



National PTA's mission: to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

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Kentucky PTA Convention 2017
Friday, July 14 - Saturday July 15

Location: Bowen Elementary
1601 Roosevelt Avenue, Louisville,
Kentucky 40242

[Click here](#) to see our convention schedule.

[Register now](#) for an excellent opportunity for leadership training, networking with fellow PTA/PTSA leaders from across Kentucky, accepting awards on your association's behalf, and making

A Message from Kentucky PTA President

Some of you have only a short time left in your term. Many times we have a tendency to look at the goals we did not complete, but we must remember all of the great things we did accomplish. PTA programs benefit All children in your school community, not just your own. Quality programs, events, and educational opportunities for children in their early years can benefit them throughout their lives. Those positive experiences will build upon each other and have an impact on the children and your community.



Cherie Dimar

The Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Award Ceremony was held on Saturday, May 13 at the Lexington Children's Theatre in Lexington, Kentucky. Nearly 150 students received recognition. Seven students from Kentucky were also named National PTA Reflection Winners. Congratulations to all student winners!

Plan to attend the annual Kentucky PTA Convention on July 14 and 15 at Bowen Elementary in Louisville. The registration form, a grant form, and a tentative workshop schedule are included in this bulletin. Both incoming and returning leaders are welcome to attend.

Strong family-school partnerships help create safe, healthy environments and make every child's potential a reality. Thanks for all you have done this school year!

Ensuring Strong Public Education

This month, I am sharing my thoughts about an issue that stirred up a lot of feelings and

connections with numerous vendors! Registration is just \$50 per person if you register on or before June 15.

Things to do in May and June:

1. Find your bylaws and be sure they are up to date.
2. Fill any vacancies on your board.
3. Make sure incoming officers know about the Kentucky PTA Convention, July 14 and 15.
4. Close out the financial books and prepare for financial review.
5. Send in your Officers List with all incoming board members names and contact information.
6. Be sure procedure books are passed on to the incoming officers.

And your most important items of business are:

- complete the 2017-2018 PTA/PTSA [Officer & Chairman Information form](#) and send it to Kentucky PTA after your election, even if officers do not change. If your election is not held until classes resume in the fall, give us the name of a contact person for the interim.
- complete the 2016-2017 [Financial Review Form](#) and send to the Kentucky PTA office and your school's principal by July 15. It is necessary to appoint a financial review committee now so they may go to work as soon as the PTA books are closed on June 30.

Student Recognition

The Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Award Ceremony was Saturday, May 13 at the Lexington Children's Theatre. With around 500 in attendance, we recognized nearly 150 students. Seven students from Kentucky were named National PTA Reflections Winners, including: Award of Excellence - Visual Arts - Uriel Trujillo

opinions on both sides of the political aisle during the 2017 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

House Bill 520, which was signed into law in March, gives local school boards and the mayors of Lexington and Louisville the authority to authorize charter schools. Nonprofits, parents, school administrators, teachers and public organizations will be able to apply to open a charter school, which is a public school that is run by a board of directors and is exempt from many state regulations. And although they are not required to by the new law, these charters may show an enrollment preference for students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals and those who attend persistently low-achieving noncharter public schools. [\[read more\]](#)



Stephen Pruitt

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CALL TO
CONVENTION

The Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., hereby calls upon its membership to send duly accredited delegates to the Convention to be held on July 14 & 15, 2017 at Bowen Elementary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Kentucky PTA Bylaws, Article XVI, Section 1e,

e. Each local PTA/PTSA in good standing as shown on the records in the Kentucky PTA Office thirty (30) days before the Kentucky PTA Annual Convention, shall be entitled to be represented at the Annual Convention of the Kentucky PTA by its president, or alternate, and one (1) accredited delegate plus one (1) additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) members, or a major fraction thereof.

Kentucky PTA Bylaws, Article XVI, Section 1f,

f. A local unit PTA/PTSA in good standing is one which:

1. Adheres to the Purposes and basic policies of PTA;
2. Remits the National and Kentucky portions of dues to Kentucky PTA as required;
3. Remits District portion of the dues as required;
4. Reviews the treasurer's books and submits the PTA Financial Review Form (formally the audit report form) to the Kentucky PTA Office by July 15th;
5. Files with the IRS the proper Federal 990EZ or 990N (e-postcard) and sends a copy to the Kentucky PTA Office by November 15th
6. Has bylaws approved by the Kentucky PTA every five (5) years;
7. Has an IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN) on file in

Award of Merit - Visual Arts -
Alexander Stumbur

Award of Merit - Visual Arts -
Tara Rakesh

Award of Merit - Photography -
Zachary Catalano

Award of Excellence - Photography -
Hannah Locklear

Award of Merit - Dance Choreography
- Evelyn Margaret Hruby

Award of Merit - Film Production -
Jayden Barnette

A complete list of student winners
can be found [here](#).

The 2017-2018 Reflections theme was
announced. "Within Reach" is the
theme young artists will use to create
their next award-winning pieces.

For more information on starting a
Reflections contest in your school,
call 502.226.6607 or email
reflectionskypta@gmail.com.
Updated information is available this
summer on the kypta.org website.

Pop Quiz

PTA Resolutions is a public statement
of intent that demonstrates that your
PTA is serious about identifying
problems and creating solutions. This
summer both Kentucky PTA and
National PTA will have their
conventions where members will
bring forth resolutions from their
PTAs. The deadline for State and
National PTA resolutions has passed
for this year, however there is always
next year.

1. Who can write a PTA Resolution?
2. Which of these can be addressed in
a PTA resolution?
 - a. Hazing in High School
 - b. Bullying Prevention
 - c. Playground equipment safety
 - d. All of the above

the Kentucky PTA state office; and
8. Maintains a minimum of ten (10) members.

Cherie Dimar, President & Heather McGovern, Secretary

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

[Click here](#) to see the proposed amendments, approved by the
Board of Directors in May 2017 for our member's consideration
at the Kentucky PTA Convention on July 14 and 15, 2017.

Kentucky PTA Election Information

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS - ELECTION AND VACANCIES

Section 1.

The elective officers of the Kentucky PTA shall be a president, a
president-elect, five (5) vice presidents, a recording secretary
and a treasurer. Vice Presidents include: Vice President of
Leadership Outreach, Vice President of Organizational Services,
Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Membership, and
Vice President of Communications.

Section 2.

a. The officers shall be elected at the convention except as
provided in Article XVI, Section 4 when convention is dispensed
due to an emergency. b. The term of office for each officer
shall be two (2) years or until the election and qualification of
his/her successor.

Section 3. The vote shall be by ballot under the supervision of
the committee on election. If there is only one (1) nominee for
an office, with the approval of the assembly, the election may
be by acclamation for that office. A majority vote shall be
required for election.

Section 4. The following provisions shall govern the
qualifications and eligibility of persons to be officers of the
Kentucky PTA.

a. Only a member of a local PTA/PTSA of the Kentucky PTA
shall be eligible to hold office in the Kentucky PTA or any of its
divisions.

b. Only those who are currently serving and have served at
least one (1) year as a member of the board of directors shall be
eligible for the office of president-elect.

c. The president and president-elect shall serve no more than
one (1) full term in the same office.

d. A person who has served in an office for one-half (1/2) or
more of a term shall be deemed to have served a full term in
such office.

e. From the close of Kentucky PTA Convention through the
close of the next Kentucky PTA Convention shall constitute a
one-half (1/2) term of office.

f. Only those persons who meet the foregoing qualifications
and only those who have consented to serve if elected shall be
nominated by either the nominating committee or from the
floor.

3. What are the 4 steps of writing a PTA Resolution?
4. Which is not part of a Narrative Summary of a Resolution?
 - a. State the problem situation that the resolution will address
 - b. Cites the cause(s) of the problem
 - c. Identifies who is to blame for the problem
 - d. Describes the severity or the extent of the problem
 - e. Explains how the proposed resolution will help solve the problem.

5. True or False - When writing a PTA resolution you should check to see if it is in accordance with PTA objects and policies and to make sure it is not already covered by another resolution or position statement from PTA.

Do not be afraid to write a PTA resolution in your own PTA. The only mistake you can make is not using your voice as a PTA member to address an important issue that affects children and families. If an important topic is not dealt with, then PTA becomes only reactive, instead of proactive, in offering solutions to help others.

If you struggled or don't know the answer, we invite you to check out Writing and Proposing PTA Resolutions from National PTA E-Learning! This quick e-learning course will answer all these questions and so much more. Check it out at PTA.org/elearning.

Kentucky PTA Executive Board

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Cherie Dimar

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[VACANT]

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Autumn Neagle

VP Organizational Services
Adam Kesler

VP Programs
Leeann Myers

g. Nominees from the floor must have given thirty (30) days' notification before the beginning of the annual convention of their intent to run. Notification must be given in writing to the Kentucky PTA President, the nominating committee chairman, and convention chairman.

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Nominating Committee Chair: Eddie Squires
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Convention Chairman: Jennifer Jackson
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2017-2019 Kentucky PTA Slate of Nominees

PRESIDENT ELECT

Heather Wampler joined PTA when her son began kindergarten (he's now 17), and says, "All these years I have volunteered with other parents, grandparents and community volunteers who have worked relentlessly to support programs and projects for our students. I want to contribute in a meaningful way at the state level, knowing, when I speak, I speak for EVERY child."



LEADERSHIP OUTREACH VICE PRESIDENT

Eddie Squires is Past President of the Kentucky PTA, 3rd Vice President of the 15th District PTA and a Local Unit President. He has served on the National PTA Governance Team (Male Engagement Committee) and taught workshops at district, state and national

levels. Eddie has been a business owner for over 20 years and now works for Senior Helpers as the Community Relations Coordinator.

ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICES VICE PRESIDENT

Adam Kesler considers fatherhood his most important job. He is president of the Cane Run Elementary PTA and a board member of the 15th District PTA, where he is slated as their president-elect for 2018. In addition, Adam serves as a vice president on the Kentucky State PTA.



PROGRAMS VICE PRESIDENT

Karen Pridemore is a preschool teacher, wife, and mother to two children, one in high school and one in elementary. She has been involved in PTA for 10 years, as room parent, Box Tops coordinator, Reflections chair, Vice President of Family Fun

VP Communications

[Debbie Wesslund](#)

VP Membership

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Secretary

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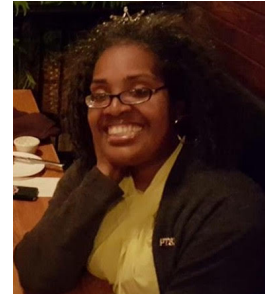
[16th District PTA](#)



nights, and more. Karen served as President at Crosby Middle School and Jeffersontown Elementary, and is the PTSA President (and president-elect) at Eastern High School.

MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

Kathy Smiley is the current Vice President of Membership for Kentucky PTA. She's a Past President of the 16th District PTA and has held many positions at the local level. Last month, Kathy received the 16th District's Gold Standard Award for service. She works part-time at TNG as a merchandiser and lives with her husband and two sons in Lexington.



COMMUNICATIONS VICE PRESIDENT

Debbie Wesslund is a former president of the Norton Elementary PTA, and she served on the Jefferson County Board of Education from 2007-2014. Currently, she works with the Kentucky School Boards Association in legislative affairs and in training school board members.

SECRETARY

Virgil Berrong is a retired business owner with a passion for the development of children. He has served as secretary for Eminence Independent School PTSA, involved in the Fall Festival, Winter Bazaar, and Teacher Appreciation Week. He helps with many school clubs (Reader's Theatre, Art Club, Makers Club, Passion Project, and Drama Club), build sets for the school's dramas, is a Boy Scout leader, and Girl Scout volunteer.



TREASURER

Liz Hill has been involved with PTA for more than ten years, serving as treasurer at the local level for almost all of them and as treasurer for the 16th District for the past 4 years. Liz has been a CPA for over 25 years, with two daughters, one at The University of Kentucky and the other in high school.

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