

Greetings Unit Presidents, Council Presidents, Members and Constituents,

I hope everyone is doing well. Can you believe Spring is just around the corner! I know units are busy with Nominating Committees and electing their next year's officers, planning year end celebrations, Field days, Kindergarten Roundups, and their Annual meetings. I am looking forward to this time of year as Kansas PTA is diligently planning this year's annual State Convention, May 5-7th. **Have you made plans to attend yet?**

This year's convention will once again be Virtual. We have fantastic workshops lined up, amazing speakers, our Exhibitor Expo Hall where you can speak with them in live chat sessions and so much more.

This year we will have Bylaw amendments that need to be approved, in the Region meetings delegates will elect their nominating committees as well as discuss other vital business that will allow Kansas PTA to achieve new goals in the upcoming year.

I encourage you to share this Bulletin with your officers, chairmen, members and administration, and encourage them to attend as it is a wonderful learning opportunity. Attending Convention is a legitimate training expense for PTA units and should be included in your budget.

During the convention you will once again have the opportunity to recognize those special people in your units that work so hard throughout the year with a nomination to the "Marjorie Holwick Wall of Fame". For a nominal price you can recognize those who do so much in PTA for our children and schools and at the same time you will be contributing to the Kansas PTA Future Teacher Scholarship fund. Information on how to nominate someone is included in this Bulletin and in the Call to Convention.

The Call to Convention will be coming out soon through MemberHub. You will receive information about workshops, speakers, registration and additional valuable information about this year's virtual convention. Please watch your emails.

We look forward to seeing you in May. Plan on spending a day with us and with other leaders from across the state.

Thank you for all of your hard work, time and dedication.

Sincerely,
Patty Jurich

2021-2023 Kansas PTA President

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2022 –2024 Nominating & Leadership Development Committee Nominees

The following candidates have been nominated to serve on the Nominating & Leadership Development Committee for the 2022-2024 term:

Beth Rees is nominated for the position of Nominating & Leadership Development Committee member. Beth is from Olathe, KS in region 6.

Sommer Saunders is nominated for the position of Nominating & Leadership Development Committee member. Sommer is from Shawnee Mission, KS in region 8.

Chris Green is nominated for the position of Nominating & Leadership Development Committee member alternate. Chris is from Kansas City, KS in region 1.

The Nominating & Leadership Development Committee shall report to the convention body on the first day of business, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided consent has been obtained from the nominees. Nominees running from the floor must give thirty (30) days notification before the beginning of the state convention of their intent to run. This notification must be given in writing to the State President and Chairman of the Nominating & Leadership Development Committee. When there is only one nominee for an NLDC position the nominee shall be declared selected by the presiding officer. *Notification of intent to run must be emailed to Kansaspta.org.*

Winding the year up...

It might not feel like it, but Spring is here and the school year is winding down. What does that mean for a PTA Leader? Your calendar has an end in sight! Nominating committees are looking for those willing to step up as new leaders! You might be looking towards a second year! It is exciting and tiring at the same time.

Some things to remember as you traverse this transition.

- * **Remind** your officers and chairs to start/complete/update a procedure book to give good guidance of best practices (and maybe some things that might need to be changed) to the next leader.
- * **Plan** some sort of end of year celebration where you recognize the hard work that occurred during the year.
- * **Check** you budget for unused dollars that can be moved to training or for an extra special dessert with a potluck dinner.
- * **Look** at a plan of work for next year.
- * **Work** with your principal to see where you can partner next year in Family Engagement activities.
- * **Consider** adding the Kansas PTA Citizenship or NPTA REFLECTIONS arts programs into your programs for next year.

If we can help in any way, please contact your Field Service Representative, your Council President, or Kansas PTA. We are here to assist you.

In Loving Memory of Ernie Goerend Kansas PTA State President 1987– 1989

It is with a sad heart that we say goodbye to Past Kansas PTA President, Ernie Goerend. Ernie passed away on February 22, 2022. Many convention attendees had the privilege of attending the Past State President’s workshop and enjoying Ernie’s warmth, wit and hospitality. Many of us still remember the wonderful stories that Ernie shared with us of her adventures in PTA. We all cherish them.

Ernie was always outgoing and welcoming to new and longtime PTA members. She was a wealth of information regarding PTA, and after her term as President of Kansas PTA, she served as the parliamentarian for several State Presidents that followed. Ernie was an inspiration to many PTA members including the Youth Members of the “YAC” Youth Advisory Committee that she mentored.

Ernie was originally from Wichita, Kansas and after she married her husband Dewey, they settled in Salina, Kansas. Together they had 3 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Ernie loved children and she showed it through her commitment to PTA. Ernie was a wonderful mentor to many of us, friendly, gracious, and caring about others. Ernie leaves a great legacy for Kansas PTA. We will miss her.



National PTA Schools of Excellence Certification

2021 Kansas Recipients (recognized at the 12/14/2021 KSDE State Board of Education Meeting in Topeka, KS.)
Broken Arrow Elementary School & Shawnee Mission North High School, Shawnee Mission School District

Congratulations!

Pictured: L. to R. Michelle Dombrowsky - KS State BOE, Dist. 3, Patty Jurich - Kansas PTA President, Sarah Dunn - Kansas PTA Family Engagement Chair, Janet Waugh - Vice Chair KS State BOE, District 1, Dr. Michelle Hubbard - Superintendent of Shawnee Mission Schools, Dr. David Ewers - Principal of Shawnee Mission North High School, Lisa Feingold - Shawnee Mission North PTSA, Jocelyn Bennett - Shawnee Mission North PTSA, Dr. Liz Indellicate - Broken Arrow Elementary PTA, Ryan Horne - Principal of Broken Arrow Elementary, Jim Porter - Chairman of KS State BOE, District 9, Melanie Haas - KS State BOE Member, District 2, Dr. Randy Watson - Kansas Commissioner of Education.



Kansas PTA encourages all schools to participate in this certification program as the first step in evaluating parent involvement in your school. The program is a two year certification based on the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs. **Get started today! – visit: <https://www.pta.org/home/programs>**

2021-2022 Kansas PTA REFLECTION'S Award Recipients

Kansas PTA is proud to announce the following Reflections awards for work created to this year's theme *"I Will Change the World by..."* All Award of Excellence winners be judged at the National PTA level, with results available in early May. Congratulations to our talented Kansas students and their families!

Dance Choreography – Award of Excellence

Intermediate division:	"Lyrical Dance Routine" by Kelsha Trice,	Rhein Benninghoven Elementary
Middle School division:	"Press Here to Start Change" by Harper Ward,	Mill Creek Elementary
High School division:	"Bring the Sunshine" by Emma Radford,	Shawnee Mission East High School

Film Production – Award of Excellence

Intermediate division:	"Getting Rid of Covid" by Patrick Zueckert,	Highlands Elementary
Middle School division:	"Bloom" by Ada Knechtel,	Westridge Middle School
Special Artist division:	"The Greatest World of Noah" by Noah Brown,	Brookridge Elementary

Film Production – Award of Merit

Intermediate division:	"Warmin' Busters" by Dario Diaz,	Starside Elementary
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Literature – Award of Excellence

Primary division:	"Every Little Bit Counts" by Caroline Shehan,	Corinth Elementary
Intermediate division:	"Beyond These Ocean Waves" by Ellie Tritsch,	Mill Creek Elementary
Middle School division:	"One Word" by Viola McCarthy,	Lenexa Hills Elementary
High School division:	"Writing the Stars" by Campbell Wood,	Shawnee Mission East High School

Music Composition – Award of Excellence

Primary division:	"I Love My Mom" by Desmond Zybko,	Christa McAuliffe Elementary
Intermediate division:	"Expression" by Jiya Bhavsar,	Briarwood Elementary
Middle School division:	"The Power of Music" by Olivia Gibbs,	Westridge Middle School
High School division:	"One Small Voice" by Sam Granada,	Shawnee Mission South H.S.

Photography – Award of Excellence

Primary division:	"Lift Me Up" by Enzo Akakpo-Ulloa,	Mill Creek Elementary
Intermediate division:	"Kid Cafe" by Olivia Martin,	Prairie Elementary
Middle School division:	"Planting a Mighty Oak" Darius Bean,	Christa McAuliffe Elementary
High School division:	"Written in the Stars" by Macy Crosser,	Shawnee Mission East H.S.

Visual Art – Award of Excellence

Primary division:	"Robot Mailman Scanner" by Thomas McGivern,	Starside Elementary
Intermediate division:	"Equality" by Emma Hobick,	Westwood View Elementary
Middle School division:	"Aluminate" by Carmen Carroll,	Belinder Elementary
High School division:	"Be a Better Person" by Noah Xiong,	Shawnee Mission South H.S.

Visual Art – Award of Merit

Primary division:	"Spread Kindness to Others" by Madeline McInerney,	Brookwood Elementary
Intermediate division:	"Untitled" by Gabriella Cox,	Turner Elementary
Middle School division:	"Recycle!" by Lillian Ladendorf,	Turner Sixth Grade Academy

2021-2022 Kansas PTA Citizenship Award Recipients

Kansas PTA is proud to announce the following Citizenship awards for poetry and essays created to this year's theme ***"I Will Make the World a Better Place by..."***, submitted by Elizabeth Barnes of Westridge Middle School. All school winners will have the opportunity to submit ideas for next year's Citizenship theme. Congratulations to our talented Kansas writers and their families

Poetry - Award of Excellence

Harper Weast

Tomahawk Elementary (5th Grade)

Caroline Bowen

Westwood Elementary (6th Grade)

Gracie Carson

Indian Hills Middle School (7th Grade)

Hannah Clark

Indian Woods Middle School (8th Grade)

Abby Dumont

Shawnee Mission South HS (9th Grade)

Morgan Tate

Shawnee Mission Northwest HS (11th Grade)

Campbell Wood

Shawnee Mission East HS (12th Grade)

ESSAY – Award of Excellence

Harper Fieser

Westwood View Elementary (5th Grade)

Aiden Smith

Pawnee Elementary (6th Grade)

Ash Farris

Indian Hills Middle School (7th Grade)

Nathan Mestel

Westridge Middle School (8th Grade)

Lexie Johnson

Shawnee Mission South HS (9th Grade)

Bryce Bean

Shawnee Mission West HS (10th Grade)

William Siegel

Shawnee Mission South HS (11th Grade)

Jack Shaw

Shawnee Mission South HS (12th Grade)

National PTA 125 Anniversary Convention

June 16 - June 19, 2022 | National Harbor, MD

The National PTA 125th Anniversary Convention will be the first time They've met in person in three years, and they are looking forward to seeing you! They will celebrate the mission and work of PTA and plan for the future. The in person convention will be held at the **Gaylord in National Harbor, MD.**

They've also reimagined their Legislative Conference to be part of the convention by offering a standalone **Hill Day Experience**, as well as advocacy workshops during convention. Please note that the Hill Day Experience will be a separate cost due to the transportation and meals that are provided.

If you are interested in attending the National Convention or the National Legislative Conference, go to **pta.org** and click on the **"Events tab"** and then the **"2022 Convention"** tab on the left.

If you are registered to attend the National PTA Convention, please contact Patty Jurich, Kansas PTA President by email at pattyjurich@gmail.com or by phone at 913-334-6051. We have special activities planned for Kansas PTA and want to be sure everyone is included. National PTA will notify us of those members that registered prior to June 1. **We look forward to seeing you in National Harbor, Maryland.**

Kansas PTA Convention Time!! It's Virtual - What You Need To Know!

Convention Packet - Will be sent out through MemberHub. Make sure you check your emails so you don't miss it. Check out the Workshops being offered and sign up! Be sure to fill out your workshop choices when you return your registration form.

Special Guest Speakers -You don't want to miss the exciting and excellent speakers scheduled to attend, including the Kansas Teacher of the Year! Come and enjoy the fun!

Region Meetings! - Don't forget to attend your Region Meeting Friday evening. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with your fellow Region unit members. Take the time to find out what's going on in your home region and Kansas/National PTA. Regional Nominating Committees will be elected during this meeting!

Election of New Nominating, Leadership & Development Committee Members - We will be electing two new NLDC members and an alternate to serve on the committee for the 2022-2024 term. Nominees are listed in this issue and any individual wishing to run from the floor must notify the president in writing no later than April 6th. You can email your intent to run to the Kansas PTA office at kansaspta@gmail.com.

Amendments to The Bylaw's—The Bylaws Committee will be presenting the proposed changes to the current bylaws on Friday evening with instruction on voting procedures. **We will be voting on them in General Meeting 1.** They are listed in this issue. Be sure to read over them prior to the convention. Your attendance for this is vital!

Honor that Special Volunteer or Educator! Don' forget to honor them with a special nomination to the **Marjorie Holwick Wall of Fame** and a \$10.00 donation. The money donated will be donated to the Kansas PTA Future Teacher Scholarship Fund. The honored individuals will receive a letter and a certificate from Kansas PTA announcing they were a part of the Wall of Fame and who submitted their name and why. Nominations will be displayed on the Virtual Wall of Fame on the Kansas PTA Facebook page and Kansas PTA Website, honoring them.

Exhibitor's Virtual Expo Hall - Come see the latest and greatest from reputable PTA-supporting companies at our **Exhibitor Expo Hall**. Whether it's a fundraising program, field trip opportunity or cultural arts event you're planning, we'll have this and much more at the Exhibitor Expo Hall. **Come discover something new!**

The Exhibit Hall will be open on **Thursday, May 5th from 6:00 - 8:00pm.** and **Friday May 6th from 1:00 - 3:00pm.** **You can meet and chat with the vendors in their own chat rooms!** Ask your questions, get your answers!

Friday Evening Convention Kick-Off & Pre-Convention Spotlight Presentation- Come join us as we begin our Convention Kick-Off with **Shaton Berry**, Ambassador for the National PTA Mental Health Initiative, as she presents a Pre-Convention Spotlight on **"Supporting Your Child's Mental Health"**. We will have an overview of the convention schedule, Introduce the Kansas PTA Board of Managers, along with a **review of the proposed Bylaw changes** and go over the **Voting procedures**. After that we will break off into our **Region Meet & Greet sessions** where you will join and get to know other members from your region and hear what local units are doing in your region, followed by **electing a nominating committee** for your region. **See you there!!**

Workshop's at a Glance

Pre-Convention Spotlight - Friday 5/6/22
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

"Supporting your child's mental health"

Workshop Session 1 - Saturday 5/7/22
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- 101 - Presidents Workshop
- 102 - Treasurer Workshop
- 103 - Youth Involvement
- 104 - Diversity and Inclusion

Workshop Session 2 - Saturday 5/7/22
12:30 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.

- 201 - Reflections
- 202 - School Finance
- 203 - MemberHub
- 204 - Your Local Nominating Committee

Workshop Session 3 - Saturday 5/7/22
1:35 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

- 301 - Six Questions to Better Decision Making
- 302 - Healthy Minds Initiative: Promoting Mental Health Awareness
- 303 - Grassroots Advocacy

Speakers!! Speakers!!

Shaton Berry - National PTA Member Representative to the Board of Directors



Shaton Berry currently serves as a member on the National PTA board of directors, and as a member of the National PTA leadership committee. Shaton also serves as the Ambassador for the National PTA Mental Health Initiative. She has been a PTA volunteer for over 16 years, most notably serving as chair for the National PTA

Nominating and Leadership Recruitment Committee from 2017-2018, and serving as president of Michigan PTA from 2011-2013. Berry is also a certified Training Capacity Building Initiative (TCBI) and grassroots advocacy trainer through National PTA.

Berry truly believes in the mission and purposes of PTA and wants to ensure its place as a world class association for families. Her passion stems from her personal experience with unique family structures. She does not have any biological children; she raised her two younger brothers, Anthony and Deontae.

Professionally, Berry has worked for the Federal government as a public servant for over 19 years. She also serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Purposeful YOUth Detroit, a non-profit organization that focuses on the empowerment and mentoring of girls ages six to 18

Shaton will be the Keynote speaker in General meeting 2

Susanne Stevenson -2022 Kansas Teacher of the Year



Susanne Stevenson teaches fourth grade at Beeson Elementary School in Dodge City, Unified School District 443, was named the 2022 Kansas Teacher of the year. She has taught at Beeson Elementary for seven years.

She received her bachelor's degree in education in 2014 from Emporia State University. In 2019, Stevenson received her master's degree in education with a concentration in English as a second language from Newman University in Wichita.

Stevenson has authored and been awarded several grants that help bring diverse and authentic learning to the students at Beeson. She has been a member of the building leadership team and the school improvement team, and has served on the curriculum audit team for her district. She also as facilitated professional development opportunities for Dodge City USD 443 and Southwest Plains Regional Service Center.

Susanne will be the Keynote Speaker in General Meeting 1

Kansas PTA would like to say

“THANK YOU”

to the **“Allstate Foundation**

for sponsoring the

**National PTA’s
 Healthy Minds Program**

and for their generous support

as a Platinum Sponsor at this year’s

2022 Kansas PTA Virtual Convention.



Convention Highlights

Kansas PTA Convention T-Shirt

Kansas PTA will be offering a Convention T-Shirt to our convention delegates on a Pre-order- Pre-pay basis only. If you are interested in purchasing a T-Shirt, [Click Here...](#)

They are a 50/50 poly cotton blend, on a Ash colored T-shirt.

S - XL - \$10.00
2X -5X - \$12.00

+ Shipping - \$6.00 per shirt, - Multiple purchases have Flat Rate Shipping pricing depending on how many shirts in the order.



* Orders placed **before 4/18/22** will be mailed on 4/26/22
* Orders placed **after 4/18/22** will be mailed on 5/9/22
Don't Miss Out!

PTA Store

- Visit our Virtual [PTA Store!](#) We have great mementos including convention pins, T-shirts and much more for you and your unit members.
- What a nice remembrance of the year to give a pin or gift to the outgoing/incoming officers, chairmen, Principal and/or school staff... and don't forget your volunteers!
- Many PTA units build these costs into their budget (or administration costs) because of the amount of time volunteers give to the students during the year and the exemplary care and extra effort the staff show to the children.
- Don't forget your outgoing President's pin/gift (usually the duty of the First Vice President or Treasurer) – check your Standing Rules.

Exhibitors, & Sponsors Expo Hall

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Come discover something new!

In order to give our attendee's the opportunity to visit all of our Exhibitors and Sponsors we are opening the Expo Hall a day earlier - on **Thursday, May 5th, from 6:00 - 8:00pm.** and **Friday - May 6th, from 1:00 - 3:00pm.**

We have something new this year, **you can meet and chat with the vendors in their own chat rooms!** Ask your questions, get your answers... & **be entered in the Exhibitor's Door Prize Drawings in General Meetings 1 & 2!!!**

The Marjorie Holwick Kansas PTA Wall of Fame...

Is a special recognition program to honor educators, parents, students and volunteers who have made special contributions in the lives of children.

To nominate someone please complete the nomination form [here](#).

Nomination received by April 18, 2022 will be displayed on the Virtual Wall of Fame on the Kansas PTA Facebook page and on the Kansas PTA website. Printed Certificates are mailed to the recipients with a letter stating why they were nominated and by whom.

Proceeds from the Wall of Fame are revenue sources for our Future Teacher and Graduate Teacher Scholarship Programs.

Nominate Someone Today!

Proposed Changes to the Kansas PTA State Bylaws

The Kansas PTA Board of Managers approved the following motions to be voted on at the Kansas PTA Convention: “Move to adopt the amended ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES”, “Move to adopt the amended ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES” “Move to adopt the amended ARTICLE XII: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES”, “Move to adopt the amended ARTICLE XIV: CONVENTIONS”, “Move to adopt the amended ARTICLE XI: CANCELLATION OF CONVENTIONS”

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES

Proposed Amendment: Section 12: amend by inserting “and two alternates” in the second sentence.

Current Form:

Section 12. Kansas PTA shall have a Nominating and Leadership Development Committee. The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee shall consist of five members, at least one (1) of which shall be from the Board of Managers. The members of the committee shall represent at least two (2) different regions of Kansas PTA. The members of the committee shall not serve more than one (1) consecutive term. The president and president-elect shall not serve as members of this committee.

Proposed Form:

Section 12. Kansas PTA shall have a Nominating and Leadership Development Committee. The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) alternates, at least one (1) of which shall be from the Board of Managers. The members of the committee shall represent at least two (2) different regions of Kansas PTA. The members of the committee shall not serve more than one (1) consecutive term. The president and president-elect shall not serve as members of this committee.

Rationale: Kansas PTA Polices and Practices states that we have two alternates on the committee. The State bylaws do not have that provision. Kansas PTA documentation should be uniform for clarity. Having two alternates on the committee is advantageous to Kansas PTA as if there is a resignation on the NLDC committee, someone is ready to step in so the work can continue without disruption.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES

Proposed Amendment: **Section 12:** Amend by inserting “via electronic mail (to the Kansas PTA Office email address) to the state president and chairman of the Nominating and Leadership Committee” in the sixth paragraph, third sentence.

Current Form:

Section 12: The Nominating & Leadership Development Committee shall report to the convention on the first day of business, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided consent has been obtained from the nominees. Nominees running from the floor must give thirty (30) days notification before the beginning of the state convention of their intent to run. This notification must be given in writing to the state president and chairman of the Nominating & Leadership Development Committee. When there is only one nominee for an NLDC position the nominee shall be declared elected by the presiding officer

Proposed Form:

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Rationale: Email is the preferred form of communication. Emailing the information to the Kansas PTA office email address will ensure the information is received, filed and the information passed to the President.

ARTICLE XII: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Proposed Amendment: Section 8: Amend by striking part of the section “an Honorary State Life Membership. State life members shall be honorary members, and shall not have the right to vote or to hold office in the Kansas PTA unless they pay dues to a local PTA or PTSA. All money received for Honorary State Life Memberships” and replacing it with new verbiage that reads “a Kansas PTA Lifetime Achievement Award. All money received for Kansas PTA Lifetime Achievement Awards”

Current Form:

Section 8. The payment of a \$20.00 one-time fee entitles an individual to an Honorary State Life Membership. State life members shall be honorary members, and shall not have the right to vote or to hold office in the Kansas PTA unless they pay dues to a local PTA or PTSA. All money received for Honorary State Life Memberships shall be made a part of the FutureTeacher Scholarship Fund and Teacher-Graduate Study In Education Fund.

Proposed Form:

Section 8. The payment of one-time \$20.00 fee entitles an individual to a Kansas PTA Lifetime Achievement Award. State life members shall be honorary members, and shall not have the right to vote or to hold office in the Kansas PTA unless they pay dues to a local PTA or PTSA. All money received for Kansas PTA Lifetime Achievement Awards shall be made a part of the Future-Teacher Scholarship Fund and Teacher-Graduate Study In Education Fund.

Rationale: The name of the award was changed by the board of managers at the July board meeting. Kansas PTA State By-laws has to reflect that change while still explaining the award and the parameters of the award.

ARTICLE XIV: CONVENTIONS

Proposed Amendment: Section 4: Amend by striking “Thirty five (35) ” and replace with “Twenty Five (25)

Current Form:

Section 4. Thirty five (35) voting members shall constitute a quorum

Proposed Form:

Section 4. Twenty five (25) voting members shall constitute a quorum

Rationale: A quorum should be reasonable in its number while protecting the membership of Kansas PTA and ensuring they have a voice in their state PTA. Per Robert’s Rules: The requirement of a quorum is a protection against totally unrepresentative action in the name of the body by an unduly small number of persons.

ARTICLE XV: CANCELLATION OF CONVENTIONS

Proposed Amendment: Section 1: Amend by inserting after business “by electronic communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting”.

Current Form:

Section 1. In the event of some great emergency such as war, epidemic, or natural or manmade disaster, the Board of Managers of the Kansas PTA shall have authority to determine whether or not the convention shall be held. The Board of Managers shall have authority to plan procedure for conducting all business by mail.

Proposed Form:

Section 1. In the event of some great emergency such as war, epidemic, or natural or manmade disaster, the Board of Managers of the Kansas PTA shall have authority to determine whether or not the convention shall be held. The Board of Managers shall have authority to plan procedure for conducting all business by electronic communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.

Rationale: Electronic communication is the preferred method of communication today. This will allow Kansas PTA to better communicate with our members without the cost of postage.



National PTA **School of Excellence** recognition program opens the lines of communication and critical thinking within school communities to make data-driven decisions that yield positive, long-term results. School of Excellence is committed to supporting and recognizing partnerships between local PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

National PTA is Committed to Excellence

Over 40 years of research shows increased family engagement is linked to school improvement and student achievement. By enrolling in this program, your PTA and school administrators are making a year-long commitment in identifying and implementing an action plan for school improvement based on PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships and the Four 'I's of Family Engagement.

- The School of Excellence Program aims to :
- Provide a framework for PTAs to **identify and implement best practices in family engagement** to strengthen family-school partnerships.
- **Build inclusive and welcoming school communities** where all families contribute to enriching the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.
- Help PTAs **attract new, action-oriented PTA members** who want to focus on the issues that affect our children the most.
- **Provide step-by-step guidance and networking opportunities** for PTAs to gain support and feedback-identify and reach goals and earn recognition.
- **Celebrate designees** and top Phoebe Apperson Hearst awardees as national leaders in building effective family-school partnerships, which opens up additional honors and opportunities.

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 program will open on **May 1, 2022**.



Kansas PTA Board Roster

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Kansas PTA Bulletin

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