Annual Business Meeting and Training Workshops

April 23-24 & May 13-15, 2021
Dr Seuss said “You’ll never be bored when you try something new. There’s really no limit to what you can do.”

PTA started as the idea of one woman named Alice McLellan Birney. In 1897, she along with Phoebe Apperson Hearst founded the National Congress of Mothers. According to Birney, the goal of the organization was to unite the forces of home, school, and community in recognizing "the supreme importance of the child." She introduced something new to her world.

We have had many amazing leaders adding their footsteps to the PTA path including Selena Sloan Butler who founded the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, local leaders such as Mrs. G. H. Robertson, the first president of Tennessee PTA; Mrs. J. F. Trimble, first president of the Tennessee Colored Congress of Parents and Teachers; Nashville born Lois Jean White, the first African American President of the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to name just a few. They all tried something new and built the association that we are each a part of.

This past year has given us opportunities to try new things. We have had many amazing things happening throughout the state. At times most of us have also been overwhelmed by our challenges, but as we come together we can continue to try new things building and expanding this association into the future.

This year’s convention will look different. We will be hosting this event virtually. The evening of April 23rd and the morning of April 24th Tennessee PTA will conduct our business meeting with keynote speaker(s), the officer election, bylaws amendments, annual reports and unit/council awards. May 13th - 15th Tennessee PTA will offer a variety of workshops to help you succeed in the upcoming year. The cost is $10 per person for any or all events. The student award event will be held later in the year. Convention is an excellent training opportunity and a legitimate expense for your PTA/PTSA. Plan to be renewed, revived and energized as you add your voice for the children and families we serve.

Don't miss your opportunity to join us for convention. Complete your registration form today.

Thank you for all you do. Together we will make a difference in the lives of the children and families of Tennessee.

Kim Henderson
Tennessee PTA President
Tennessee PTA 108th Annual Meeting and Workshops
Registration Form
April 23rd – 24th and May 13th-15th, 2021

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON REGISTERING

First Name __________________________ Last Name __________________________

Name of Local Unit PTA __________________________ National PTA ID Number __________________________

Home Address __________________________

City/State/Zip Code __________________________

Daytime Phone Number __________________________ Email Address __________________________

Check which you are planning on attending:

☐ Business Meeting April 23-24   ☐ Workshops May 13-15

Check all that apply:

☐ First Convention   ☐ TALL Member   ☐ Current Local Unit President
☐ Current Council President   ☐ Honorary Life Member Tennessee PTA   ☐ Life Achievement Tennessee PTA
☐ Life Member National PTA   ☐ Life Achievement National PTA

REGISTRATION FEES / PAYMENT INFORMATION

Register by April 1st to receive an extra entry in the business meeting door prizes and giveaways.

PTA Member Registration (Meeting and Workshops) $10.00 $________
Non-PTA Registration (Meeting and Workshops) $15.00 $________

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED $________
TOTAL PAID ONLINE** $________

Remit to: Tennessee PTA, 1905 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212

**Credit Card payments can be made at https://tnpta.memberhub.store/. A fee will apply. Completed registration must be submitted to the office after the payment is made. Forms can be emailed to ptastateoffice@tnpta.org

*No refunds will be given.*
If you are unable to attend after registering, you may transfer your registration to another member at no charge.
Friends and sponsors of Tennessee PTA have donated door prizes for those who attend the business meeting on April 23rd and 24th. Return your registration form by April 1st to receive a bonus entry into the drawing.

Registration Steps

1. **Complete the Registration Form**
   Fill out a registration form included in this packet for each delegate. Additional registration forms can be downloaded from www.tnpta.org.

2. **Return the form to the Tennessee PTA**
   Payments for registration must be submitted with a registration form. Please include a copy of your current 2020-2021 membership card. *Registration forms received without payment will not be processed.*

   **Online payments** can be made at https://tnpta.memberhub.store/. Completed registration forms will need to be submitted to the office after the online payment is made. Forms can be emailed to ptastateoffice@tnpta.org.

   **Mail to:**
   Tennessee PTA
   1905 Acklen Avenue
   Nashville, TN 37212

3. **Voting**
   Delegates will be notified of their voting status no later than April 12th.

Please contact the State Office at 615-383-9740 or email ptastateoffice@tnpta.org if you have any questions.

**Voting Delegates**

All PTA members are invited and encouraged to attend convention. Each local unit in Good Standing will receive one Voting Delegate Card for the President, or alternate and one Voting Delegate Card for every 50 members or a fraction thereof, as of March 1, 2020.

To be eligible as a voting delegate, membership dues must be received in the Tennessee PTA State Office on or before March 1, 2021. Per #Article XVIII, State Convention, Section 5: *No delegate is allowed to represent more than one local unit and must have been a member of this local unit at least thirty (30) days prior to convention.*
Tennessee PTA will be holding our officer elections during the annual business meeting held on April 23rd and 24th, 2021. Dwight Hunter, our president elect will be installed as president for the 2021-2023 term. Below is the slate of officers submitted by the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee.

The NLDC presents the following individuals for the Tennessee PTA 2021-2023 Term:

President-Elect- Dana Price
VP Child & Youth Advocacy- Anita Allen
VP Communications & Student Awards- Larry Davis
VP Membership & Outreach- Tonya Cambre
Treasurer- Charles Everett
Secretary- Theresa Shaw

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Shaw, NLDC Chair
Wayne Brown, Committee Member
Tonya Cambre, Committee Member
Gail Phillips, Committee Member
Charles Scott, Committee Member

Additional nominations from the floor must be sent to the Tennessee PTA President, Kim Henderson at president@tnpta.org no later than April 2, 2021. Nomination forms can be found at https://tnpta.org/index.php/nldc/

Tennessee PTA is also looking for committee chairs and region directors for the 2021-2023 term. Please visit https://tnpta.org/index.php/nldc/ and complete the board interest form as soon as possible to be considered.
Proposed 2021 Tennessee PTA Bylaws Amendments

In accordance with Article XXII: Amendments, Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at an annual convention by two-thirds vote of those present and voting provided the amendments have been approved by the Board of Managers and notice of proposed amendments has been provided to constituent organization thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of convention. Housekeeping corrections will be completed following the business meeting.

It is preferred, but not required, that you submit any primary amendments to these proposed bylaws in writing to the president at president@tnpta.org before the beginning of the first business meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

Amend Section 8 in ARTICLE VI: MEMBERS AND DUES by striking the word council and inserting the word unit.

Currently Reads:
The treasurer of each council shall make remittances to the state office for the amount of the state and national dues received by the established dates.

Proposed Amendment would read as:
The treasurer of each unit shall make remittances to the state office for the amount of the state and national dues received by the established dates.

Rational:
Local units submit dues directly to the state office via MemberHub or via a remittance form and check not to a council.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend the bylaws by replacing all instances of the term “Board of Managers” with “Board of Directors”.

Rational:
The word managers makes it sound as if the State Board has the final say so on anything regarding Tennessee PTA. Board of Directors is a much better fit as simply directing the Association in the way it’s members would approve of.
Proposed Amendment:
Amend Section 1, letter B in Article XVI: Local PTAs/PTSAs, by striking “December 1 and all remaining State and National dues by May 15” and inserting “November 1st and monthly thereafter through June 1.”

Currently Reads:
Submits an initial remittance of the state and national portion of membership dues to the Tennessee PTA by December 1 and all remaining State and National dues by May 15.

Proposed Amendment would read as:
Submits an initial remittance of the state and national portion of membership dues to the Tennessee PTA by November 1; and monthly thereafter through June 1.

Rational:
Most units start collecting membership dues in August or September. A November 1 due date benefits Tennessee PTA operations. Stating the process of monthly payments of dues after November 1 through June 1 raises the expectations that units should be remitting dues on a regular and continuing basis after the initial remittance.

Proposed Amendment:
Strike Section 8 in Article X: Board of Managers and replace with a new Section 8 which reads: A Quorum of the Board of Managers shall be a majority of the members of the Board currently in office, with at least two members who are not on the Executive Committee.

Currently Reads:
Eleven (11) members, three of who shall be members of the Executive Committee, 14 shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed Amendment would read as:
A Quorum of the Board of Managers shall be a majority of the members of the Board currently in office, with at least two members who are not on Executive Committee.

Rational:
Over the years the size of the state board has decreased. Also, with situations, such as the pandemic, the state board, like many local units, struggle to reach a quorum. This amendment will allow Tennessee PTA to meet quorum and conduct business.
Proposed Amendment:
Amend Section 5 in Article XVII by striking “city, county, or area” before council.

Currently Reads:
The voting body of the annual meeting shall be limited to the Board of Managers, Past Presidents, who maintain an active membership, Presidents of city, county or area councils or their elected alternates, county chairmen in unorganized counties,

Proposed Amendment would read as:
The voting body of the annual meeting shall be limited to the Board of Managers, Past Presidents, who maintain an active membership, Presidents of councils or their elected alternates, county chairmen in unorganized counties,

Rational:
Councils are not designated by their city, county, or area. Removing these words clarifies the term council.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend Section 10 in Article VI: Members and Dues by striking “Teacher Training”

Currently Reads:
A Tennessee Life Achievement Award may be conferred upon a person for distinguished services. The fee for a Tennessee Life Achievement Award shall be a part of the Tennessee PTA Teacher Training Scholarship Fund. Life Achievement Award members may become active members upon payment of dues in a local PTA/PTSA.

Proposed Amendment would read as:
A Tennessee Life Achievement Award may be conferred upon a person for distinguished services. The fee for a Tennessee Life Achievement Award shall be a part of the Tennessee PTA Scholarship Fund. Life Achievement Award members may become active members upon payment of dues in a local PTA/PTSA.

Rational:
Tennessee PTA’s fund is titled Scholarship Fund not Teacher Training Scholarship Fund.