**Convention Workshops**

First Timers and Convention Orientation: Getting the Most Out of Your Convention Experience  
Presenter by Carolyn McCarty, Illinois PTA President-elect

**Mission: Advocacy**

The Road to Resolutions: Turn an Issue into a Solution  
Presented by Lisa Garbaty, Illinois PTA Legislative Advocacy Director

Be SMART: A Conversation about Kids, Guns, and Safety  
Presented by Sarah Porterfield, Be SMART Illinois State Lead, Megan Kivarkis, Be SMART Local Lead and Lucy Pask, Be SMART Local Lead

Advocacy 101: The Basics - How to Advocate for Your Child  
Presented by Lisa Garbaty, Illinois PTA Legislative Advocacy Director

Being a Voice for Children  
Presented by Rhonda Jenkins, Illinois PTA Vice President Program Services

**Mission: Family Engagement and Education**

Raising Healthy Teens: Marijuana  
Presented by Katie Gallager, Director of Education and Lance Williams, Education Manager Robert Crown Center

Guiding Conflict Conversations  
Presented by Lisa Ward; ISU/Center for Educational Initiatives

Building Number Sense and Fluency  
Presented by Cheryl Beasley, Mathematics/Educational Consultant at Bee Consulting

Unrelenting Achievement Pressures: Facts, Fears and a Path toward Student Well-being  
Presented by Dagmar Kauffman, On Balance Parenting

**Mission: Leadership**

Membership: Value of PTA  
Presented by Nore Walton, National PTA Associate, Membership Outreach

Explore Illinois PTA  
Presented by Greg Hobbs, Illinois PTA Southern Region Director and Carolyn McCarty, Illinois PTA President Elect
Boundaries that Create Accountability and More Effective Partnerships
Facilitated by Erica Nelson, Business Leader Faculty™ member, Lake Forest Graduate School of Management and Illinois PTA Federal Legislative Consultant

Today's PTA... Fostering Meaningful Connections
Presented by Greg Hobbs, Illinois PTA Southern Region Director and Carolyn McCarty Illinois PTA President Elect

Building and Maintaining Effective Teams
Facilitated by Erica Nelson, Business Leader Faculty™ member, Lake Forest Graduate School of Management and Illinois PTA Federal Legislative Consultant

Mission: Local Unit Boot Camp
PTA Financials: Do your members count on you to handle your PTA financials?
Presented by Olesya Malloy, Illinois PTA Treasurer

Bylaws Bingo
Presented by Jeannette Harris, Northwest Cook Region Director and Barb Quinn, Illinois PTA Consultant and past Illinois PTA President

Go From “Oh, No!” to “I Know”
Facilitated by Anna Weselak, Illinois PTA Parliamentarian, past Illinois PTA President, past National PTA President

Community Funding: Grants, Sponsorships, and Partnerships
Presented by Carolyn McCarty, Illinois PTA President-elect

Mission: MemberHub
MemberHub Explorers
Facilitated by MemberHub

MemberHub Commanders
Facilitated by MemberHub

Mission: Programs
Illinois PTA Family Fun Programs
Presented by Greg Hobbs, Illinois PTA Southern Region Director, Illinois PTA Vice President of Program Services and Carolyn McCarty, Illinois PTA President Elect

STEM Enrichment through Science Olympiad
Presented by Kent Schielke, Science Olympiad

Family STEAM Resources
Presented by Lisa Ward; ISU/Center for Educational Initiatives

The Art of STEM (How to Incorporate Art into STEM)
Facilitated by Laura Murphy, Illinois PTA Cultural Arts Director

Plugging in with Technology and Social Emotional Learning
Facilitated by Greg Hobbs, Illinois PTA Southern Region Director and Lisa Ward; ISU/Center for Educational Initiatives