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“Reach for the future by reaching for the horizon”

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Jean Razunas
IL PTA President

It's that time of year, albeit earlier, when we extend to all an invitation to participate in the Illinois PTA's 107th Annual Convention! We are pleased to invite each and every member to join us March 13 thru March 15, at the Holiday Inn Select in Naperville. The members of the state board of managers are eager to meet and greet you, answer your questions, and assist you in every way possible.

The Annual Convention is where you, the member delegates, have a voice in determining the positions and actions of the Illinois PTA by participating in business sessions considering bylaw amendments, adopting an annual budget, crafting a Scholarship Program and Budget that assists students in our 20 PTA Districts who are pursuing an education-related career, debating Resolutions which implement our legislative positions, electing the leadership for the 2009~2011 term, and hearing from the state board of managers on issues that have been identified as high priorities.

We will be offering workshops to provide you with the tools you need to be successful as local unit leaders, varied panel discussions to keep you up-to-date on concerns about our children which range from health and wellness policies to newly adopted learning standards, round-table discussions where you will have a chance to “Ask the Experts”, a new version of Healthy Kidz!, and, as always, an Exhibit Expo open to all.

We will also celebrate our children at a special event on Sunday afternoon following convention with recognition of those students receiving the Illinois PTA Lillian E. Glover Scholarship and Reflections participants. To celebrate our successes organizationally, we will have an awards dinner on Friday evening.

Each of these events will give you a chance to meet and greet other PTA leaders from across the state, gain leadership skills and materials to be shared with the local units, and ask the questions you've been formulating since last year.

This *Bulletin* edition contains all the information that you will need to register for convention, to review the workshops being offered, and information on housing for convention. Voting credential cards will be mailed to local unit or council presidents with the pre-convention legislation mailing. It will be very important for you to request your credential card from the president so that you will receive your voting delegate cards at registration.

This is your opportunity to be a representative to the Illinois PTA convention – make your voice heard and invest your PTA dollars in a way that will provide a great return on your investment!

Please let me take this opportunity to personally invite you to the 107th Annual Convention of the Illinois PTA.

*Hugs,
Jean Razunas*

**107th Annual PTA Convention
March 13-15, 2009**

**Holiday Inn Select Naperville Hotel
& Conference Center**

Naperville, IL



Jan Harp Domene
National PTA President

Dear PTA Leaders and Members,

Learning. Networking. Celebrating. Connecting! That's what your state PTA convention can do for you and so much more. Convention *connects* you to the things that matter most in helping all children succeed.

Thank you for making time to attend your state PTA convention. Although I can't join you in person, I want you to know that I appreciate all you do to increase student achievement, encourage parent and family involvement, and advocate for children's well-being.

Please take full advantage of the information and resources offered to you at the convention. Please take time to speak with your state board members and connect with other delegates to learn new ideas for your PTA, including how to get more dads involved, increase membership, and sharpen your leadership skills. By participating and sharing what you learn, you will help your PTA become stronger and more effective in serving the needs of the children and families in your community.

I applaud you for making the choice to be a part of the largest parent volunteer organization in the country, dedicated to making every child's potential a reality. Thank you for being PTA.

Sincerely,

National PTA Convention Delegate Card Distribution

The National PTA Annual Convention & Exhibition is scheduled for June 26-29, 2009 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Illinois PTA Delegate cards will be distributed in the following manner:

- To Illinois PTA State Board of Managers and past presidents, in accordance with board policy;
- To delegates who request credentials in writing;
- Distribution will be on a first come – first serve basis, according to membership and geographical allocations;
- Priority will be given to pre-registered delegates; and
- Lost or forgotten cards will be replaced only when delegates who have not received cards have been accommodated.

Written requests should include the following information:

- Delegate name, mailing address and phone number;
- Copy of current, completed PTA membership card, with name of unit and legible PTA District number.

Delegate cards for those who have sent written requests will be mailed once National PTA pre-registration has been closed, and the Illinois PTA has received the list of pre-registered delegates. This will be sometime in May. Instructions for obtaining delegate cards at the convention site will be posted on the message board under "Illinois Delegates."

Requests may be mailed to:
National PTA Delegate Cards
Illinois PTA
P.O. Box 907
Springfield, IL 62705-0907
or FAX to: (217) 528-9490



Dear Convention Delegates,

It is my pleasure to invite you to share in Illinois PTA's 107th Annual Convention! This leadership opportunity will be held Friday, March 13 – March 15, 2009 at **Holiday Inn Select Naperville – Hotel & Conference Center**. Illinois PTA President, Jean Razunas, and the State Board of Managers have spent the last year developing a program that will allow you and your unit to implement our theme: PTA-Reaching for New Horizons. Here are some hints that will help you make this convention a fun and learning experience.

Packing for Convention

Casual or business casual attire is appropriate for most workshops and general sessions. Comfortable shoes are a must! Remember to pack your PTA Membership Card for delegate registration.

Convention Outline

We are proud to announce **Chuck Saylor**, *National PTA President-Elect* will be joining us for our convention. Mr. Saylor will be a presenter in the “Ask the Experts” roundtables on Saturday from 2:30 – 3:45pm, and presenting a workshop on Sunday, 9:00 – 10:30am.

We have made a few changes for this year's convention, but have not hindered the opportunity for delegates to attend workshops, exhibits, or networking. One of the changes being made this year is with the exhibits. Exhibits will only be open on Friday from 9:00am – 8:00pm and we are offering the opportunity for non-PTA members to visit exhibits for a minimal charge. If you have a PTA Membership card or your delegate badge received at registration there is no additional charge. Next, we will have two instead of three general sessions to get the organizations business completed.

You can arrive Thursday evening and take advantage of pre-convention workshops including *Chit Chat with the Chief* (informal discussion with the President) or *PTA Road to Success* (combined Information & Advanced Course). Exhibits and PTA Store open on Friday morning and will remain open until 8:00pm. The first workshop session is Friday at 1:00pm followed with the second session starting at 3:00pm. Once again, we invite you to attend the Friday evening dinner followed by the presentation of PTA Awards. We will close the evening with a DJ at the “You Rock” Celebration.

Saturday will offer workshops, Artist's Showcase, general sessions, and district caucus. Sunday will host a Healthy Kids Event, Inspirational Service, workshop session, and conclude with the Annual Luncheon/Installation of 2009-2011 officers. The Student Award Celebration to recognize Reflections and Scholarship Award recipients will be held on Sunday, from 2:30 – 4:00pm with an ice cream social.

General Sessions

Two General Sessions will be held on Saturday. Proposed changes to the Illinois PTA Bylaws, Illinois PTA Budget, Scholarship Program and Budget, Resolutions and Legislative activities will be discussed. The important business of the organization will inform, motivate, entertain and inspire you. We count on your involvement in deciding the future of Illinois PTA.

Workshops

We are offering pre-convention workshops on Thursday evening, and an additional six workshop sessions from Friday - Sunday. The workshops are focused on a variety of topics including diversity, leadership, and membership.

Questions

There is no such thing as a “silly question”. In fact, your state board of managers welcomes the opportunity to share their experiences and expertise.

Special Events

Friday - Radio Disney will host two “Road Shows”: 12:30pm and 5:00pm respectively.

Friday - PTA Awards Dinner & “You Rock” Celebration (dinner is additional charge)

Friday & Saturday – As a convenience to delegates we are offering “box lunches” for an additional charge.

Elections – Opportunity for delegates to elect the 2009-2011 Officers and members of the Board Development and Nominating Committee (**NOTE: you must be registered by 1:45pm Saturday, to have the opportunity to vote in the elections**)

Saturday – **Artists' Showcase** a family friendly event!

Sunday – **Healthy Kids Event**

Sunday – Annual Luncheon/Installation of 2009-2011 Officers

Meet New People

...and greet past acquaintances as PTA members from across the state join together to share their mutual concerns and commitment to children, youth, education and parent involvement.

Exhibits

Ideas for programs, services and fundraising necessary to meet your budget are available from non-profit and commercial exhibitors. Bring your business cards or address labels, for filling out information requests and door-prize entries.

****Reminder:** Exhibits are open on Friday only from 9:00am – 8:00pm.**

PTA Shopping

Many special Illinois PTA souvenirs and gifts will be available, as well as official PTA Jewelry, and publications to bring back to your local unit, council or district in the PTA Store. Support the Illinois PTA Scholarship Program by purchasing jewelry items or a variety of stationery. Convention Pin is available in the PTA Store.

Please make sure to say “Hello!” We look forward to greeting you at this year's convention as we work, share and celebrate *PTA – Reaching for New Horizons*.

Connie Mc Elyea, General Arrangements Coordinator
(309) 799-3603 e-mail: BUCOAL@aol.com

107th Annual Illinois PTA Convention at a Glance



Thursday, March 12, 2009

Registration

6:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Pre-Convention Workshops

7 - 10 pm

Chit Chat with the Chief

PTA Road To Success

Districts without Borders

Train the Trainers (By invitation only)

5 - 10 pm

Friday, March 13, 2009

Registration

8:00 am – 8:00 pm

PTA Store & Scholarship

8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Exhibits

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Lunch Break

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Box lunches will be available

Workshop Session I

1:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Workshop Session II

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

PTA Awards Dinner

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm PTA Awards

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm "You Rock"
Celebration

Silent Auction

Support the Illinois PTA Scholarship Program

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Registration

7:30 am – 9:45 am

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

PTA Store & Scholarship

8:00 am – 10:00 am

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Welcome First Timers

8:00 am – 8:30 am

Workshop Session III

8:45 am – 10:00 am

General Session I

10:15 am – 1:00 pm

Box Lunch/ District Caucus

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Elections

2:15 pm – 6:30 pm

Workshop Session IV

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Artists' Showcase

2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2009

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Workshop Session V

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Dinner

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

General Session II

7:00 pm - ???

Sunday, March 15, 2009

Registration

7:30 am – 9:45 am

PTA Store & Scholarship

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Healthy Kids Event

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Inspirational Service

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Workshop Session VI

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Closing Event Luncheon/Installation

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Student Awards Celebration

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Enjoy the Reflections Exhibit



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PTA Polo Shirts Scholarship Promotion



Illinois PTA Proposed Admission Policy for Children and Youth — 2009

This year the Illinois PTA is offering Polo Shirts in white or black.

White shirts with black embroidery
or
Black with white embroidery

The shirts are a 50/50 Pique with Spotshield.

Polo shirts will be available for pick-up at Convention!

Name: _____

PTA Unit: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Shirts are available on a pre-order basis only.

Please indicate color & size: White _____ Black _____

S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ @ \$25.00 ea \$ _____

(2X) XXL ___ (3X) XXXL ___ @ \$30.00 ea \$ _____

(Please add \$5.95 shipping/handling fee, per shirt if not picked up at convention)

\$ _____

TOTAL amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
Illinois PTA, PO Box 907, Springfield, IL 62704

The Illinois PTA Annual Convention has been designed as an information and decision-making conference. For the safety and protection of the family, children and youth attending the convention, the following admission policy has been developed:

- A. All family, children/youth who are attending the convention as delegates must be registered and shall wear a badge while attending all convention activities.
- B. All family, children/youth non-delegates must be registered as registrants or non-members and shall wear a PTA badge at all times. For safety concerns, this badge will not carry the family, child/youth's name.
- C. All registrants and non-member children/youth attending the general sessions shall sit with delegate parent(s) or caretaker(s).
- D. All children under the age of twelve (12) are required to be supervised and accompanied by their parent(s) or caretaker(s) at all times.
- E. Parent(s) or caretaker(s) are financially responsible for any and all damages to the convention site caused by the child(ren) under their care.
- F. To ensure the safety and comfort of all convention attendees, if any child creates a disturbance, the accompanying adult will be asked, by the ushers, to remove the child.
- G. To ensure the safety and comfort of all convention attendees, no wheeled cart or stroller will be allowed in the PTA Store area or the exhibit hall.
- H. All registered family, children/youth registrants or non-members may attend exhibits and designated workshops.
- I. All children/youth registered as registrants or non-members will not receive a convention bag and materials.

CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE
Ruth Johnston, Chairman

Convention Workshops



Thursday, March 12, 2009

Chit Chat with the Chief — 7 - 10 pm

New to the job? Wondering what in the world you said “yes” to? Here’s an informal opportunity to find out! Practical tips for developing goals, working relationships, time management, and much more will be discussed! Leadership development and assistance to those who have “been on the job” will be presented. This workshop is appropriate for presidents, vice presidents and slated candidates. Even presidents who are re-elected will have an opportunity to learn something new. Come and join us reach a new day in your PTA’s future.

PTA Road to Success — 7 - 10 pm

Do you have the keys to make your PTA the best it can be? Follow the road to success by learning about PTA policies, structure and governance, and parliamentary procedure. This workshop (the combination of the Information and Advanced courses) is essential for all PTA officers and is required by many PTAs.

Districts without Borders — 7 - 10 pm

You are cordially invited to share one of the best resources we have — Each Other! District Directors and their boards will have an opportunity to exchange ideas, meet with state board chairman, and participate in round table discussions. The evening will conclude with an orientation for new District Directors. Meet your Illinois colleagues.

Train the Trainers - BY INVITATION ONLY — 5 - 10 pm

This advanced workshop is intended for PTA leaders who want to take their training to the next step by sharing their knowledge with others. Those who attend this five-hour session will receive training in presentation skills, information on how adults learn, and will become familiar with the Illinois PTA Study Courses. This is all in preparation for becoming qualified as study course leaders.

⇒Courses include PTA Road to Success, PTA Money Matters, PTA President’s Course, and the PTA Council Course. PTA Road to Success was introduced at last year’s convention. Money Matters has been recently added as a study course. The President’s and Council courses have been updated and revised this year.

⇒**Attendance at Train the Trainers is by invitation only**, but if you would like to participate, please contact your District Director or Field Service Area Representative. A light meal will be provided,

Friday, March 13, 2009 1 - 2:45 pm

Get in the Game (Double Session 1-5pm)

“Jack and Jill went up the hill...”

Identifying issues. Even a child can do it.

“Money makes the world go round...”

SEL, RTI, NCLB, TIF. How will your school pay for this alphabet soup?

“Who’s afraid of”

Don’t huff and puff. Learn to speak your piece.

You can do this in your PJs.

At home and on-line

“There’s no place like home...”

We’re off to see the Wiz, Cap Wiz that is.

PRW, URT1, LOL — Do You Speak Texting?

Texting and its affect on our kids!

Lights, Camera, Action! WOW!

Confused on how to start a Reflections Program in your school? Once the projects are done, now what? Come to this workshop to learn how to make the arts come alive. Take the steps necessary from encouraging participation to filling out forms and selecting judges. This workshop will help you to make your Reflections Program the best it can be.

All Pro Dads

Find out how to get Dads and Moms more involved in your PTA through the All Pro Dad's Day and iMom Morning monthly breakfast program. All the resources necessary to start and maintain your local units are free of charge. Come and learn how National PTA will be promoting us this school year!

Friday, March 13, 2009 3 - 5 pm

Get in the Game (Continued)

“Jack and Jill went up the hill...”

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Too Many Children Left Behind: How Can We Close the Achievement Gap?

In a nation that prides itself on providing equal opportunity for all, too many low-income and minority children are falling behind their peers in school. In an increasingly competitive global arena, the United States cannot afford to ignore this widening achievement gap. What can be done to close it? This hands-on workshop will explore three approaches to help you to recognize and address the achievement gap in your community

Bartending 101: Raising the Bar for your PTA

Come join us to see what can be added to your PTA to increase parent involvement, what activities can be added to the mix to promote social and emotional learning (a very hot topic in the education community right now), and how to reach out into you community on behalf of kids.

Mix It Up

This workshop will focus on the information to the minority leaders attending the State conference. A more descriptive description will be provided after the 2008 EML Conference.

Saturday, March 14, 2009 8 - 8:30 am

Welcome First Timers

Is this your first convention? Do you need a refresher course? We’ll show you what you need to know to get the most out of this event. This orientation will help start your convention experience off the right way.



Convention Workshops



Saturday, March 14, 2009 8:45 - 10 am

Gotta Gripe

Do you think the “status quo” in Illinois education is acceptable? Are there issues in your school district of concern to you that may be shared by other school districts across the state? Do you have ideas to make children safer? Then you will want to come to this interactive workshop (have specific concerns in mind) to learn how to bring your “gripes” to the attention of other PTA members. Learn step-by-step basics of getting started on a resolution and leave with concrete ideas on how to continue the process.

Dyslexia — A New Understanding

Every teacher and parent knows a child with a reading problem. Two to three students in every classroom and 80% of resource students have problems with reading, listening, math, spelling, writing, and ADD/ADHD behaviors due to dyslexia. Through this workshop, students, parents, and teachers can end their confusions and frustration as the cause of dyslexia has recently been discovered and a simple method to remove all the negative symptoms will be explained.

Council Klatch

All council officers and **anyone interested** in council work are invited to this roundtable discussion. Topics will include an update on the revision of the Council Course and Council Handbook and sharing of successful council programs will take place. Come and learn what works and doesn't work for councils around the state.

It's Still Not Over

Join us at this workshop to share your creative ideas and learn about others for increasing membership in your local unit. The winners of the *PTA Founders' 50 2009* will be featured presenters.

Saturday, March 14, 2009 2:30 - 3:45 pm

Ask the Experts Roundtable

Do you have questions about PTA procedure? Are you frustrated because you haven't got time to go to all the workshops that can answer those questions? Get your list ready — **help is here!** In this workshop, delegates will have the opportunity to speak to any or all of the presenters and have their questions answered. The topics will include: membership, money matters, parent engagement, health issues, volunteers, family-school partnerships, and resolutions.

We've Come a Long Way Baby...Ten Years of Progress

How is Illinois helping our children in the foster care of juvenile justice system? This workshop will review the recommendations of the Illinois PTA report to be presented at our 2009 convention.

PTA Road to Success — Part I

Do you have the keys to make your PTA the best it can be? Follow the road to success by learning about PTA policies, structure, and governance, and parliamentary procedure. This workshop is essential for all PTA officers, and as the combination of the Information and Advanced courses, is required by many PTAs.

It's Easy Being Green

Patterson and Young PTAs will be presenting information on how to run a complete Green PTA. Learn how you can make a difference by creating your own environmentally friendly PTA.

Saturday, March 14, 2009 2:30 - 3:45 pm

PTA Road to Success — Part II

Do you have the keys to make your PTA the best it can be? Follow the road to success by learning about PTA policies, structure, and governance, and parliamentary procedure. This workshop is essential for all PTA officers, and as the combination of the Information and Advanced courses, is required by many PTAs.

President's Course

Being president really is easy if you have all the tools to help you. Learn how to build and work with your board, improve communication skills, delegate, manage your time, and other leadership tips. The course is the newly revised version of the President's Course and is a must for presidents, vice president, and all those want to be president some day.

Art Smart

This is a program sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago where volunteers receive training, information, and materials about a famous artist or painting. Discussion is held in the classroom and children create a project based on the topics.

Let's Talk Sex

A study commissioned by the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health and Planned Parenthood surveying 335 sex education teachers in 201 public middle and high schools across Illinois finds that sex education in Illinois schools is sorely lacking. PTA has supported comprehensive sex education and opposed federal funding for abstinence-only educations. It's time to talk!

Sunday, March 15, 2009 9 - 10:30 am

Three for Me

Schools are working hard to provide a valuable education for every child. But they can't do it alone. Families and schools working in partnership create great schools. *Three for Me* is a PTA program designed to effectively involve parents and families in support of children and their education. *Three for Me* will help schools, PTAs, parent groups, and other volunteer-based organizations reach volunteer hours never thought possible. Learn how to tap into the many talents and skills that parents are happy to offer.

Eat Right — Live Right

Have you read about the “Silent Epidemic?” Obesity? In this workshop you will learn about incorporating eating into your day, calorie intake, portion control, healthy recipes, how to journal your meals, how to shed a few pounds sensibly, and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

National Standards for Family-School Partnerships*

PTA's National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs have been updated to reflect recent research and to improve parent and community involvement practices. The updated standards shift the focus from what schools should do to involve parents, to what parents, schools and communities can do together to support student success. Be a part of PTA's new way of leading and learn how you can use these updated standards to build family-school partnerships for student success.

* Our special guest speaker, Chuck Saylor, National PTA President - Elect will be conducting the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships workshop.



Illinois PTA Convention Rules – 2009

I. REGISTRATION

- A. Only delegates shall register at the Delegate Registration Desk. A pre-registered delegate will receive a badge, voter's card, packet, appropriate ribbons and 1st time designation as applicable upon presentation of a completed delegate credential card and membership card. A delegate registering on-site will receive a badge, voter's card, packet, appropriate ribbons and first time designation as applicable upon presentation of registration fee, completed credential card and membership card.
- B. A registrant will receive a badge, packet as approved by the Executive Committee, appropriate ribbons and first time designation as applicable upon presentation of a membership card with either pre-registered receipt or payment of registration fee.
- C. A non-member will receive badge and appropriate packet upon presentation of either a pre-registered receipt or payment of the non-PTA registration fee at a specifically designated area.
- D. Non-delegate family members with registered delegates will receive an appropriate badge upon payment of registration fee. Guests, such as workshop presenters, speakers, past presidents, National PTA Representatives, and others as pre-approved by the president or general arrangements chairman, will receive a guest badge, appropriate packet, and appropriate ribbon(s) .
- E. Members of the media will receive a press badge and press packet upon registration.
- F. In an election year, delegates must register and pick up proper credentials thirty (30) minutes prior to opening of polls __2:15 pm__ on the day of election in order to be eligible to vote for officers.
- G. Any member who takes the place of the regular delegate shall take over the materials already issued to the registered delegate. In an election year, if this change takes place prior to the closing of the polling list, the "new" delegate must report to the on-site registration desk for approval of change of name on credential card before thirty (30) minutes prior to opening of polls on the day of the election in order to be eligible to vote for officers.

II. SEATING

- A. All persons must wear a delegate, registrant, non-member, guest, or press badge to be admitted to the general sessions, exhibits, and workshops. All non-delegate children/youth attending general sessions shall sit with delegate parent(s) or caretaker(s).
- B. Each delegate shall display his voting card when voting.
- C. Delegates shall be seated before the opening of each general session of the convention. Admission to the hall will be granted upon completion of each business item. No one will be admitted to the convention floor when there is a motion pending. Persons within the hall who find it necessary to leave are requested to wait until the business item or program section in progress has been completed. One door will be open at all times for emergencies.
- D. An appropriate amount of space shall be reserved in the front of the convention hall for delegates with special needs. Ushers shall be authorized to move delegates without special needs from that section.
- E. An appropriate number of seats will be reserved immediately in front of the podium for past presidents and other special guests.

III. MICROPHONE TECHNIQUE

- A. Any delegate wishing to obtain the floor must display the official badge and voting card to the page before being allowed a position at the appropriate microphone. Delegates must remain standing at the microphone until recognized by the chair. No delegate may go to the microphone before the chair opens the specified session. Upon recognition, the page at the microphone shall give the delegate's name, town, PTA district number, and PTA unit, council, district, region, or current state board position represented.
- B. All motions, except "previous question," shall be written on a triplicate motion form and presented to the page as they are read. The motion form must be signed and identified as to local unit, town, and PTA district of the delegate.
- C. Preference in assigning the floor for debate shall be given by the chair to delegates who have not spoken to the pending question.

- D. A delegate may not speak longer than three (3) minutes at any time or more than twice to any one question on the same day. The timekeeper shall sound a bell, and when necessary, rise to indicate the speaker's time has been exhausted.
- E. A motion for the "previous question," shall not be considered on main motions UNLESS AT LEAST TWO (2) SPEAKERS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON EACH SIDE OF THE PENDING MOTION.
- E. If a quorum count is requested while a motion is pending before the convention, the chair shall order the doors closed while the count is being conducted.
- F. Individuals other than those recognized by the chair shall maintain silence during any meeting of the convention.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be considered in one motion.
- B. Any delegate wishing to remove an item from a Consent Agenda for separate consideration may do so by approaching a microphone and making the request. No second is needed and no vote required to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. The period designated for consideration of any individual item removed from the Consent Agenda will be ten (10) minutes.

V. NOMINATIONS (in an election year)

- A. When a nomination is made from the floor, the nominating speech shall be limited to two (2) minutes. The chairman of the committee, with the same time limit, may give qualifications for the nominee presented by the board development and nominating committee. One seconding speech for each candidate nominated will be limited to two (2) minutes.
- B. Nominees from the floor may furnish sufficient copies of their qualifications, not to exceed one (1) page, for distribution to convention delegates. A supply of nominee qualifications forms may be placed at each microphone.

VI. DECORUM

- A. No delegate or person may approach the platform without first being recognized by the chair and then accompanied by the president's page.
- B. No person shall give press, radio, or television interviews as a representative of the Illinois PTA concerning its work unless authorized by the state president.
- C. During business sessions, video taping and photographing will only be allowed from the area in front of the seating to the right or left of the platform. With the exception of district/region caucus, Reflections, and scholarship events, and with the exception of members of the media, there shall be no unauthorized video-taping of other official convention events.
- D. Personal audiocassette taping is permitted, unless restricted by contractual agreement with the presenter.
- E. No material or literature may be displayed or distributed at the convention without permission of the executive committee, except as noted in Article V. NOMINATIONS, B. of this document.
- F. Meeting places for conferences shall not be changed without approval of the general arrangements chairman.
- G. Smoking shall not be permitted during any official convention function. Smoking shall only be permitted in designated areas.
- H. Announcements shall be limited to matters pertaining to the convention.
- I. Silence shall be maintained during business of the convention (general sessions, meetings, and workshops) by all individuals, other than those recognized by the chair or presenters.
- J. No delegate may bring a wheeled cart or stroller into the PTA Store or the exhibit hall.
- K. The use of cellular phones and audible pagers will not be allowed during business of the convention (general sessions, meetings, special events and workshops).

VII. MINUTES

An auditing committee appointed from the executive committee shall approve the minutes of the convention.

VIII. LEGISLATION

- A. Legislation shall be considered in accordance with the Illinois PTA Bylaws, Article XVIII—LEGISLATION.
- B. The period designated as legislation shall be divided as follows:
 - 1. Amendments to the Illinois PTA Legislation Platform: _____
 - 2. Motions to open the Illinois PTA Legislation Platform: _____
 - 3. Motions to implement the Illinois PTA Legislation Platform: _____
 - 4. Resolutions pertaining to legislation: _____

Illinois PTA Convention Rules – 2009 (continued)

C. Resolutions shall be presented at the time designated in the official program.

1. Only resolutions received by the deadline shall be considered. Copies of such resolutions shall be distributed before discussion and voting.
2. The resolutions chairman shall present resolutions recommended for presentation to the convention body by the state board of managers for action.
3. The resolutions chairman shall not present resolutions not recommended for presentation by the state board of managers to the convention body. The submitting local unit may present such resolutions within the unused time designated for legislation.

IX. SUSPENSION OF RULES

These rules, except legislation, may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting.

CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE
Ruth Johnston, Chairman

Registration Form for the 107th Annual PTA Convention is located on page 34.

Convention information and forms are also available on our website, www.illinoispta.org.

To qualify for reduced rates all registrations must be sent in one envelope and be members of the same local PTA unit.

Visit the PTA Store

In

Conference Room E

you will find



2009 CONVENTION MEALS

All meals must be ordered on the convention registration form. Please note: vegetarian meal is available but must be ordered at time of registering by indicating on registration form next to "Special Needs".



PTA AWARDS DINNER

Friday, March 13, 2009

6:00pm

Doors open 5:30pm

\$15.00 per Meal

Please join us as we honor the accomplishments of volunteers from all levels of PTA around the State of Illinois – locals, councils and districts! Support the Lillian E. Glover Scholarship Program with your bids at the Scholarship Silent Auction. Seating will be assigned.

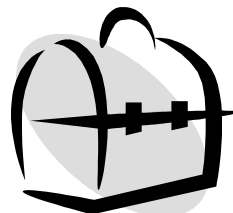
Dinner will include:

- Spring Mix Salad with Roma Tomato**
Dressings: Italian, Ranch and Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Chicken Scaloppini** - Tender Medallions of Chicken Breast sautéed in olive oil, garlic and lemon, finished with a Chardonnay reduction and served with Vesuvio Potatoes
- Bread Basket and Butter**
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetable**
- Strawberry Shortcake**
- Choice of Regular, Decaffeinated Coffee and Iced Tea**

BOX LUNCHES

In order to ease the meal-time crunch, box lunches are available for Friday, March 13, 2009 and Saturday, March 14, 2009.

Price per Box Lunch: \$8.00



Friday, March 13, 2009
Noon to 1:00pm

Box Lunch will include:

- Deli Sandwich of your choice of Ham, Turkey or Veggie
- A Bag of Chips
- Piece of Fresh Fruit
- Choice of Can Soda or Bottled Water

Saturday, March 14, 2009
1:15-2:15pm

Box Lunch will include:

- Deli Sandwich of your choice of Ham, Turkey or Veggie
- A Bag of Chips
- Cookie
- Choice of Can Soda or Bottled Water

CLOSING EVENT LUNCHEON/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Luncheon will include:

Petite Salad with Ciabatta Crostini
Dressings: Caesar and Italian
Normandy Pork Loin - Caramelized onion jam,
Roasted new Potatoes and Apple cream sauce.
Fresh Seasonal Vegetable
Bread Basket and Butter
Triple Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis
Choice of Regular, Decaffeinated Coffee and Ice Tea

Sunday, March 15, 2009

11:00am - 1:00pm

Doors open at 10:30am

Price per adult: \$32.00

Please join us as we celebrate a successful convention and install our newly elected 2009-2011 Officers of the Illinois PTA. Seating will be assigned.

STUDENT AWARDS CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 15, 2009

2:30pm

\$7.00 per Ice Cream

Please join us as we celebrate the arts and recognize scholastic students. Come see our Scholarship and Reflection awards. This is a ticketed event.

Vanilla Ice Cream with a Cookie,
Toppings Include: Chocolate Sauce, Strawberry Sauce,
Whip Cream, Maraschino Cherries & Sprinkles



Illinois PTA 107th Annual Convention Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Select Naperville – Hotel & Conference Center
1801 Naper Blvd.
Naperville, IL 60563
630-505-4900

RESERVATIONS:

Room Rates - \$99.00 plus tax (currently 10.4%). Check-in time is 3:00pm and check out is noon. Delegates must reserve rooms by February 23, 2009 to guarantee the special rate is provided. When calling to make reservations, mention Illinois PTA to receive the guaranteed rate. If making reservations online please visit www.naperselect and click “Make A Reservation.” Enter all information in Travel Dates and Traveler Information section then scroll down to Corporate, Group & IATA Identification (optional) section. For the Group Booking Code, please enter CIP and complete the registration process. By using CIP as booking code, you are entitled to the PTA rate.

NOTE: Payment for room and tax and all incidental charges is due in full upon check out. Payment can be made by cash, by certified check, or credit card or PTA check. Hotel accepts American Express, Diners Club, Discover Card, JCB International, Master Card or Visa. A limited number of rooms for guests with special needs, in accordance with ADA, are available. Please contact the hotel reservations department to confirm your arrangements.

All guestrooms offer

- √ two – 2 line phones
- √ high speed internet access
- √ voicemail
- √ smart desk with ergonomic chair
- √ cable TV
- √ Nintendo
- √ iron and ironing board
- √ hairdryer

Additional hotel amenities are

- √ an indoor pool
- √ fitness center which offers a variety of strength and resistance machines, free weights, treadmills with LCD screens and I-Pod docks and cycles
- √ The Terrace Café
- √ Terrace Lounge
- √ Game room in pool area
- √ WIFI Internet access in Lobby, Restaurant & Lounge



COMPLIMENTARY PARKING is available in the outdoor parking lot.

DINING

The Terrace café honors *Kids Eat Free* program and “Morning Matters” breakfast standards. The café has a complete breakfast buffet until 10:00 am every day, and Sunday until noon. A great spot to relax and unwind is the Terrace Lounge, open from 2:00 pm to midnight daily. The Lounge has it all, with a casual atmosphere and complete beverage and appetizer menu. The lounge features 2 large LCD TV’s, a pool table and free popcorn.

We have arranged, for additional charge, to provide box lunches on Friday and Saturday, Friday evening dinner, and Sunday lunch. Additional information is available with the meals information provided in this *Bulletin*.

DIRECTIONS

The Holiday Inn Select Naperville has a great location right off the I-88 Tollway.

TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak Train Station – Distance from hotel: .45 miles
105 E. 4th Ave.
Naperville, IL
630-357-9114

Airport Transportation –
Contact Chicagoland Transportation @ 630-505-9505
To or from Midway or O’Hare Airport – \$65.00



NAPERVILLE ATTRACTIONS

DuPage Children's Museum
301 N. Washington Street
630-637-8000
www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org
2.75 miles from hotel

Naper Settlement
523 S. Webster Street
630-427-6010
www.napersettlement.museum
3.5 miles from hotel

Naperville Riverwalk
Downtown Naperville
630-848-5000

Brunswick Zone Naperville
1515 W. Aurora Avenue
630-355-7622
www.bowlbrunswick.com
5 miles from hotel

AREA RESTAURANTS

Michaels On Main
Diehl Rd # 101, Naperville, IL
630-955-0402 (0.21 miles away)

Wendy's
1589 Naperville Wheaton Rd, Naperville, IL
630-355-9373 (0.27 miles away)

Bueno Restaurant
1588 Naperville Road, Naperville, IL
630-548-2333 (0.27 miles away)

Old Penking Restaurant
1563 N Naper Blvd., Naperville, IL
630-420-1388 (0.31 miles away)

Froots
1763 Freedom Dr, Naperville, IL
630-577-1877 (0.33 miles away)

Morton's the Steakhouse
1751 Freedom Dr, Naperville, IL
630-577-1372 (0.33 miles away)

Mapo Restaurant
1563 Naperville Wheaton Rd. Naperville, IL
630-420-1388 (0.33 miles away)

White Chocolate Grill
1803 Freedom Drive Naperville, IL
630-505-8300 (0.33 miles away)

Jason's Deli
1763 Freedom Drive Naperville, IL
630-955-1179 (0.33 miles away)

Maggiano's Little Italy
1847 Freedom Dr, Naperville, IL
630-536-3370 (0.33 miles away)

Einstein Bros Bagels
1727 Freedom Dr, Naperville, IL
630-955-1138 (0.34 miles away)

TGI Friday's
1516 N. Naper Blvd., Naperville, IL
630-505-9055 (0.43 miles away)

Butterfields on Naperville Road
1504 N. Naper Blvd. # 104 Naperville, IL
630-955-0950 (0.45 miles away)

Gelati
1283 E. Ogden Ave. # 175 Naperville, IL
630-848-7500 (0.5 miles away)



Illinois PTA is Stepping Out for Healthy Kids

Join us for a morning of fun
at

The Illinois PTA 107th Annual Convention
Naperville, Illinois

- Place: Holiday Inn Select Naperville, Illinois
- Date: Sunday, March 15, 2009
- Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am
- Fee: \$10.00 per person



Each participant will receive a tee shirt.
Please indicate shirt size below

Please fill out the form below and return it with your Convention Registration Materials

Local PTA Name: _____ PTA District # _____

Name(s): _____

PTA - Is It True?

True or False

- PTA membership is limited*
FALSE: The PTA reaches out to many groups and individuals. Having a child in the school is not a requirement. The wider, more varied the community representation in PTA, the better PTA can serve the school and the community.
- There are a lot of members who don't know about PTA.*
TRUE: Unfortunately, we assume that our members know about PTA. We have an obligation to talk about PTA in the local community. This can be accomplished by asking the District Director or Field Service Area Representative to come to your school and talk about PTA or present the course "PTA Road to Success" to your members and faculty.
- The PTA needs a lot of members.*
TRUE: One voice may not be very loud, but many voices speaking in unison can accomplish much more for the best in education and safe, healthy communities. PTA can be a vital force for the protection and welfare of children and youth.
- Individual PTA members must agree with the legislative focus of the State and National PTA.*
FALSE: The delegates at the State and National PTA conventions direct the organizations regarding legislative activity. The State and National PTAs then determine a process to implement these directives. Joining a PTA and becoming active in the organization will allow you to understand the big picture and, if necessary, change its direction.
- Purchasing a PTA membership is the end of my obligation to my school and community.*
FALSE: Volunteers at all levels of the PTA are extremely important. It takes a team to set goals and implement them for the students and community. Without volunteers, there would be no PTA-sponsored programs such as fun fairs, family nights, mitten trees, talent shows etc. Kids love to see their parents volunteering at their school. It makes them feel proud. Kids, whose parents are involved at school, have a greater chance of success in their studies. Sometimes only an hour of your time at an event can be a great help.
- It's easy to join PTA.*
TRUE: PTA is an inclusive organization. One needs only to pay dues and abide by the bylaws of the organization.
- The membership chairman is responsible for soliciting new members.*
FALSE: Everyone PTA is responsible for bring in new members. If everyone brought in one new member, our numbers would double and our voices will be louder.
- My PTA dues to State and National take away funds from my child's school.*
TRUE/FALSE: However, the \$3.25 to State and National serves a purpose beyond your school and community. **The PTA focus is education and advocacy.** Over the years, the PTA has been instrumental in the development of kindergarten, the school bus arms, the Vicious Dog Act, vaccinations, changes in the Juvenile Justice system, hot lunches, and development of the National Standards for Parent Involvement. The Illinois PTA has been focusing on adequate, equitable, and sustainable funding for the students in our state. Think about it — \$3.25 per person per year — much less than a latte, a pack of cigarettes, a movie rental, and a fast food order. Our kids are worth it.
- You can join the PTA at any time*
TRUE: You may join PTA at any time. PTA membership recruitment is a year-round event. To join, contact your local PTA or the state PTA office at 800-877-9617 to find a local PTA unit in your area.
- PTA won't raise huge amounts of money to augment the school budget.*
TRUE: The PTA is an educational and advocacy non-profit organization. The funds they raise are directed to programs/events for the students and to keep the PTA running smoothly. If funds are scarce in your school/district, parents and school administrators can also form a foundation whose sole function is to raise funds to supplement the school budget. These funds can be from grants, donations, or fundraisers. Everyone wins!

Reflections Exhibit can be viewed all weekend long!
Come see the inspiring projects.

Is your organization looking for program ideas, services, or fundraising opportunities?

Join us on Friday, March 13,
 9:00 am - 8:00 pm at the
 Holiday Inn Select Naperville to visit with
 non-profit and commercial
 exhibitors at the
 Illinois PTA Annual Convention.

Not a member? That is okay. You have the
 chance to attend by paying \$10.00 per
 person.



NOTE: If you are a convention registered delegate, or have a current PTA membership card, there is no additional charge.

RECYCLE TODAY!!

Did you know the number of retired cell phones in the U.S. weigh the same as a US Navy Aircraft Carrier! And the cadmium in a single cell phone battery could contaminate 600,000 liters of water - enough to fill 1/3 of an Olympic size pool. The EPA says that recycling one million cell phones would save enough energy to power almost 2,000 U.S. households. Most of us have 3-5 used cell phones hibernating somewhere and have no idea how to recycle these phones no longer in use.

Let's recycle those phones together. We will collect the phones at our state convention in March. You can ask anyone to assist you in gathering phones. If you can not make convention, we will assist you in getting us the phones.

REMEMBER, this is helping our environment.

For additional information you may contact:
2ptaers@ameritech.net

Resolutions

Please share and discuss each resolution below with your local unit/council prior to convention. We will be considering the proposed resolutions on Saturday evening during Session II. Come and share your voice and vote on issues affecting our children.

These resolutions for presentation at convention will be available for review on the Illinois PTA website, www.illnoispta.org. A list of active resolutions (those adopted at the 2006, 2007, 2008 conventions) can be accessed through the website as well.



I. RESOLUTION ON SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

WHEREAS: the Legislative Platform of the Illinois PTA, Item 6-a seeks to improve the quality of education, and Item 7-a provides for adequate legislative and/or financial support for the protection, health, and welfare of children and youth;

WHEREAS: Social and emotional problems experienced by children and adolescents, such as depression, anxiety, substance abuse, suicidal thoughts, juvenile delinquency, dropping out of school, engaging in multiple risky behaviors and the juvenile arrest rate for violent crime have grown considerably over the past decade;

WHEREAS: Social and emotional development is an essential foundation of cognitive development and related to academic achievement;

WHEREAS: Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) defined as the process of acquiring the skills to recognize and manage emotions, develop caring and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions, and handle challenging situations has effectively been proven by research to increase student achievement in academics (11%);

WHEREAS: the school setting is recognized as one of the most influential socializing contexts for any child outside the family to help him/her to acquire social and emotional skills; and

WHEREAS: Legislators, educators, youth-serving practitioners, and school support personnel recognize the importance of developing students' skills necessary to be successful in the workplace, make ethical decisions, and be contributing members of society.

RESOLVED: that Illinois PTA actively distribute information on and promote the inclusion of Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) content, skills, evaluation and assessment standards within school curricula as has been developed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE);

RESOLVED: that Illinois PTA encourage and support the education of students, parents, teachers, administrators and legislators in SEL working in a collaborative manner with other organizations of similar interest; and

RESOLVED: that Illinois PTA seek and support increasing the efforts of the Illinois State Board of Education to educate local school districts in the importance and requirements to implement SEL standards.

Submitted by Neuqua Valley High School PTSA

II. RESOLUTION ON TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, Item 2-b of the Illinois PTA Legislation Platform calls for "adequate and equitable sources of revenue for schools" and further states in explanation: "The Illinois PTA has long sought a combination of state and local property taxes to support education that will best create a stable source of income when the economy fluctuates. Presently the heavy dependence on local property taxes to fund education contributes to inequitable funding of schools between districts because of varying property values;

WHEREAS, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is an alluring tool that allows municipalities to promote special projects for economic development by earmarking property tax revenue from increases in assessed values within a designated TIF district for up to 23 years, with possible extensions, diverting needed funds from local taxing bodies, including school districts.

WHEREAS, a TIF designation usually requires a finding that an area is "blighted" or "underdeveloped" and that development would not take place "but for" the TIF; however specialized consultants can produce the needed evidence in almost all TIF cases and the requirement for these findings does little to restrict the location of districts;

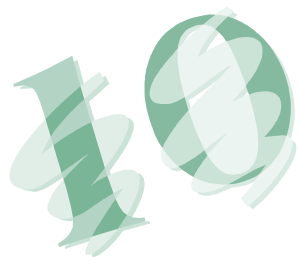
WHEREAS, there are no requirements that the municipality take the needs of the school district's wellbeing into their TIF adoption decision or share in the benefits of the TIF District.

WHEREAS, Many school districts struggle with lack of funding while trying to meet adequate yearly progress to avoid sanctions of the No Child Left Behind Act,

RESOLVED, The Illinois PTA seek and support changes in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) legislation which would give an Illinois school district the option of having its property tax revenue excluded from tax increment financing or, alternatively, include a provision which requires municipalities to come to an agreement with school districts that provides an equitable share of the benefits rendered from the TIF District from its beginning.

Submitted by the Illinois PTA Legislation Policies Committee

The Legislation Policies Committee has reviewed these resolutions and in its opinion they both meet the printed criteria for consideration by the convention body.



TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS

**ON THE PLACEMENT AND CARE OF
CHILDREN IN SUBSTITUTE CARE
AND**

**THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
Illinois PTA 1999 Report Revisited
Including New Recommendations**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following are the recommendations the Illinois PTA now makes as a result of revisiting its 1999 *Report on the Placement and Care of Children in Substitute Care and the Juvenile Court System.* This new report, “*Ten Years of Progress*,” includes some recommendations from the original report, which are indicated at the end with (1999), and some new recommendations, which are indicated at the end with (new).

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Support a maximum effort to eliminate the pervasive effects of the use of alcohol and illegal drugs by both adults and children. Increased prevention and treatment programs must be made available, particularly for parents and young people. The legislature must provide adequate funds for these prevention and intervention programs so as to assure services are available to all who need them. (1999)
2. Support a maximum effort to assure that all children in Illinois complete their high school education. (1999)

SUBSTITUTE CARE RECOMMENDATIONS

Legal Protection of Foster Children

3. Assure that the Guardian ad Litem assigned to every child under the jurisdiction of the court is trained to provide a continuing presence and support for the child, and assure that the best interests of the child are presented before the court regarding decisions such as placement. (1999)
4. Provide that children’s attorneys shall not serve as their Guardian ad Litem, so as to avoid a conflict of interest. (1999)
5. Encourage the expansion of programs such as CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), which provide volunteers who investigate the situations of children coming before the court, and provide information and recommendations to the court. (1999)

Permanency Provisions

6. Provide a strong family reunification program, where it is in the best interest of the children, that includes continuing support for the children and family. (new)
7. Encourage adoption of foster children where it is in the best interest of the children, along with continuing support for the children and family where that is necessary. (new)

Services for Foster Children

8. Require that all children be provided with a continuity of services, including any foster care or residential services, as close to the child's home community as possible, preferably within the same county. (1999)
9. Provide increased attention and services for older children in the system, providing better preparation of teenagers for independent living. (1999)

Support the Education of Foster Children

10. Provide additional financial support to public schools for enrolled foster children, who are in the care of DCFS and the juvenile courts, so as to assure that the schools can provide an appropriate educational program for these children as well as necessary psychological and social services. (1999)
11. Require that DCFS assure that school and medical records accompany the placement of children to substitute care and school settings. (1999)

Support for Foster Parents and Foster Homes

12. Provide required training for foster parents, both traditional (not related to the child) and non-traditional (related to the child), including specialized training on handling children who are medically fragile (including meth, fetal alcohol syndrome, HIV and crack), abused, neglected or who have emotional or behavioral problems. (1999)
13. Give foster parents adequate background information on the children entrusted to them so that they can better understand the children and more effectively meet their needs. (1999)
14. Provide on-going support for foster parents, including help for handling the specific needs of a child, and assistance such as respite care. (1999)
15. Assure appropriate monitoring of foster homes to better protect the welfare of the children placed in them, including a statewide placement database. (1999)

Training for Social Service Employees

16. Require proper training and certification/licensure of caseworkers, social workers and staff working with children in the child welfare system, along with competitive salaries to match these qualifications. (1999)
17. Require that caseworkers, social workers and staff maintain their certification with a program of continuing education. (1999)

Support and Supervision of Residential Facilities

18. Provide adequate residential facilities in Illinois so that the state's children do not need to be placed out of state. (1999)
19. Require that the period of placement of children in residential facilities is of sufficient length to assure that the children receive all of the services they need to prepare them for future placement. (1999)
20. Require a continual process of evaluation of the programs offered by residential facilities, including follow-up on children who have completed such programs, so as to ascertain their programs' effectiveness and enable adjustments that will improve their success. (1999)



TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS (continued)



JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS

Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

21. Support the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, and adequate appropriations for its provisions, which provide financial support to states for programs that relate to juvenile justice. (1999)

Juvenile Court System

22. Raise the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to all youth under the age of 18. (1999)
23. Support without exception, that the jurisdiction of the juvenile court must be based on age, and not on the alleged crime. The determination to transfer a minor to the criminal court for trial as an adult must be made by the juvenile court, not by automatic transfer statutes. (1999)
24. Provide alleged juvenile offenders with adequate legal counsel at all stages in their contact with the justice system. (1999)
25. Provide judges and juvenile court staff with appropriate child development training, including on the development of the adolescent brain, to be well prepared to handle juvenile youth. (1999)
26. Support provisions to reduce disproportionate representation of minorities in the juvenile justice system. (new)
27. Support expungement of juvenile records, and court discretion in sex offender registration of juveniles. (new)
28. Study the elimination of the sentencing of juveniles to Life Without Parole. (new)

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice

29. Support the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice and its mission devoted to the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders. (new)
30. Provide sufficient community-based alternatives and adequate intervention programs of graduated sanctions to avoid detaining youth in secure detention unless absolutely necessary for the safety of the youth or the community. (new)
31. Support Redeploy Illinois and the expansion to all Illinois counties of this program that gives counties financial support to provide comprehensive services in their home counties to youth who might otherwise have been sent to a juvenile corrections center. (new)
32. Support the reform of the conditions of confinement for all youth in juvenile detention or correction facilities, including providing appropriate and adequate rehabilitation, as well as educational and social services. (1999)

****Mark Your Calendar****

2009 PTA National Convention

113th Annual PTA National Convention & Exhibition

Friday, June 26–Monday, June 29, 2009

Greater Ft. Lauderdale Broward County
Convention Center, Ft. Lauderdale, FL



Join thousands of parents, teachers, students, and leaders who come to national convention each year to enhance their skills, connections, and success!

- ◇ Education — Choose from 30+ workshops
- ◇ Exhibits — Visit more than 200 exhibits
- ◇ Issues — Raise your voice on national business and emerging issues
- ◇ Resources — Gather 100s of ideas, handouts, giveaways —interact with 1,000s of other PTA leaders from around the country
- ◇ Ft. Lauderdale — Stay and play in this great family vacation destination

Registration and hotel information will be available March 2009. For more information to help you plan, please email nptameetings@pta.org.

****Mark Your Calendar****

You are cordially invited to YOUR District Caucus

★ Share lunch with your colleagues while discussing PTA business. Learn
★ about issues, bylaws and candidates. Get your questions answered and be
★ informed so that you can make informed and knowledgeable votes.

**Saturday, March 14th
1:15-2:15pm**

*See your District Director for the specific location in the
hotel.*

Your PTA is Stellar

Share with us all the wonderful initiatives your local PTA is
doing for children and their community.

Visit our website at www.illinoispta.org to download the
different award applications available.

THEN

Join us at our Awards Celebration on Friday, March 13

**Award Applications must be postmarked no later than
February 28, 2009.**



Proposed Amendments to the Illinois PTA Bylaws - 2009



As adopted by the State Board of Managers, January 10, 2009

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP, LOCAL PTA/PTSA UNIT MEMBERSHIP, #Section 2.

Strike: “without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin”

Insert: “to **all** who believe in the Mission and Vision statements of the National PTA and the Objects of the Illinois PTA **inclusively.**”

Present form:

#Section 2.

Membership in each local PTA/PTSA unit shall be made available by the local PTA/PTSA unit without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin.

Proposed Amendment:

#Section 2.

Membership in each local PTA/PTSA unit shall be made available by the local PTA/PTSA unit to all who believe in the Mission and Vision statements of the National PTA and the Objects of the Illinois PTA inclusively.

Rationale: To state inclusively of membership, without specific reference and to prevent local unit exclusion from membership. Note that this will change the Local bylaws also.

ARTICLE VIII – DUES AND FEES, section 3, #b.

Add Proviso

PROVISO: Beginning July 1, 2010, the annual dues of the Illinois PTA shall be two dollars (\$2.00) for every member of each local PTA/PTSA unit.

Proposed Amendment:

PROVISO: Beginning July 1, 2010, the annual dues of the Illinois PTA shall be two dollars (\$2.00) for every member of each local PTA/PTSA unit.

Rationale: To provide for expansion of programs and services to local units, financial stability of association.

ARTICLE XI - BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Section 1

Insert: "c. Action taken by the committee shall require a majority vote of the committee."

Present form:

Section 1.

- a. There shall be a board development and nominating committee responsible for identifying characteristics and skill sets needed for leadership in the Illinois PTA.
- b. The committee shall evaluate interested individuals, and nominate one (1) eligible candidate for each of the:
 - executive committee positions, as defined within these bylaws,
 - standing committee chairmen, field service area representatives and specialists, as defined within these bylaws.

Proposed Amendment:

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 - executive committee positions, as defined within these bylaws,
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- c. Action taken by the committee shall require a majority vote of the committee.

Rationale: To establish voting procedure for the committee.

ARTICLE XII- OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Insert: New Section 2. "Elected officers shall assume duties July 1 following election, unless otherwise stipulated. The president-elect shall succeed automatically to the office of president."

Proposed Amendment:

Section 2.

Elected officers shall assume duties July 1 following election, unless otherwise stipulated. The president-elect shall succeed automatically to the office of president.

Rationale: To clarify the President-Elect structure.

Proposed Amendments to the Illinois PTA Bylaws - 2009

ARTICLE XIV - DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND THEIR ELECTION, ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Section 3

Strike: "one-fifth (1/5)"

Insert: "ten-percent (10%)"

Insert: between district and shall " , representing at least two (2) local PTA/PTSA units,"

Present form:

Section 3.

The election shall be held at the district annual meeting or in the event of an emergency at a special meeting designated for that purpose. Representatives of one-fifth (1/5) of all local PTA/PTSA units in the district shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 3.

The election shall be held at the district annual meeting or in the event of an emergency at a special meeting designated for that purpose. Representatives of ten-percent (10%) of all local PTA/PTSA units in the district, representing at least two (2) local PTA/PTSA units, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XIV - DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND THEIR ELECTION, ELECTION OF DIRECTOR, Section 5, Second paragraph

Insert: between district and shall: " , representing at least two (2) local PTA/PTSA units,"

Present form:

Section 5.

The election shall be held at the district annual meeting or in the event of an emergency at a special meeting designated for that purpose not later than April 15. The report of the nominating committee shall be the first item of business at such annual meeting.

Representatives of not less than ten-percent (10%) of all local PTA/PTSA units in the district shall constitute a quorum. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 5.

The election shall be held at the district annual meeting or in the event of an emergency at a special meeting designated for that purpose not later than April 15. The report of the nominating committee shall be the first item of business at such annual meeting.

Representatives of not less than ten-percent (10%) of all local PTA/PTSA units in the district, representing at least two (2) local PTA/PTSA units, shall constitute a quorum. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Rationale: The election of the District Director only requires representation from 10% of the PTAs. it is a good idea to have more than one of your PTA be represented.

ARTICLE XXI - FIELD SERVICE AREA REPRESENTATIVES, ELECTION, Section 2

Add Proviso following section: In order to create staggered terms, the Field Service Area Representatives who are ineligible for re-election in 2010 shall have the current term extended by one (1) year to June 30, 2011.

Proposed Amendment:

Proviso: In order to create staggered terms, the Field Service Area Representatives who are ineligible for re-election in 2010 shall have the current term extended by one (1) year to June 30, 2011.

Rationale: This proviso allows for the Field Service Area Representatives to have staggered terms.

Proposed Amendments to the Local Unit Bylaws — 2009

As adopted by the State Board of Managers, January 10, 2009

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION, section 2, c

Strike: “close of the general membership meeting in _____ (insert month)” and

Insert: “beginning of the new fiscal year.”

Present form:

Section 2

c. Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the general membership meeting in _____ (insert month) and shall serve for a term of _____ (insert length of term) year(s) or until their successors are elected and assume their duties.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 2

c. Officers shall assume their official duties at the beginning of the new fiscal year and shall serve for a term of _____ (insert length of term) year(s) or until their successors are elected and assume their duties.

Rationale: This amendment allows officers to complete their PTA fiscal year.

Proposed Amendments to the Illinois PTA Bylaws - 2009

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 5, c

Strike “within ten (10) days following the meeting at which their successors take office”

Insert “prior to the start of the fiscal year with the exception of the treasurer who will deliver material at the conclusion of the annual audit.”

Present form:

Section 5.

All officers shall:

- c. deliver to their successors all official material within ten (10) days following the meeting at which their successors take office.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 5.

All officers shall:

- c. deliver to their successors all official material prior to the start of the fiscal year with the exception of the treasurer who will deliver materials at the conclusion of the annual audit.

Rationale: Financial audit should be done before turning over records to next treasurer.

Proposed Amendments to the Council Bylaws — 2009

As adopted by the State Board of Managers, January 10, 2009

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION, Section 1

Strike “close of the general membership meeting in (insert spring month or season)”

Insert: “beginning of the new fiscal year.”

Present form:

Section 1.

The officers of this council shall be a president, _____ (insert # or precedence) vice president(s), a secretary(ies), and a treasurer. These officers shall be elected by ballot annually at the general membership council meeting in _____ (insert month or meeting). However, if there is only one (1) candidate for any office upon adoption of a motion from the floor the election for that office (or offices) may be by voice. Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the general membership meeting in _____ (insert spring month or season) and shall serve for a term of _____ (insert length of term generally 1 or 2) year(s) or until their successors are elected.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 1.

The officers of this council shall be a president, _____ (insert # or precedence) vice president(s), a secretary(ies), and a treasurer. These officers shall be elected by ballot annually at the general membership council meeting in _____ (insert month or meeting). However, if there is only one (1) candidate for any office upon adoption of a motion from the floor the election for that office (or offices) may be by voice. Officers shall assume their official duties at the beginning of the new fiscal year and shall serve for a term of _____ (insert length of term generally 1 or 2) year(s) or until their successors are elected.

Rationale: This amendment allows officers to complete their PTA fiscal year

ARTICLE IX - DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 5, c

Strike “within thirty (30) days following the annual meeting”

Insert: “prior to the start of the fiscal year with the exception of the treasurer who will deliver materials at the conclusion of the annual audit.”

Present form:

Section 5.

All officers shall:

- c. deliver to their successors all official material within thirty (30) days following the annual meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 5.

All officers shall:

- c. deliver to their successors all official material prior to the start of the fiscal year with the exception of the treasurer who will deliver materials at the conclusion of the annual audit.

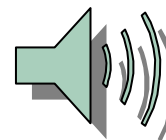
Rationale: This amendment allows for the financial records to passed on according to their PTA fiscal year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT THE 2009 CONVENTION

Officers of the Illinois PTA for the 2009-2011 term will be elected at the 2009 Illinois PTA Convention. Every registered delegate has the privilege and responsibility to vote in this election. A complete list of proposed election rules will be printed in the convention program book.

Only delegates registered prior to 1:45pm on Saturday, March 14, 2009 and on the polling list prepared by the registration committee shall be entitled to vote.

Meet the Candidates



Bruce Bohren — President-Elect

Bruce is currently completing his second term as the Illinois PTA Treasurer. He has served on the state board of managers as the District 2 Director and as Membership Chairman. Bruce has served on several committees at the state level including bylaws, policy and procedure, technology, district redesign, and building & operations. His convention responsibilities have included Exhibits (chairman), Headquarters (chairman), Pages, and Ushers. He has served at his local unit as president, first vice president, parliamentarian, bylaws and legislation chairman. Bruce is a recipient of the Gold and Platinum Cards. Bruce has been a School Board Member since 1997 serving as its president for seven years and vice president for two years. He has been involved with several committees including finance, goals, and negotiations. Bruce is a senior staff engineer at Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.

Peggy Staehlin — Vice President of Field Operations

Peggy currently serves the Illinois PTA as Vice President of Field Operations. She joined the Illinois PTA state board of managers as District 19 Director and has served as Resolutions Chairman. She served on the Illinois PTA Task Force on Placement of Children in Substitute Care from 1997-1999. Peggy has been a member of Forest Ridge PTA since 1990. She has held the offices of President, Executive Vice President, and Building Vice President there. She also was chairman of cultural arts, membership, legislation, and building art volunteer. During her tenure as legislation chairman, the unit submitted two resolutions to the Illinois PTA convention delegates: Forty-Eight Hour Hospital Stay for Newborns and the establishment of the Task Force for Children in Substitute Care. She also was involved in the Oak Wood Park Council PTA where she served as president, vice president, and secretary. Peggy has completed the Illinois PTA courses and workshops; is a Gold and Platinum Card recipient; and has received the Illinois PTA Life Membership and the National Life Achievement Awards. Peggy has been active in her community as a PTA member of the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Committee in School District 142.



Colleen Charaska — Vice President of Program Services

Colleen is currently Illinois PTA Vice President of Program Services. Her tenure on the state board of managers includes: Leadership Chairman, Parent Involvement and Education Chairman and Coordinator, Convention General Arrangements Chairman, and Convention Program Chairman. As Leadership Chairman, Colleen organized and presented at Leadership Conferences and Train the Trainers. As Parent Involvement Chairman, she compiled the *Volunteer Chairman's Guide*. Colleen also presented Building Successful Partnerships at conferences, state PTA conventions and numerous schools throughout Illinois. She has completed all PTA Courses; is the recipient of the Illinois PTA Gold and Platinum Cards; and has received the Illinois PTA Life Membership and Book of Recognition. She represented the Illinois PTA at the Children's Mental Health Partnership. Colleen has served the Illinois PTA District 28 board as membership assistant and as part of the leadership team for the District. She began volunteering in PTA at Westdale School; held several offices including president, first vice president (membership), and second vice president (program); and also held several chairmanships. Colleen served as president and vice president (program) on Mannheim Council PTA. She was part of the PTA team at Mannheim Middle School.

Meet the Candidates (Cont.)

Michele Sheppard — Secretary



Michele is the Director for District 37 and is the current chair of the District Directors Conference on the Illinois PTA state board of managers. As a member of the state board of managers, she has served on the leadership development, membership, bylaws, SOS, procedure, editorial board, and board hospitality committees. She has chaired the president's page and exhibits committees at the Illinois PTA convention. Prior to her time on the state board of managers, she served the Arlington Heights Council of PTAs as president, first vice president, and legislation chair. She began volunteering in PTA at Patton Elementary School and chaired several committees there as well as serving as third vice president (programs) and later president. She has also served the Thomas Middle School PTA as hospitality chair, cultural arts chair, and vice president. Michele's community service includes being president of the ABC/25 Foundation, a member of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Superintendent's Board of Directors, and work with the Girl Scouts and her church. Michele has earned a Illinois PTA Gold Card and has received the Illinois PTA Life Membership, Book of Recognition, Distinguished Service Scroll, and Certificate of Recognition. She has also been awarded the Arlington Heights Council of PTAs Recognition Award and the Patton School Above and Beyond Award.

Barb Miralgio — Treasurer

Barb is in her second term as District 28 Director, and prior to assuming that office served three years as district treasurer. She began volunteering with the Scott School PTA and served in several committee positions including a year as the budget and finance chairman. She served four terms as treasurer over 14 years and served one term as president at Scott School PTA. She has also served as the treasurer of the Mannheim Middle School PTA and the Mannheim PTA Council. Barb has earned both an Illinois PTA Gold Card and Platinum Card and received two Illinois PTA Distinguished Service Scrolls and a Book of Recognition. In her community, she has been an active volunteer in her church, including serving as treasurer for seven years. She has been a leader with both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and has served as a board member and treasurer for Loaves & Fishes.



Ruth Johnston — Board Development and Nominating Committee Member (State Board of Managers)



Ruth is the Chicago Region Field Service Representative and currently serves on the Board Development and Nominating Committee in one of the three half-term positions created when the committee was formed in 2008. She has been the Scholarship Chairman and Convention Program Chairman for the Illinois PTA, and served on numerous state board committees including leadership, membership, and legislation policies. She currently serves on the Community Connections Task Force with National PTA. She has been the Midwest Council PTA president and the District 23 Director. She has served as treasurer at both the local unit and district level, and has been a vice president for budget and finance at the council level.

Rhonda Jenkins — Board Development and Nominating Committee Member (State Board of Managers)

Rhonda chairs the Illinois PTA resolutions committee and has been involved with legislation and advocacy with the PTA since 1999. Prior to serving as resolutions chairman, Rhonda was the Illinois PTA District 14 director and served on the Juvenile Justice Task Force, the public relations committee, and several convention committees. She has been active in the Millstadt Consolidated School PTA since 1991, and has served there as treasurer, legislation chairman, room parent coordinator, and assisted in organizing numerous activities. She is currently in her third term as a member of the Millstadt Community Consolidated School Board of Education and is the vice president of the board.



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