April 19, General Membership Meeting

**Question and Answer Descriptions:**

*Taken from the WSPTA*

*President Handbook & Nominating Committee Handbook*

**Term Limits**

*Are there term limits? Can I continue in my role as president, treasurer, secretary etc. if I want to beyond two years? What if a replacement isn’t found?*

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3. Term of office

The term of office for presidents and vice presidents of local PTAs and councils is one year (July 1- June 30). This applies to all elected officers. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Officers who have served eight months in a position will be considered to have served a full term. (WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, Article 5, Section 6).

*Q: What if the nominating committee is unable to find a candidate for a position?*

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Nominating Committee Handbook

A: The nominating committee should submit its nominating committee report on time with that position left blank. It is better to find a qualified nominee rather than submit the name of someone unable to fulfill the duties of the position. When the election is held, the president will solicit nominations from the floor as occurs with all of the positions. If there is still no one to fill the position, the executive committee or board of directors (refer to the local PTA’s or council’s standing rules) has the authority to appoint someone to the position until the next membership meeting, when he or she may be elected. (End of quote from WSPTA source).

If someone is not found, the board shall absorb the duties of president until a candidate is found. Unless the Standing Rules say otherwise. For example, in some schools the VP takes over until a president is found.

**Presidential Voice:**

*As President, doesn’t it mean I get to make all the decisions for my PTA/PTSA?*

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President Handbook

**7. Speaking for the PTA**

The president is considered the spokesperson for the PTA and should always represent the association in the best possible way. Presidents must remember that they are the “face” of their association; even if they are grocery shopping, others will connect their actions and behavior with the PTA….

Although the president speaks on behalf of the PTA, he or she does not make decisions or commitments on behalf of the PTA and must be careful not to give that impression. The standing rules of the local PTA will explain how decisions are made by the local PTA, but most decisions are made by the PTA membership, by the board of directors, or by the executive committee.