send the signed and dated Cover Sheet to your Region Bylaws Chair who will review the bylaws and send them electronically to the NYS PTA Bylaws Coordinator for approval. You will receive 2 hard copies back along with a pdf version that you may share with your board members as needed.

We currently have Manual Bylaws. Can we use Bylaws EZ to revise them even if they are not due to expire?

- ✓ Yes. We are trying to make revising your bylaws due to the National PTA's dues increase as efficient as possible. By revising them electronically, and upon approval by the NYS PTA Bylaws Coordinator, you will receive them back in hard copy along with a pdf version that can easily be shared with your board members.

We currently revised our Bylaws using Bylaws EZ. Do we have to do them over again?

- ✓ We have a Bylaws EZ Amendment Process for you to follow that will allow you to amend your membership dues amount without revising your entire bylaws. The Instructions and Bylaws EZ Amendment Notification Form are located on our website and can be accessed by clicking on the Bylaws EZ button on the homepage under Quick Links.