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Illinois PTA 2023 Virtual Convention

Thursday, April 20, 2023
7:00pm – 9:00pm

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A Message from the Illinois PTA President, Carolyn McCarty

Welcome Illinois PTA Members and Guests,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 120th Convention of the Illinois Parent Teacher Association. This is a momentous occasion for us, as we come together to celebrate 120 years of advocating for children, promoting parent involvement, and improving the lives of families in Illinois.

While we would have loved to gather in person to commemorate this milestone, the virtual format of this convention provides an opportunity for even more of our members to participate from the comfort of their homes. We are grateful for the technology that allows us to connect with each other despite the physical distance between us.

Over the course of the convention, we have an exciting and informative program planned for you. Our keynote speakers and workshops will cover a range of topics, from advocacy and leadership to PTA programs and issues impacting our families.

We hope that this convention will provide you with opportunities to learn, grow, and experience first-hand the value of PTA. Take advantage of the chance to hear directly from our national leaders and state experts about how we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of children and families in Illinois. Help us celebrate our members, units and the 2023-2025 Illinois PTA state officers who everyday advance the PTA mission.

Once again, welcome to the 120th Convention of the Illinois PTA. Thank you for being a part of our annual event, and we hope that you will find it to be an enriching and rewarding experience.

Enjoy your convention!

A Message from the National PTA President, Anna King

Hello PTA Members:

Welcome to your state convention! This is an exciting time to learn and grow as a leader. What you learn this weekend and take back to your school community will help keep our PTA mission alive and thriving.

I am honored to serve as your 57th national president. For 126 years, we have made a lasting impact on the education and well-being of our children, and I am grateful to have each of you as a critical partner as we work to make every child’s potential a reality.

Our mission work has been quite challenging over the last few years and yet you still work hard every day to meet the needs of our children, families, and schools. There is so much more to do, and you are the changemakers and the voices we need to keep going.

Nelson Mandela once said, “It always seems impossible until it is done.”

Believe that when you partner with your school leaders and collaborate with families and community advocates and decisionmakers, you can change the world. Your time this week will bring you one step closer to making that happen.

Now is the time for us to recommit to our mission and core values and work together to create a bright future for our children and young people. That means you will have to go outside of our comfort zone to fully include all families, cultures and perspectives in your school community. Remember: No one person has all the answers. The goal is to collaborate to find as much common ground as you can to help all our children and youth succeed in school and in life.

National PTA is here to support you in this effort. We want every family in our schools to join PTA, because our voice is stronger, and we can do more together than apart. I can’t wait to see what we can accomplish together, as ONE PTA!

Thank you for all that you do in our schools and communities. We couldn’t do this important work without each of you. Have a great convention!
120th Annual Illinois PTA Convention President’s Report

We closed the 119th annual convention with a commitment to work within our means to provide new resources, opportunities and guidance to help our PTAs. So, this year, we expanded our use of technology to broaden our engagement with our members. We took steps to reduce our operational costs while not impacting the services we offer our units. New opportunities for PTA leaders to connect, receive information, and engage directly with state PTA leaders were implemented.

In May 2022, we introduced The Digest, a new e-publication connecting us directly with our members. The Digest is distributed monthly and shares information with our readers from fun activities for families to celebrating PTA programs held by local units, to advocacy efforts to achieve our mission and parent tools and tips. Our circulation has grown from 36K to over 53K in just eleven months and the engagement rate of over 50% is more than double the industry average.

We had to make hard budgetary decisions this year. In lieu of a dues increase last year and the continuing impact of the pandemic on membership numbers and donations, additional cuts were required to meet our operating expenses. In January, we closed the state office and cut back to one-employee who now works from home. Your elected state PTA representatives attending National PTA annual events such as National PTA Legislative Conference and National PTA Convention must cover their own expenses, placing an additional burden on those that step up to state leadership. The Illinois PTA State Board of Directors struggled with these decisions, but feel we had to take these steps so we could continue to provide the service our members expect.

We found new ways to provide our PTA leaders and members with resources to be successful. And though budget restraints would not allow us to host in-person leadership training and informational meetings, we expanded virtual opportunities. Back-to-PTA Launch sessions provided the 200+ leaders attending tools to help them navigate their upcoming PTA year and tips to succeed. The Launch package was also distributed to leaders across the state that were unable to attend a session. A virtual Open House gave leaders an opportunity to meet, share and learn on a variety of subjects including tax filing, program ideas, leadership opportunities and more. Northwest Cook Region trainers continued to offer core leadership training statewide including ‘Bylaws Bingo’, a new twist on understanding your bylaws.

And we saw results....

Our engagement growth continued as local units engaged and reengaged their families and communities. In 2021 we introduced the Reach for the Stars membership recognition program. This tier program recognizes local units, PTA Councils, Districts and Regions that through continued engagement show growth and stability. As of March 31, there are 157 divisions of Illinois PTA that have reached a star level. This is up from 111 star levels reached last year. With a structure that doesn’t just focus on the current year but builds on a unit’s history and success, we see this program soaring in years to come.

This year also saw a record number of National PTA grants awarded in Illinois. The 26 local PTA units, 1 PTA council, 1 Region, and State were recipients of grants ranging from $1,000 to $5,000, totaling $50,500. These funds have been used to carry out PTA programs in our schools and communities and to promote the PTA Mission in Illinois. See page 10 for list of grants awarded and their recipients.

After two years of hosting virtual SPOTLIGHT events, we were back live. On May 1, 2022, we welcomed back our Reflections artists and their families to Millikin University Campus. The more than 200 in attendance participated in workshops designed to inspire, engage, and connect participants through the arts and with each other. Exploration of the galleries revealed the depth of the talent of our students and their awareness of how powerful their voice is. This was also demonstrated during the live performance of the Decatur Youth Orchestra performing the Music Composition pieces written by our artists that advanced to National PTA.

Illinois PTA State Board of Directors’ commitment to the PTA Mission has not wavered. We will continue to listen to the needs of our members, find methods to meet those needs, while ensuring value of PTA is protected.

Carolyn McCarty
President, Illinois PTA
Featured Speakers

**Anna King** is the 57th president of National PTA. She has over 20 years of leadership experience at all levels of PTA, including Oklahoma PTA president and National PTA vice president of membership. Anna believes that it’s a heart for servant leadership that inspires people to do noble work that calls for them to offer the best of themselves, through humility and courage. She also believes that ALL children deserve to learn in a safe and welcoming environment, no matter who they are or where they come from. [Read more.]

**Laura Bay** was elected the 54th president of National PTA in 2015. Prior to her election, she served as president-elect, secretary-treasurer and on the Board of Directors. She also served on the finance, field service and organizational viability committees. Bay is a passionate advocate for education and children’s issues and believes that PTA is the organization which actively supports and promotes parent, teacher and community involvement in child and education issues. [Read more.]

Workshop Presenters (click on presenter’s name to learn more about them)

- **Bonnie Edwards, M.A. Ed**  
  *Mama’s “3 Pearls of Wisdom”*

- **Carla Tantillo, CEO Mindful Practices**  
  *SEL for Parents: Practices to Help Our Students Show Up and Engage*

- **Charley Cass, Superintendent**  
  *Bethel Grade SD #82*  
  *Maslow Before Bloom, Zoom and Doom*

- **Dagmar Kauffman, Founder of On Balance Parenting**  
  *Fostering Connection with One*Self*

- **Renata Witte, Chair National PTA Programs Committee**  
  *Planning Your Program Year with National PTA Programs*
Convention Workshops – Saturday, April 22, 2023

Session I
9:20 am – 10:05am

Mama’s “3 Pearls of Wisdom”
Are we meeting the basic needs of all students in any educational setting? Using Mama’s 3 Pearls of Wisdom through listening, speaking, and collaborative techniques, participants will engage in lively discussions using effective communication strategies to bridge families and the school community.

• Mama’s 1st Pearl of Wisdom – Cultivating Communication
• Mama’s 2nd Pearl of Wisdom – Becoming Aware
• Mama’s 3rd Pearl of Wisdom – Belonging to the Table

“This is where you start at the table, building relationships, making connections, identifying shared values, respecting diversity, lifting one another up. This is how we build stronger families and school communities.”

Presenter: Bonnie Edwards, M.A. Ed

Fostering Connect with One*Self
Interested in learning how to still the fluctuations of the mind born out of stress, fear, anxiety? Join Dagmar for an interactive, experiential introduction to Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction (MBSR). Discover the benefits of cultivating a mindfulness practice, stilling the mind, creating space to respond wisely to challenging emotions and reducing stress.

Presenter: Dagmar Kauffman founder of On Balance Parenting

Planning Your Program with National PTA Programs
Explore how you can engage families in STEM, healthy lifestyles, arts and more through a hands-on tour of National PTA’s signature programs. Sample some of the fun you will create at your school while you empower families with the tools they need to support student success. Gain program ideas, as well as grants available to support your efforts.

Presenter: Renata Witte, chair of National PTA Programs committee

Session II
11:25 am – 12:10pm

SEL for Parents: Practices to Help Our Students Show Up and Engage
Discover the power of partnering with parents to promote student self-awareness and self-regulation. Being “ready to learn” presents vastly different across the continuum, yet the constant for each student is the social emotional mindset of receptivity and personal connections. This receptivity starts in the home before the formal academic experience. Practitioners learn strategies to promote at-home challenging conversations and family well-being. Research has shown that students involved in home SEL work are more engaged in instruction and demonstrate more positive social behaviors. Become empowered with evidence-informed social emotional learning tools that effectively blend the home and the classroom.

Presenter: Carla Tantillo, CEO of Mindful Practices

Maslow Before Bloom, Zoom, and Doom
We have a lot to learn about how the COVID pandemic affected our children. This presentation is insight into how our kids feel about school and what directions we should take as parents and educators to meet their needs moving forward using Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs as the foundation of our effort.

Presented by: Charley Cass, Superintendent Bethel Grade SD #82

The Role of Grassroots Advocacy
In this workshop, we will describe how PTA puts your membership dues into motion across a range of issues through PTA’s advocacy agenda and efforts. Discuss how these issues affect students at your school and in your district, then, network with your peers as you design a grassroots advocacy campaign to generate awareness and support for the issue. Gain access to the knowledge you can use to apply this approach to an issue at your school or in your community.

Presenter: Laura Bay, Past President National PTA
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Illinois PTA 2023 Administrator, Teacher, and Volunteer of the Year

Dr. David Morris, Outstanding Administrator of the Year. Dr. Morris is the principal of Pleasant Hill Elementary in Palatine.

Dr. Morris is an exceptional educator who has made a profound impact on the lives of students and families at Pleasant Hill Elementary. His commitment to building positive relationships with students has resulted in a safe and inclusive environment where students feel valued and empowered to learn and grow. One of Dr. Morris's greatest strengths is his ability to recognize and build on students' individual differences and strengths. Dr. Morris also recognizes the importance of strong communication between parents, students, and educators and takes an active role in working with the PTA to ensure that all events, news, and projects are inclusive and transparent. His positive attitude and commitment to building relationships have had a profound impact on the school's culture, creating a sense of belonging and inclusivity that is felt by everyone. Dr. Morris' support of the PTA has been outstanding, and without his efforts, the community would not be able to come together as effectively.

Dana Andrews, Outstanding Teacher of the Year. Ms. Andrews is a teacher at Twin Echo Elementary in Collinsville.

Ms. Andrews uses multiple channels, including weekly communication logs, classroom apps, and individual messages, to keep parents informed and engaged in their child's education. Ms. Andrews works closely with families to develop individualized morning plans to reduce anxiety for students experiencing morning anxiety. Her efforts have helped ease anxiety, improve attendance, and create a more positive and productive learning environment. Her individualized instruction and frequent assessments foster student growth, as demonstrated by her impressive test scores ranking among the highest in the district. Ms. Andrews also regularly goes above and beyond to support families with special needs and medical concerns, easing their anxiety and providing invaluable support. Finally, Andrews' commitment to the PTA/PTSA is admirable. As Treasurer, she has brought new ideas and improvements to the budget and bookkeeping system, and her active involvement in meetings and events has been highly appreciated.

Betsy Bovee, Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Betsy Bovee is the PTA President in Jefferson Elementary in Collinsville.

Betsy Bovee made a long list of contributions to Jefferson Elementary from organizing events and planning fundraisers to advocating for the families of Jefferson Elementary. As the PTA president for several years, she has been instrumental in keeping the PTA active and vibrant. She has co-chaired many events, such as the annual Santa's Cottage and Winter Ball, which have become beloved traditions for students and families. She has also arranged the annual End of Year party, a full-day field trip that every student looks forward to. She has also worked closely with teachers to find ways to support their needs and the needs of the students during the pandemic, finding creative ways to motivate everyone. This year her unwavering dedication and tireless efforts have resulted in a $1,000 National PTA grant and IL PTA SILVER Star membership designation.

Congratulations to our award recipients and thank you to all our Administrators, Teachers, and PTA Volunteers.
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2022 - 2023 Program Grant Recipients

This year, 26 local PTA units, 1 PTA council, 1 PTA Region, and Illinois PTA were recipients of National PTA Grants. These grants ranged from $1,000 to $5,000, totaling $50,500. These funds have been used to carry out PTA programs in their schools and communities and to promote the PTA Mission in Illinois.

PTA Grant Recipients from Illinois

Healthy Minds $2,500 Grant sponsored by New York Life Foundation
- Abraham Lincoln PTA – Belleville
- Coolidge PTA – Lansing
- Leal PTA – Urbana
- Shabonee PTA – Northbrook
- Urbana High School PTSA – Urbana

Healthy Minds $2,500 Grant sponsored by The Allstate Foundation
- Aldrin PTA – Schaumburg
- Homestead PTA – Aurora
- Lincoln School PTA – Plainfield

Healthy Bodies $5,000 Nutrition Education Project sponsored by YUM-O
- Chicago Region

Family Reading Experience $1,000 Grant sponsored by Office Depot/OfficeMax
- Longwood PTA – Naperville

STEM + Family Science Festival $5,000 Grant sponsored by Bayer Fund
- Belleville Council of PTA – Belleville

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- Hoover PTA – Schaumburg
- Kendall Elementary PTA – Naperville
- Stone PTA – Addison

The Smart Talk $1,000 Grant sponsored by Norton
- Booker T. Washington PTA – Champaign
- Douglas PTA – Belleville
- Owen Elementary PTA – Naperville
- Sutherland PTA – Chicago
- Wehde ECC PTA – Crystal Lake

Be Internet Awesome $1,000 Grant sponsored by Google
- East Prairie PTA – Skokie
- Franklin PTA – Moline
- Georgetown PTA – Aurora
- Thomas Jefferson PTA – Hoffman Estates
- Mossville PTA – Mossville
- Pleasant Hill PTA – Palatine
- White Eagle School PTA – Naperville

Tobacco Prevention Campaign $1,000 Grant sponsored by Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
- Metea Valley PTSA – Aurora

Mary Lou Anderson Reflection Arts Enhancement $1,000 Grant sponsored by the family of Mary Lou Anderson
- Jefferson PTA – Collinsville

Family & Community Engagement $2,500 Grant sponsored by National PTA
- Illinois PTA

Congratulations to all Grant Recipients!

Want to hear about grant opportunities for your PTA? Register your email with Illinois PTA to received announcements of future grant opportunities as soon as they come available right to your inbox.
## 2022-2023 Membership Star Level Recipients

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**CONGRATULATIONS on Your Membership Achievement!**

Illinois PTA ‘Reach for the Stars’ Membership Recognition Program honors PTAs, PTA Councils, Districts and Regions that grow and support PTA membership. The tiered program recognizes membership growth and stability not just in the current school year but is also structured for PTAs to build on their success year after year. Learn more about the ‘Reach for the Star’ Membership Recognition Program.
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Whether you want to launch or enhance your teaching career, or move to the next level in administration, National Louis University can help you in your journey. Our degree programs and endorsements equip educators to make a difference in the lives of students and in the field of education. For more than 135 years, the National College of Education has pioneered new teacher preparation, educator advancement and educator leadership programs.

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WE BELIEVE IN YOUR BEST. ILLINOIS. FLORIDA. ONLINE EVERYWHERE.
Illinois PTAs and Schools Designated as National PTA Schools of Excellence 2021-2023

We are thrilled to honor the accomplishments of the five Illinois PTAs and their schools earning the designations of a National PTA 2021-2023 Schools of Excellence in Illinois. The efforts of these PTAs to engage families have resulted in a positive impact on our students. Family engagement is a critical component of the PTA vision, as we recognize parents are key partners in helping students learn in-school and at home.

Keller PTA and Helen Keller Junior High School in Schaumburg

Hoover PTA and Hoover Math and Science Academy in Schaumburg

Pleasant Lane PTA and Pleasant Lane Elementary in Lombard

Urbana High School PTSA and Urbana High School in Urbana

Urbana Middle School PTSA and Urbana Middle School in Urbana

Congratulations to all our PTA and Schools of Excellence!

Start Your Journey to Excellence

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 School of Excellence program opens soon.

Mark Your Calendar

All families from across the state are welcome to join us as we celebrate our students’ artistic accomplishments at our SPOTLIGHT event on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Walk through the galleries showcasing the Reflections pieces that received special recognition or advanced to the National PTA competition. Participate in workshops presented by students from Millikin University and the Illinois PTA State Board of Directors. Be present as we recognize the students for their works of art.

SPOTLIGHT and Illinois PTA are proud to be able to offer something for everyone.

See your family May 7, 2023, in Decatur!
THANK YOU, FAMILIES!
For Taking Action. For Vaccinating.

THE COMMON GOOD
Being vaccinated benefits EVERYONE. When all children in our communities are vaccinated, it helps keep family, friends, and other community members healthy too!

WHY VACCINES MATTER
- Childhood and adolescent vaccinations are so important because they train the immune system to recognize and fight diseases before you get sick!
- This helps children develop and live healthy lives into adulthood.

No one likes shots. For tips on how to support your child during vaccinations and to get medically accurate information visit HEALTHYCHILDREN.ORG or scan here.
Spring 2023 Leadership Series

**Collaborating Effectively: Playing Nice in the Sandbox**
This workshop will focus on the most effective and practical skills to collaborate and manage natural conflicts in a constructive way. Participants will offer their list of common conflicts in our PTA work and how we can successfully navigate mutually acceptable solutions. We will use a variety of activities to have a deeper understanding of conflict and to feel more confident in managing conflicts as PTA partners and leaders.

*Wednesday, May 10th
6:15pm – 6:55pm*

**PTA Officers Open House**
What did I get myself into? Join other presidents, vice presidents, treasurers for networking and time to discuss your new role! You will leave inspired and ready for your new role with information and a friend to call.

*Tuesday, May 16
7:00pm – 8:00pm*

**Parliamentary Procedures: Conducting Successful Meetings Using Parliamentary Procedure**
This webinar will help you to define what Parliamentary Procedure is and why it is important in running a successful meeting. Recognize the benefits to having an agenda and how to confidently conduct business using motions and amendments. Tie Parliamentary Procedure in with leadership skills and the result will be a successful meeting.

*Wednesday, May 10th
7:00pm – 8:00pm*

**Role of PTA in Your School District**
Join various local leaders as they discuss the role of PTA in their school districts. During this round table session, you will hear the stories of school district leaders and their partnerships.

*Wednesday, May 24
7:00pm – 8:00pm*

**Family-Partnership Standards in Action**
Are Your Standards in Action? Join us as we highlight the standards for Family-School Partnerships. We will discuss the standards and share ideas to help your local units put the standards into action. We will learn from each other, and you will be able to choose a goal that will strengthen your partnership.

*Monday, May 22
7:00pm – 8:00pm*

Register today for any or all workshops at [https://illinoispta.org/events/](https://illinoispta.org/events/)
One Hundred Twentieth Annual Illinois PTA Convention

Thursday, April 20, 2023 – 7:00pm

General Session I Agenda

Call to Order
Carolyn McCarty, President

Pledge of Allegiance
Greg Hobbs, President-Elect

Introductions: Past State Presidents, State Board of Directors and Guests

Platform Assistants
Greg Hobbs, President-Elect
Anna Weselak, Parliamentarian
Peggy Staehlin, Secretary
Barb Quinn, Assistant to the Secretary

Convenion Procedures
Anna Weselak, Parliamentarian

Convention Digital Program
Kristin Kramer, Convention Program Chair

Credentials Report
Connie McElveea, VP of Field Operations

Elections
Kristin Kramer, BDNC Chair

Report of the Board Development and Nominating Committee

Bylaws
Jeanette Harris, Bylaws Committee Chair

Amendments to the Bylaws
Proposed Substitutionary Bylaws

Finance Report and Recommendations
James Sklena, Treasurer

2021-2022 Audit
Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Legislation
Brian Minsker, Legislative Advocacy Director

Legislative Report
Resolutions Updates
Proposed Resolutions Amendment

Voting Procedures
Jolene Stark, Executive Director

Recess - 9:00pm

Saturday, April 22, 2023 – 10:15am

General Session II Agenda

Call to Order
Carolyn McCarty, President

Credentials Report
Connie McElveea, VP of Field Operations

Voting Results
Carolyn McCarty, President

National PTA Greeting
Anna King, National PTA President

Keynote Speaker
Laura Bay, Past National PTA President, Director, Mental Health America

Announcements
Carolyn McCarty, President

Recess (11:15am)
### Illinois PTA

120th Annual Convention

Delegates Registration Report

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- Registrants
- Visitors
- **Total in Attendance**
Illinois PTA Convention Procedures - 2023

ATTENDEES

1. Attendance at the annual meeting shall be limited to persons who have completed registration by the specified deadline and have paid all required registration fees.

2. All registrants will receive a participant’s status: Delegate; Registrant (must be a current member of a local unit); Non-member; or Guest (preapproved by the president or general arrangement chairman).

3. Those attending the electronic meeting must provide their full names and name of the local PTA/PTSA or council they represent or their Illinois PTA position as they sign into the meeting. Failing to do so may limit attendee’s ability to participate up to and including removal from meeting.

4. Attendees may join the meeting on any computer or smart device with an internet connection that can access the Zoom app or website.

5. All attendees must mute their microphones whenever they are not speaking.

6. Delegates are responsible for their connection to the internet.

7. The Chair may mute or direct the temporary disconnection or muting of an attendee’s connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. The Chair’s decision to do so will be announced during the meeting.

8. To provide a safe and welcoming event, all attendees are expected to behave with decorum and civility. Incivility, harassment or discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated. Illinois PTA reserves the right to take appropriate action to address any individual it believes fails to meet these expectations, including removing the individual from the meeting.

SPEAKING PROCEDURES

9. Participant wishing to speak will use the “raise hand” feature. After recognizing a delegate, the “raise hand” icon will be lowered.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS (except NOMINATIONS)

10. Proposed items of business will be posted on the Convention webpage no later than January 31, 2023 at 5:00pm CT.

11. From February 1 through February 21, 2023: Members who wish to comment on items of business may do so by using the comment form link on the Convention>Items of Business webpage.

12. All comments will be shared with respective committees. Committees will review and consider every comment and may use those comments to make amendment recommendations to the Illinois PTA State Board of Directors. The State Board of Directors must approve any changes to any items of business.

13. The final version of all items of Business will be posted on the Convention>Items of Business webpage no later than Monday, March 20, 2023. After this date, the proposed Items of Business cannot be changed.

14. A Virtual Town Hall will be conduction on April 13, 2023 when the items of business will be reviewed.

15. The Bylaw Committee shall be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the membership.

16. The Resolution Committee shall be authorized to correct spelling, grammar, punctuation and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the membership.

NOMINATIONS

17. Board Development and Nominating Committee’s report will be posted on the Convention>Nomination webpage no later than March 6, 2023 at 5:00pm CT. Link to candidates’ bios and speeches will be available on the website and the ballot.
18. Nominees from the floor, having given thirty (30) days written notification prior to the convening of the annual convention, will have a link to their bios included on the ballot.

MOTIONS

19. Due to the limitations of conducting business in a virtual setting, there will not be debate nor amendments on any items of business.

VOTING

20. Procedures for voting shall be approved by the Illinois PTA State Board of Directors and may include, but are not limited to, the use of the Zoom polling feature or a third-party electronic voting company.

21. Announcements of the voting results will be made during General Session II.

COMMUNICATION AND RECORDING DEVICES

22. Recording or streaming of the meeting is prohibited unless pre-approved in writing by the Chair.

MINUTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

24. All announcements shall be limited to matters pertaining to the convention.

Approved by the Illinois PTA State Board of Directors on behalf of Illinois PTA members on January 21, 2023.
Meet the Candidates 2023 – 2025 Slated Candidates

Jeanette Harris – Slated Candidate for Vice President of Field Operations

Jeanette’s PTA experience began 13 years ago when her eldest son started school in Palatine, IL. Her roles at the local level included calendar committee, membership, yearbook, Reflections, recording secretary, president-elect, and president. She hopped to the council and spent a year as a membership chair and then 2 years as council president. That tenure gave her the opportunity to lead the twenty local units struggling with a divisive school referendum that seemed to pit schools against each other. The second year gave Jeanette experience leading the council of PTAs through a work stoppage and the residual hard feelings. This led to an update in the Illinois PTA strike guidance to include all unions, not just teacher unions.

She believes that PTA training and the personal support provided through the levels of Illinois PTA are the gem of the PTA crown. Training sets us apart from other parent groups and will keep us relevant.

Jeanette is a good listener. Jeanette believes in the value of PTA and its mission. As VP of Field Services, her focus will be on providing additional training and valuable experiences to the members in all regions. Working with local leaders as they grow in their roles is enjoyable.

Jeanette is married with sons in 10th and 12th grades. She enjoys ice skating and attending her sons’ high school activities.

Kristin Massey Kramer – Slated Candidate for Vice President of Program Services

Kristin is currently serving as the Illinois PTA Immediate Past President and the District 41 PTA Council Legislation Chair. She has been involved with PTA since 2008 when her youngest son entered first grade. She previously served in the secretary, vice president, and president positions in her local PTAs in Glen Ellyn, as president of the Glen Ellyn District 41 PTA Council and DuPage Region Director.

Kristin joined the state board in 2014 and has served on various committees including Leadership Development, Legislation, Membership, Hospitality and Family Engagement. She has also served as the Convention General Arrangements Chair, Pages/Ushers Chair, Elections Chair and Board Development and Nominating Committee Chair.

Kristin is the mother of two sons, Nate and Ben and works full-time as a licensed insurance agent.

Peggy Staehlin – Slated Candidate for Secretary

A recently retired Early Childhood Teacher Peggy has taught preschool, kindergarten, second and third grade. As a mom of five children, she served on the local unit PTA board from the time her oldest was in first grade until her youngest graduated from Middle School.

Peggy has filled a variety of positions on PTA boards at the local, council, district, and state level. Her experience as a member of the State Board of Directors encompasses District Director, Resolutions Director, Vice President of Field Operations, President Elect and President, Convention General Arrangement Coordinator and State Legislative Consultant. This afforded her the opportunity to assist in building memories for families through PTA events, speak on behalf of children with trips to Springfield, help local units and councils and sit on statewide committees as a voice for parents.

These past experiences have afforded Peggy a unique insight of the operations of the State Board of Directors. Her knowledge of key deadlines, procedures, bylaws, and history will serve her well as secretary.
Jim Sklena – Slated Candidate for Treasurer

Jim believes PTA helps build a better “community,” better children, and makes us better adults too. PTA is one of the best ways I know of to help create, build, and foster a solid sense of community. Jim has a long history of volunteering within community organizations, including the Boy Scouts, his local high school’s booster club, a local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a state-wide on-call Search & Rescue (SAR) team, and, of course, PTA. He brings more than 30 years of personal experience working with not-for-profit groups and volunteers. His PTA experience began in 2007 simply serving pizza at a PTA Bingo Night. He has been a Treasurer and President at both an elementary and Jr. high school, a Council V.P., a Council President for three terms and have served on many committees along the way.

Jim currently serves as your Illinois PTA’s Treasurer and, if you’ll have him, he’d be more than happy to continue to serve you.

Catherine Jones Slated Candidate for Board Development and Nominating Committee (State Board of Director’s Member)

Catherine has been an active Illinois PTA member since 1987. She remains active at the local unit as well as the District and State PTA Level. She believes her years of expertise and strength will be a great asset to the Board Development and Nominating Committee. Catherine currently serves as the Illinois Chicago Region Director, a position she has held for the past two years. Catherine believes it is an honor to serve her Chicago PTA region leadership and the Chicago region units. She previously served on the Illinois PTA scholarship committee and as the PTA Treasurer on the Mid-Central PTA Council Board.

In addition to the PTA, she is currently serving in her school district D299 in a leadership role of Local School Council Community Representative at Frederick Douglass High School. She has also served as the Austin CAC Community Member for over 15 years advocating for students, families, and the community.

She has and always will support Illinois PTA and represent and advocate for all throughout the state of Illinois.

 MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Illinois PTA is now accepting 2023-2024 Member-At-Large applications for the following state PTA committees:

Education Issues    |    Leadership Development
Legislation Policies    |    Membership

This is a great opportunity to have a voice at the table without the commitment of a state board member, only one virtual meeting a month. Positions are limited.

For more information or to apply, click here.
Proposed Amendment to the Illinois PTA Bylaws

The Illinois PTA State Board of Directors make the following bylaws amendments recommendation:

ARTICLE VIII – DUES AND FEES, Payment of Dues, Section 3. #b, strike ‘two dollars and twenty-five cents ($2.25)’ and insert ‘two dollars and seventy-five cents ($2.75). Proviso: Effective July 1, 2023.

Currently Reads:  
The amount of the state portion of each member’s dues shall be determined by the Illinois PTA. The annual dues to the Illinois PTA shall be *two dollars and twenty-five cents* ($2.25) for every member of each local PTA/PTSA unit.

To Read:  
The amount of the state portion of each member’s dues shall be determined by the Illinois PTA. The annual dues to the Illinois PTA shall be *two dollars and seventy-five cents* ($2.75) for every member of each local PTA/PTSA unit.

**Rationale:** To create financial stability. The past 3 years, Illinois PTA received non-reoccurring federal COVID relief funds and reduced services to local units and members which allowed us to balance the budget. Increasing member dues by 50 cents in addition to shoring up the state PTA financial picture will allow for increased Organizational Expenses to include new programs, state representation, in-person region events/activities and inflation. If not passed, additional cuts to services will be required.

**NOTE:** This is an amendment to the current PTA bylaws. Substitutionary bylaws, if adopted, will reference the dues amount in Article IX, Section 3, a. 4, and shall read: The amount of the state portion of each member’s dues shall be determined by the delegates at the Illinois PTA annual convention.

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**Your Support Makes A Difference**

**SUPPORTING MEMBER**

Join to support the mission, purposes, and principles of the Illinois PTA.

**Note:** As Illinois Supporting Members you may not hold office or have voting privileges at the state level.

**Eúanse para apoyar la misión, propósito, y principios del PTA de Illinois.**

**Nota:** Si es un Miembro de Apoyo del PTA de Illinois, no podrá ser miembro del comité ni tendrá derecho a voto a nivel estatal.

**OPEN DONATION**

Give to help Illinois PTA develop the programs and resources to support local PTAs. Help support your children’s school by making a donation of any amount.

**Done para ayudar al PTA a desarrollar los programas y recursos que apoyan a sus PTA locales. La ayuda apoya las escuelas de los niños por medio de donaciones de cualquier monto.**

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

Est.1914 the Endowment Fund ensures PTA will have the resources to address emerging issues. Investing in our future will continue Mission, ensuring that Illinois families will be heard by Illinois policy makers and we will represent every child with one voice.

**Est.1914 el Fondo de Donaciones asegura que el PTA tendrá los recursos. Invirtiendo en nuestro futuro continuara nuestra Misión, asegurando que las familias de Illinois sean escuchadas por los legisladores y representaremos a los niños con una sola voz.**

Become a supporting member or make a donation today. [ilpta.memberhub.com/store](http://ilpta.memberhub.com/store)
Proposed Substitutionary Illinois PTA Bylaws

Rationale: Over the years process (how we do things) has crept into our governance document (the "what" we do). The Bylaws committee removed process items that belong in our Illinois PTA Policies and Procedures of the State Board of Directors leaving only governance items in our Bylaws.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The corporate name of this association is the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers, a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Illinois. It is commonly known and will be referred to in these bylaws as the "Illinois PTA."

**ARTICLE II - ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

The articles of organization of a constituent association include (a) the bylaws of such association and (b) the certificate of incorporation or articles of incorporation of such association (in cases in which the association is a corporation) or the articles of association by whatever name (in cases in which the association exists as an unincorporated association).

ARTICLE III – PURPOSES

#Section 1.

The Purposes of the Illinois PTA in common with the Purposes of National PTA are:

a. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community.
b. To raise the standards of home life.
c. To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare and safety of children and youth.
d. To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth;
e. To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth; and
f. To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.

Section 2.

The Purposes of the Illinois PTA are promoted through advocacy and education in collaboration with parents, teachers, educators, students, and the public; developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and are governed and qualified by the basic principles set forth in Article IV.

**Section 3.

The association is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding Section of any future Federal Tax Code (hereinafter "Internal Revenue Code").

ARTICLE IV - PRINCIPLES

The following are basic principles of the Illinois PTA in common with those of National PTA:

**a. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
b. The association shall work to engage and empower children, families, and educators within schools and communities to provide quality education for all children and youth and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process by influencing school policy and advocating for children’s issues, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education authorities, and local education authorities.
c. Illinois PTA shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth, and shall seek to promote collaboration among families, schools, and the community at large.
d. Commitment to inclusiveness and equity, knowledge of PTA, and professional expertise shall be guiding principles for service in Illinois PTA.
**e. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes.

ARTICLE V - RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA

Section 1.

The Illinois PTA is a branch of National PTA. The Illinois PTA is a self-governing association with independent legal existence.

Section 2.

The relationship of the Illinois PTA with National PTA and its duties, obligations, and responsibilities are set forth in the Bylaws of National PTA and in the charter that is issued by National PTA to the Illinois PTA.

Section 3.

The Illinois PTA shall adopt bylaws and other articles of organization as are not in conflict with the Bylaws of National PTA.

Section 4.

The Bylaws of the Illinois PTA shall be subject to review by the National PTA Bylaws and Policy Committee.

Section 5.

The Illinois PTA is responsible for compliance by the local PTA/PTSA units and council PTAs in Illinois with the Bylaws of the Illinois PTA and shall determine that such bylaws are not in conflict with the Bylaws of National PTA.
ARTICLE VI - DIVISIONS

Section 1.
The Illinois PTA board of directors may determine and set requirements for other divisions of Illinois PTA.

Section 2.
Divisions shall not legislate for local units.

Section 3
Each division is obligated upon dissolution or withdrawal of its charter by the Illinois PTA:

a. To yield up and surrender all of its books and records, all of its assets and property to a designated representative of the Illinois PTA who will distribute the assets as directed by the Illinois PTA;
b. To cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association with the Illinois PTA or status as a constituent association; and
c. To carry out promptly under the supervision and direction of the Illinois PTA all proceedings necessary or desirable for the purpose of dissolving the constituent association.
d. Dissolution of a division shall not preclude the immediate organization of a new division.

Section 4.
Each officer or board member of a division shall be a member of a local PTA/PTSA unit, as required in the division's bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – COUNCILS

Section 1.
The Illinois PTA may organize councils for the purpose of conference, leadership training, and coordination of the efforts of the local PTA/PTSA units in counties, cities, and other areas. Only local PTA/PTSA units shall be members of a council. A minimum of three (3) local PTA/PTSA units shall constitute a council.

#Section 2
by a majority vote of the local PTA/PTSA units in membership the council may initiate action in matters of common interest within council boundaries.

ARTICLE VIII – LOCAL PTA/PTSA UNITS

Section 1.

a. Bylaws of each constituent association shall include an article on amendments.
b. When approved bylaws do not exist, the current ILLINOIS PTA BYLAWS FOR LOCAL PTA/PTSA UNITS shall be in effect.

Section 2.

a. Local PTA/PTSA units shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Illinois PTA as evidenced by the issuance of a Charter.
b. A local PTA/PTSA unit in good standing is one which meets criteria prescribed by the Illinois PTA.

ARTICLE IX – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1.
NON-DISCRIMINATION.
Membership in PTA at all levels shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission, purposes and principles of National PTA and meets other qualifications for membership as prescribed in these bylaws and pays dues as required in these bylaws.

Section 2.
CLASSIFICATION

a. Local PTA/PTSA Unit Members. Every individual who is a member of a local PTA/PTSA unit is, by virtue of that fact, a member of National PTA and of the Illinois PTA by which the local PTA/PTSA unit is chartered and is entitled to all the benefits of membership.
b. Illinois PTA Supporting Members. Individuals who are interested in supporting the mission, vision, and purposes of the Illinois PTA as a supporting member shall pay dues directly to Illinois PTA. Illinois PTA Supporting Members desiring voting privileges or to hold office must pay dues to a local PTA PTSA Unit.

Section 3.
DUES

a. Local PTA/PTSA Unit
1. Annual Dues. Members shall pay annual dues, as may be determined by the local PTA/PTSA Unit, which shall include the local PTA/PTSA Unit portion, Illinois PTA portion and National PTA portion.
2. The amount of the local membership dues shall be determined by the members of the local PTA/PTSA unit.
3. The National portion of each member’s dues shall be determined by the delegates at the National PTA annual convention.
4. The amount of the state portion of each member’s dues shall be determined by the delegates at the Illinois PTA annual convention.
b. Illinois PTA Supporting Member. Dues for the Illinois PTA Supporting Members shall be established by the State Board of Directors.

Section 4.
DUES SUBMISSION

a. Local PTA/PTSA Unit. The state and national portions of the dues paid by each member shall be remitted to the Illinois PTA as prescribed by Illinois PTA. The Illinois PTA shall remit to the National PTA the amount of the national portion of dues remitted monthly to National PTA. Local units failing to remit dues by December 31 shall be considered delinquent.
b. Illinois PTA Supporting Member. Dues shall be remitted to Illinois PTA.

Section 5.
DELINQUENCY

a. A local PTA/PTSA unit shall be considered delinquent if by December 31, it has failed to send to the Illinois PTA the state and national portion of dues paid by no less than twenty-five (25) individual members or no less than ten
ARTICLE I - ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. General Membership

b. Officers of the Illinois PTA shall be a president, president-elect, vice president of field operations, vice president of program services, a secretary, and a treasurer. To be eligible for nomination or election as president-elect, an individual must have served on the state board of directors. With the exception of president, officers shall be elected by the convention body in odd numbered years for a term of two (2) years.
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.

Section 3.
The secretary and treasurer shall be eligible for three (3) terms and the vice presidents shall be eligible for two (2) terms in the same office. Those who have served one-half (1/2) a term or more shall be considered to have served a full term.

Section 4.
ELECTION
Election of officers shall take place at the annual convention in odd numbered years in accordance with rules adopted by the convention. The election shall be conducted by ballot when there are more candidates than open positions. A majority shall elect. When there are an equal number of candidates as open positions, upon motion from the floor, the election may be by voice vote.

Section 5.
VACANCY
a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the president, the president-elect shall become the president, and shall hold office for the balance of the term and continue in the presidency for the following term providing not more than one-half (1/2) of a full term as president has been served. A vacancy in the office of president-elect shall be filled by the delegate body at the next convention. In the interim, duties of the president-elect shall be delegated by the president.
b. In the event of vacancies in the offices of both the president and the president-elect, a meeting of the executive committee shall be called by the secretary to elect an individual from among the vice presidents to represent the president.
c. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled for the unexpired term by the state board of directors. Anyone wishing to be considered for a vacancy shall submit their name to the Illinois PTA President. Such recommendation must be submitted prior to the convening of the meeting of the state board of directors when nominees will be considered. Election to fill vacancy shall take place at the next regular meeting of the state board of directors following the date on which the vacancy occurs. Election shall be by ballot. A majority vote shall be required for election.

ARTICLE XIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1.
The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Illinois PTA.

Section 2.
PRESIDENT
The president shall:
  a. preside at all meetings of the Illinois PTA, the state board of directors, and the executive committee;
  b. serve as spokesperson for Illinois PTA
  c. be an ex-officio member of all committees except the board development and nominating committee;
  d. sign all contracts ordered by the state board of directors.

Section 3
PRESIDENT-ELECT
The president-elect shall:
  a. act as an aide to the president and shall perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of the president to serve; and
  b. be responsible for legislative activity.

Section 4.
VICE PRESIDENTS
a. The vice president of field operations shall:
  1. advise and assist region directors;
  2. perform duties as assigned by the president.
b. The vice president of program services shall:
  1. advise and assist program directors;
  2. perform duties as assigned by the president.

c. perform duties as assigned by the president.

Section 5.
SECRETARY
The secretary shall:
  a. keep accurate minutes of Illinois PTA executive committee, state board of directors, and Illinois PTA convention meetings;
  b. conduct such correspondence as the Illinois PTA, the state board of directors or the executive committee may direct.
  c. perform duties as assigned by the president

Section 6.
TREASURER
The treasurer shall:
  a. serve as chair of the budget committee and present the budget to the membership;
  b. present an auditor’s report to the convention; and
  c. be chairman of the Endowment Fund Trustees.
  d. perform duties as assigned by the president

The state board of directors may delegate certain duties of the treasurer to one (1) or more of the staff personnel.

ARTICLE XIV - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.
MEMBERSHIP
The executive committee of the Illinois PTA shall be composed of the elected officers. The executive director shall serve as a consultant. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2.
MEETINGS
The executive committee shall meet at the call of the president and upon the written request of the majority of the members of the committee. All members shall have at least twenty-four (24) hours’ notice of such meeting.

Section 3.
DUTIES
The executive committee shall:

a. transact all business referred by the state board of directors;

b. act in emergencies between meetings of the state board of directors;

c. accept resignations of members of the state board of directors;

d. decide questions of cooperation with other organizations;

e. employ such personnel as may be needed to carry on the work of the Illinois PTA;

f. perform other duties described elsewhere is these bylaws; and

g. take no action in conflict with that of the state board of directors.

ARTICLE XV - STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.
MEMBERSHIP
The state board of directors shall consist of voting and non-voting members. Seventy-five percent (75%) of voting members shall constitute a quorum.

a. VOTING MEMBERS: executive committee, region directors, legislative advocacy director, leadership development director, and membership director.

b. NON-VOTING MEMBERS: immediate past president, district directors, legislation directors, program directors, and consultants.

Section 2.
MEETINGS
a. The state board of directors shall meet four (4) times annually.

b. With at least ten (10) days notification, a special meeting may be called:
   1. by the president.
   2. if requested in writing by ten (10) members of the state board of directors.

Section 3.
COMMUNICATION
All communication required by these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent electronically unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.

Section 4.
DUTIES
The state board of directors shall:

a. have authority over the business and funds of the Illinois PTA between conventions with the limitation that it shall not modify any action taken by convention;

b. following the adoption of the Illinois PTA budget by the delegates at the annual convention, the State Board of Directors may amend individual line items in the budget as necessary and report all such changes to the membership of the Illinois PTA, within thirty (30) days;

c. authorize the organization of PTA councils, districts, and regions;

d. decide questions regarding the status of organized units and other divisions, but these decisions may be appealed to the National PTA Board of Directors;

e. decide by a two-thirds (2/3) vote questions involving the failure of any division to comply with the state bylaws;

f. determine by a two-third (2/3) majority vote any amendments, additions or deletions to the Illinois PTA Statements of Policy;

g. other duties described elsewhere is these bylaws.

Section 5.
CONDUCT
All members serving on the state board of directors shall support and comply with these bylaws and the Illinois PTA Policies and Procedures of the State Board of Directors.

Section 6.
BOARD RESIGNATION
When a member resigns from the State Board of Directors, they have resigned from all appointed committees.

ARTICLE XVI - REGION AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1.
Region and district directors shall be elected by the delegates within the region/district. A voting member shall have but one (1) vote. Region and district directors shall be elected for a two (2) year term and shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) terms. Those who have served one-half (1/2) a term or more shall be considered to have served a full term.

Section 2.
DELEGATE REPRESENTATION
The representation for the election of region and district director shall be based on membership as shown on the books of the state treasurer at the close of the preceding fiscal year.

Representation for each local PTA unit shall be:

- 10-24 members - president or alternate and one (1) delegate (new local PTA/PTSA unit, local PTA/PTSA unit not affiliated with a school, or existing local PTA/PTSA unit where the school enrollment is less than one hundred (100));
- 25-149 members - president or alternate and two (2) delegates. For each additional 50 members or fraction thereof; one (1) additional delegate.

Local PTA/PTSA units chartered after the close of the preceding fiscal year shall be entitled to be represented by the president or alternate and one (1) delegate.

Each council shall be entitled to be represented by the president and one (1) additional delegate or their accredited alternates.

Section 3.
ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE
The election shall be held at the annual meeting or in the event of an emergency at a special meeting designated for that purpose.

a. Region Nominating Committee Election. Representatives of five percent (5%) of all local PTA/PTSA units in the region, representing at least two (2) local PTA/PTSA units, shall constitute a quorum.

b. District Nominating Committee Election. 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.

Section 4.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
a. A nominating committee of at least five (5) members shall be elected.
b. The nominating committee shall elect its own chairman.
c. The qualifications of the nominee shall be reported:
   1. To the region at least sixty (60) days prior to the region director election.
   2. To the district at least thirty (30) days prior to the district director election.

Section 5.
ELECTION OF REGION AND DISTRICT DIRECTOR
a. The election shall be held at the annual meeting or in the event of an emergency or vacancy at a special meeting designated for that purpose. The report of the nominating committee shall be the first item of business at such annual meeting.
b. Representatives of not less than ten percent (10%) of all local PTA/PTSA units in the region or district, representing at least two (2) local PTA/PTSA units, shall constitute a quorum.
c. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.
d. Immediately following the election, the state office shall send the results of the election of the region or district director-elect to the local PTA/PTSA units, councils, districts, and state board members declared from the region or district and the members of the Illinois PTA executive committee.
e. Region and district directors shall assume their duties July 1.

Section 6.
VACANCY
A vacancy in the office of region or district director shall be filled for the unexpired term by the State Board of Directors, provided the local PTA/PTSA units, councils, districts, and state board members declared from the region or district are notified by the state secretary and are allowed thirty (30) days to submit advisory recommendations.

ARTICLE XVII - DUTIES OF REGION AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Section 1.
Region directors shall:
a. perform the duties prescribed in these bylaws and the Illinois PTA policies and procedures of the state board of directors.
b. represent the local units, councils, and district directors at meetings of the State Board of Directors.

Section 2.
District directors shall:
a. perform the duties prescribed in these bylaws and the Illinois PTA policies and procedures of the state board of directors.
b. represent the local units and councils at meetings of the State Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVIII – PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Section 1.
ELECTION OF PROGRAM DIRECTORS
Program directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and may serve no more than two (2) terms in the same directorship with the exception of director serving in the legislation positions who may serve no more than three (3) terms. Those who have served one-half (1/2) a term or more shall be considered to have served a full term.

Voting Program Directors
a. Election of the Legislative Advocacy, Leadership Development, and Membership Program Directors shall take place at the annual convention in even numbered years except as provided in these bylaws.
b. The convention body shall elect the Legislative Advocacy, Leadership Development, and Membership Program Directors in accordance with rules adopted by the convention.

Advisory Panel Program Directors
a. A caucus to elect advisory panel program directors shall be held at the annual post-convention meeting.
b. Current voting board members shall constitute the caucus.
c. The officers of the caucus shall be the president and the secretary.
d. Program directors shall be elected by ballot vote.

Section 2.
VACANCIES IN PROGRAM DIRECTOR POSITIONS
A program director vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the State Board of Directors, provided the local PTA/PTSA units, councils, districts and state board members are notified by the state secretary and are allowed thirty (30) days to submit advisory recommendations.

Section 3.
DUTIES
Program directors shall:

a. perform the duties prescribed in these bylaws and the Illinois PTA policies and procedures of the state board of directors.
b. recruit a committee of members from different geographical areas of the state.

ARTICLE XIX - COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL RELATIONS

Section 1.
There shall be a committee on state and local relations.

Section 2.
This committee shall:

a. review any alleged violations by the constituent association,
b. report findings promptly to the state board of directors,
c. provide the constituent association opportunity to respond
d. recommend action for remediation

Section 3.
If the constituent association fails to comply with the remediation plan, the state board shall, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote withdraw the charter of the constituent association.
ARTICLE XX – LEGISLATION

Section 1.
LEGISLATION ACTION.
The Legislative advocacy director shall serve as chair of the legislation policies committee as prescribed by the state board of directors and these bylaws.

Section 2
The legislation policies committee shall coordinate the legislative and advocacy efforts of the Illinois PTA, including the legislation platform, resolutions, and continuing positions.

ARTICLE XXI - STATE CONVENTION

Section 1.
A convention shall be held annually except under the conditions provided within these Bylaws. The exact time and place shall be determined by the state board of directors.

Section 2.
The convention shall be the governing body of the Illinois PTA.

Section 3.
Only accredited delegates, upon payment of the registration fee as determined by the state board of directors, shall be entitled to participate in the business of the convention.

Section 4.
An accredited delegate shall have only one (1) vote.

Section 5.
Seventy-five (75) accredited delegates, representing a majority of the regions, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6.
Each local PTA/PTSA unit shall be entitled to be represented at an annual or special convention by its president or president-elect and by other accredited delegates or alternates. Representation of a local PTA/PTSA unit shall be based on the membership on the books of the state treasurer at the close of the preceding fiscal year, as follows:

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*And one (1) additional accredited delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof over three hundred (300) members.

++New local PTA/PTSA unit, local PTA/PTSA unit not affiliated with a school or existing local PTA/PTSA unit where the school enrollment is less than one hundred (100).

Section 7.
Each council shall be entitled to be represented at the state convention by its president and three (3) accredited delegates or alternates.

ARTICLE XXII - CANCELLATION OF STATE CONVENTION

Section 1.
In the event of an emergency, the state board of directors shall have authority to determine whether a convention shall be held; a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall decide and the vote may be taken as prescribed. In the event that the convention is not held, the state board of directors shall plan procedures for conducting all necessary business, including the election of officers.

Section 2.
In an election by mail or other means, each accredited delegate may cast a vote in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XXIII - NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Illinois PTA shall be entitled to be represented at the annual convention of National PTA by accredited delegates.

ARTICLE XXIV - ENDOWMENT FUND

Section 1.
There shall be an endowment fund of at least twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) managed by the treasurer, president, and president-elect as trustees under a written agreement of trust with the treasurer acting as chairman of trustees. The executive director shall serve as consultant.

Section 2.
ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES
The endowment trustees shall designate an agent approved by the state board of directors who shall act as a depository for the endowment fund. The designated agent shall be authorized to invest and reinvest the fund subject to the approval of the endowment trustees provided that at all times the fund shall be invested in securities designated by state law as “Trust Fund Securities.” The designated agent may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the endowment trustees subject always to the approval of the state board of directors.

Section 3.
Contributions, profits from the sale of securities, interest from the sale of securities, and interest from the endowment fund shall be placed in the endowment or general fund of the Illinois PTA at the discretion of the state board of directors.

Section 4.
The state board of directors shall have authority to transfer excess money to the endowment fund and shall stipulate the conditions under which these funds may be disbursed.

ARTICLE XXV - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Illinois PTA and its constituent associations in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these bylaws, the Bylaws of National PTA or the articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE XXVI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws and the articles of incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any annual or special convention of the Illinois PTA.

Section 2.

a. Amendments may be proposed to the state board of directors by a local PTA/PTSA unit, a region, or members of the state board of directors.

b. Proposed amendments shall be sent to the bylaws chairman not later than 60 days prior to the second board meeting of the fiscal year.

c. All proposed amendments shall be submitted to the state board of directors with recommendations from the bylaws committee at the following meeting of the state board of directors.

d. Proposed amendments not recommended by the state board of directors may be presented by the submitting unit with permission of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting at convention.

Section 3.

In the event a state convention is not held, these bylaws may be amended by mail provided all requirements of these bylaws are met and provided the proposed amendments pertain to an emergency situation.

Section 4.

The double starred (**) areas are in conformity with the regulations of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are required in the bylaws of the state, region(s), councils, and local PTA/PTSA units.

The number symbol (#) areas are required in the bylaws of region(s), councils, and local PTA/PTSA units of the Illinois PTA.

#Section 5

The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Bylaws of the Illinois PTA identified by a double star (**) shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the constituent association to amend correspondingly the bylaws of each constituent association. Notwithstanding the automatic character of the amending process, the associations shall promptly incorporate such amendments in their respective bylaws.

#Section 6.

Each constituent association shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the provisions of such of these bylaws as are identified by the number symbol (#).

Section 7.

The designation of the number symbol (#) to any article or section of the bylaws of a local PTA/PTSA unit or council shall be considered an amendment and shall follow the process of this article.

Section 8.

All changes to any article or section of the bylaws of a local PTA/PTSA unit or council designated with the number symbol (#) shall be considered an amendment and shall follow the process of this article.

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Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
June 30, 2022 and 2021

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| Total Current Liabilities | 5,000 | 2,285 |
| NET ASSETS |       |       |
| Without donor restrictions |       |       |
| Undesignated | 88,356 | 102,509 |
| Board Designated | 109,829 | 98,730 |
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# Illinois PTA Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

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Illinois PTA Proposed 2023-2024 Budget Cont…

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Illinois PTA advocacy efforts grew significantly in the past year thanks to more members responding to Calls to Action and contacting their legislators. In the eight campaigns Illinois PTA has run since last year’s legislation report, total letters sent to legislators increased 40% and letters sent by first-time advocates increased by 59%. Voter Voice, our advocacy tool, makes it quick and easy for PTA advocates to send a pre-written letter to their legislator, and the growth in both total and first-time advocacy indicates our members are learning how easy it is. The effect of this growth in advocacy is shown in our legislative results.

Budget

The budget passed by the legislature and signed by the governor included $350M in additional funding for the Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) formula, as well as additional funds for early childhood education and higher education. As Illinois House Speaker Chris Welch noted at the Illinois PTA Convention last March, most legislators now know that increasing EBF funding is critical to fully funding Illinois schools and its passage is not that controversial. However, recent elections have brought many new legislators to the General Assembly (99 out of 177 since 2018—56%) who are unfamiliar with the details of EBF funding and need advocates to inform them when this year’s budget is written. Illinois PTA continues to work with the Funding Illinois’ Future coalition to accelerate EBF funding to bring all schools to adequate funding within 10 years. Our current pace of funding EBF does not get us to full funding for almost 20 more years.

High School Grades, Transcripts, and Diplomas

A new law (PA 102-0727) prohibits public high schools from withholding grades, transcripts, or diplomas from students because of an unpaid balance on a student's school account. This means that high schools will not be able to deny a student the transcript or diploma they may need to continue their education or to get a job simply because their family could not afford to pay school fees, allowing them to improve their economic situation.

Illinois PTA also supports a bill in the current session that would ban school districts from withholding student’s record when they transfer to a new school on the grounds that the student owes a debt (HB1056).

Firearms

Following the adoption of a resolution on safe firearms storage at the 2021 Illinois PTA Convention, Illinois PTA has increased its advocacy on firearms issues. This legislative session saw the passage of two safe firearms storage bills, one bill addressing "ghost guns," and in the lame duck session, a bill banning assault weapons. Illinois PTA's focus has been on safe gun storage legislation.

One of the safe firearms storage bills (PA 102-0971) directs school districts to include instruction on safe gun storage in any class discussing safety in the home. The second bill (PA 102-1067) directs the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to conduct a two-year safe gun storage education campaign that includes a gun lock and gun safe distribution campaign and gun buy-back programs. The campaign must also focus on suicide prevention, youth or young adult survivors of gun violence, and families at risk due to domestic violence. IDPH must report the results of the campaign to the legislature.

Illinois PTA continues to focus on safe gun storage in the current legislative session, supporting bills to require safe gun storage information be available at all Secretary of State driver service facilities (HB2545), requiring health care providers to children under 6 to ask about unsecured firearms in the home (HB3771), and safe gun storage requirements (HB2723 and SB1521). We continue to oppose legislation that would allow school employees to carry firearms on a school campus (HB2931 and SB2389).
Student Confidential Reporting Act

The Safe2Help Illinois program rolled out in late 2020 to address youth suicide, bullying, and school violence. The program includes the safe2helpil.com website. The Student Confidential Reporting Act (PA 102-0752) puts into law regulations to handle student privacy issues regarding the program, requires the program to include specific activities (e.g., free helpline, website, etc.), and eliminates other state-operated school violence help lines (excluding the CPS Violence Prevention Hotline).

In the current legislative session, Illinois PTA supports a bill to include the Safe2Help Illinois information on all student ID cards (HB2156). We also support a bill (HB1234) that would require schools to post information on mental health resources for students provided by the school or the state in a space accessible to all students.

Foster Children

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has a long and continuing history of problems. The legislature passed several bills this session dealing with foster children in general. Here are some of the highlights:

- Creating the Holistic Mental Health Care for Youth in Care Task Force to make recommendations on providing every youth in care holistic mental health care within 30 days of being placed in foster care (PA 102-0898).
- When a child is placed in foster care, DCFS will be required to determine if they are eligible for Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Veterans benefits, or Railroad Retirement benefits, and if they are, complete an application for those benefits on behalf of the child (PA 102-1014).
- Amending the Foster Children’s Bill of Rights Act to include providing as part of the intake process instruction on inappropriate acts of affection, discipline, and punishment; providing appropriate intervention and counseling services regarding traumatic stress, special needs, or mental illness; providing enrollment in an independent living services program prior to transitioning out of foster care, including classes and instruction on independent living and self-sufficiency in the areas of employment, finances, meals, and housing; and providing an assessment by a third party regarding readiness to transition out of foster care prior to enrollment in an independent living services program (PA 102-0810).

Illinois PTA continues to monitor the new health care program for foster children, but as even legislators are discovering, information on how well the system is actually providing health care has been difficult to get from the organization running the program.

Mental Health

The legislature amended the requirements for health education to include instruction on how and where to find mental health resources and specialized treatment within Illinois (PA 102-1034).

Finally, the legislature directed the Children’s Mental Health Partnership to advise state agencies on designing and implementing short-term and long-term strategies to provide comprehensive and coordinated mental health services for children from birth to age 25 (PA 102-0899). The recommendations are to be based on the Illinois Children’s Mental Health Plan of 2022.

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Illinois PTA 2022-2023 Resolutions Report

Resolutions guide our advocacy work from the local to the state level. They provide a plan of action which addresses a current issue affecting children statewide in scope. They may be amended and updated or retired and are usually broader in scope than legislative issues.

The Resolutions committee in conjunction with the Legislation Policies committee continues its work of reviewing current active resolutions, working with like-minded agencies, monitoring legislation, and sharing information on these efforts with our membership. Information on current legislation efforts related to the 2021 Resolutions adopted at the Illinois PTA Convention; Resolution on Child Safe Gun Storage and Resolution on Health Care for Children in the Foster Care System, can be found in the Legislation Report.

Per the final resolved in the 2021 Resolution on Child Safe Gun Storage, Child Safe Gun Storage is a national issue. Therefore, the Illinois PTA Child Safe Gun Storage resolution was adapted and submitted to the National PTA for consideration in October. Michigan PTA also submitted a resolution on Safe Gun Storage. National PTA requested that Illinois PTA and Michigan PTA collaborate on a joint Safe Gun Storage resolution. A joint resolution was then submitted to National PTA and unanimously adopted by the National PTA Board of Directors for consideration by the delegates at the National PTA Convention in June 2023.

We continue to monitor the concerns raised by the 2018 Resolution on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS). This year the Resolutions committee has proposed amendments to the 2018 Resolution for adoption at the 2023 Illinois PTA Convention that we feel will help expand our advocacy efforts regarding ENDS.

Proposed Amendment to the Illinois PTA Resolutions

The Illinois PTA Resolutions Committee make the following Resolution amendment recommendation:

**Amendment to RESOLUTION ON ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS (ENDS):**

Add 8th Whereas, **Whereas**, studies indicate that youth smoking rates are higher when there are more tobacco retail stores near schools. Currently Illinois legislation does not address the proximity of tobacco retailers to schools nor does every local municipality, now therefore be it

Add 4th Resolved, **RESOLVED** that the Illinois PTA and its constituent associations work with other associations and agencies to encourage and support state legislation and local ordinances regarding the proximity of tobacco retail stores to schools.

**Rationale:** As research has linked greater tobacco retail store density with increased tobacco use among youth and the growing number of tobacco retail stores, this amendment would provide Illinois PTA and its constituent associations the opportunity to advocate against the proximity of additional tobacco retail stores near schools to further limit youth exposure to tobacco advertising.

Full Resolution may be found at [https://illinoispta.org/resolutions/](https://illinoispta.org/resolutions/)
Illinois PTA Convention Voting Procedures – 2023

Illinois PTA has contracted with Association Voting to manage the electronic voting for 2023 Illinois PTA Convention.

1. The president of the local unit/council or the director of the district/region the delegate is representing is responsible for completing the credentialing process. All credentialling information for voting delegates must be submitted to the Illinois PTA by 11:59 p.m. CT, April 5, 2023.
2. All credentialed delegates must be a paid member of the local unit they are representing (if they are registering as a local unit delegate), or a paid member of a local unit within the boundaries of the council, district, or region they are representing.
3. Each credentialed delegate must register to attend the 2023 Illinois PTA Convention by 11:59 pm CT, April 5, 2023 and pay all required registration fees.
4. Each credentialed delegate will receive an email containing:
   • Instructions on the voting process;
   • A unique link to the site to cast their votes; and
   • A link to view candidate information.
5. The polls will open on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 8:30 pm CT.
6. The polls will close on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 5 pm CT.
7. Elections results will be announced during General Session II on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

Approved by the Illinois PTA State Board of Directors on behalf of Illinois PTA members on January 21, 2023.