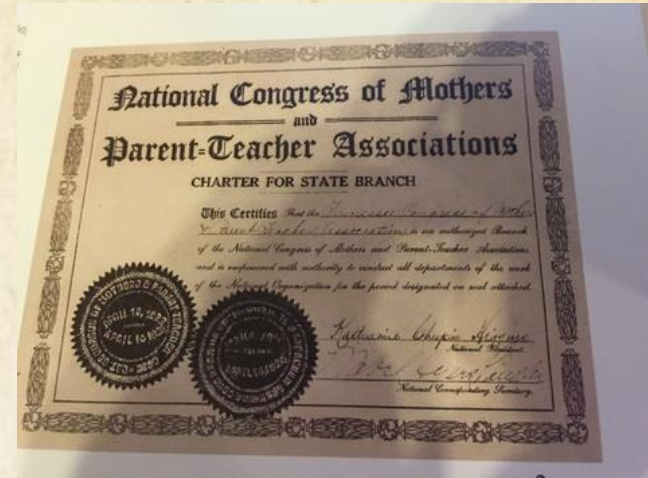




Tennessee PTA



History of Tennessee PTA



Mrs. G. H Robertson of Jackson, Tennessee, mother of four boys, began to work energetically with the United Charities of Jackson. Her activities took her into destitute homes where children were poorly cared for. There were no compulsory school laws at that time and no courts for children. Delinquent children were placed in jail with hardened criminals. Mrs. Robertson sought advice from a Judge Ben Lindsey. Mrs. Frederick Schoff president of the National Congress of Mother, hearing of this interest wrote and invited Mrs. Robertson to join the mothers at Memphis, who would soon be en route to Denver to attend the National Convention. No other Tennesseans were on the train or at the convention.

Mrs. Robertson returned to Tennessee filled with glee and high hopes of an organization in her own state. Mrs. Booker McKinnie, a teacher in the public schools in Jackson, offered her services and assisted in writing letter to educators, ministers, librarian, and civic leaders in the three sections of the state. Mrs. S.A. Mynders, who husband was Superintendent of the city schools in Knoxville, were consulted. Mrs. Eugene Crutcher of Nashville, president of a Mother Club and active in social welfare work, and Mrs. Thomas Scruggs of Memphis were also told the plans. The date for the meeting was set for January 24 and 25, 1911 in Nashville. A representative group of men and women from all parts of the state were present, and the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers was organized.



Tennessee PTA Execs

Tennessee PTA is composed of an Executive Committee that is elected by the General Membership in odd numbered years at the annual Tennessee PTA convention. The term is 2 years.

Tennessee PTA Executive Team is composed of a:

- President
- President- Elect
- VP of Child and Youth Advocacy
- VP of Communications and Student Programs
- VP of Membership and Outreach
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Parliamentarian – appointed by the President with Board approval

NOTE: TN PTA Board of Managers meets 3 times a year. Conference calls and emails continue the work of the committee between face to face meetings.



The Execs

To operate effectively, the Execs:

- Develops a unity of purpose
- Communicates a common vision
- Operates with trust and integrity
- Remains responsive to input
- Governs in a professional manner
- Fulfills requirements
- Takes collective responsibility for performance
- Proposes fiscally responsible budget
- Monitors the fiscal health of the association
- Ensures appropriate activities are provided
- Provides community leadership
- Works collaboratively with other groups/agencies
- Encourages individual board members
- Serves as a communication link
- Evaluates activities





Tennessee PTA Board of Managers

Each VP has chairs in their division:

- Chairs are recommended by the Nominating and Leadership Development committee (NLDC)
 - Board Interest forms may be found on the Tennessee PTA website—www.tnpta.org
 - Forms are required to be completed and submitted to the state office in a sealed envelope marked “*CONFIDENTIAL*”
 - They are kept unopened until the NLDC members meet

The recommendations:

- Vetted by the NLDC for recommendations and submitted to the Executive Committee
- Reviewed by the Executive Committee
- Elected by the Executive Committee to fill committee chair positions*

If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee the same process occurs and the Board of Managers elects the open positions, with the exception of the position of the President.

The President is the only position not elected during the election year.

***Positions with one candidate does not guarantee chair selection. Chair positions are not required to be filled.**





Tennessee PTA Chairs/Committees

The Division of Child and Youth Advocacy has the following committees :

- Family and Community Engagement;
- Resolutions
- State and Federal Legislative Chair

The Division of Communications and Student Programs has the following committees :

- Arts in Education/Scholarship
- Reflections
- Resource Development

The Division of Membership and Outreach has the following committees:

- Bylaws
- Membership & Diversity and Cultural Inclusion
- Regions Directors

The Vice President of this Division has the title of DOMO – the accepted acronym for this division.



Regions

A region is the focal point for leadership education, training, networking, service and coordination of all PTA units and councils within that area. Regions are managed by a Region Director who is a member of the Tennessee PTA board of managers.

A Region Director purpose is to:

- To promote the mission and work of the Tennessee PTA
- Assists in advancing the work of the local units and councils
- Communicate and collaborates with council leadership, where applicable
- Works with a region board who assists where needed
 - Region board members may consist of members who are a part of the Tennessee PTA Board of Managers



The Structure of Tennessee PTA

Region	City/County area included
First Tennessee	Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Newport, Greeneville
East	Knoxville, Gatlinburg
Upper Cumberland	Cookeville, Crossville
Mid Cumberland	Nashville, Clarksville
South Central	Columbia, Franklin, Spring Hill
Southeast	Chattanooga
Memphis Delta	Memphis
Northwest	Henry County
Southwest	Haywood County

Each region has a Region Director that serves as a liaison between the state and the local units and councils. Tennessee PTA has 335 local units, 1 statewide unit (TALL-Tennessee At Large Local Unit) and 7 councils.



Councils

A Council is composed of a minimum of 3 local units in good standing. A council is a resource that provides information, programs, and training to the local units that they serve. A council should be made up of diverse representatives of the local unit it serves. A council must be PTA compliant and remain in good standing.

To be in “Good Standing”

- Must be ethical and represent the PTA brand professionally and with integrity
- Must operate within the established laws i.e. SSOFAA*
- All membership dues collected must be submitted within the state established reporting periods
- Bylaws must be current
- Timely filing of forms required by the State of Tennessee and the IRS

NOTE: A council serves at the will of the local unit. Membership in a council is not a requirement. Many areas do not have councils, they work directly with the Region Director and/or a state PTA representative.

Local Units

Local Units are considered the grass roots of the association.

- They are a parents' first impression of PTA
- Local units support their school or community.

Local units may choose to be part of a council, if applicable.

Local Units to be in "Good Standing"

- Must adhere to the Tennessee PTA Standards of Affiliation (SOA)
- Must operate within the established laws i.e. SSOFAA*
- All membership dues collected must be submitted within the state established reporting periods
- Bylaws must be current
- Timely filing of forms required by the State of Tennessee and the IRS



Tennessee PTA Cooperating Agencies

Tennessee PTA has cooperating agencies and sit on steering committees of like-minded agencies. The currently agencies are:

- Tennessee School Board Association
- Tennessee Education Association
- Tennessee State Board Of Education
- Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children on the CoPEC - Coordination of Pediatric Emergency Care-board

