

2022 Convention & Annual Meeting Unit Awards!

Outstanding Local Units

Elementary (Tie) - Amherst Elementary PTA and
Crosswind Elementary PTA

Middle School: Loftis Middle School PTA

High School: Westwood High School PTSA

Community: Frayser Community PTSA

Diversity & Inclusion: West Collierville Middle PTA
(Excellence), Amherst Elementary and Crosswind
Elementary PTAs (Merit)

Mary Jo Clark Volunteer: Amherst Elementary PTA
(Excellence)

Advocacy: Amherst Elementary PTA (Excellence)
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Art Themes!

Safety Poster:

Cyber Safety Smarts

Citizenship Essay:

My family, my education, endless
possibilities

Reflections: Show your Voice!

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Message from the President

What a fantastic Convention! Our first face-to-face state convention since the 2019 convention in Memphis!

Thank you to the staff and principal at East Brainerd Elementary School for allowing TNPTA to hold a convention, annual meeting, and a student awards ceremony in different spaces at the school!

Thank you to our vendors and to our large sponsors: AIM Insurance and Apex.

We had great networking and connecting with leaders from across the state! We heard a great middle school jazz band and heard an inspirational speech at the awards dinner! We celebrated our student award winners and our outstanding individuals and our local unit awards!

We are connected—We are PTA!

Great workshops that covered many topics and trainings and a roundtable on leadership and finances allowed opportunities to learn and to share ideas.

We support each other—We are PTA!

We advocate for every child—not just our child—We are PTA!

Thank you to the awesome state board of directors who put in long hours to prepare for the convention, pulled everything together to have convention, and then packed everything up after convention. Awesome state board of directors!

Statewide Leadership Training begins in June 2022! Read more details in this newsletter. We offer leadership training in finances, advocacy, and more in different locations across the state. PTA membership matters, being connected and supported across the state matters, and helping our volunteers across the state matters.

Dwight Hunter
President, Tennessee PTA
2021-2023
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Adopted Amendments to the Tennessee PTA Bylaws

Motion 1:

If adopted, Article X, Section 7.a would read:

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the summer, fall, and before each annual meeting. Regular meetings may be conducted by use of any means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present at the meeting.

Explanation of the change

The Tennessee PTA Board of Directors regular meetings may now have virtual attendance that can be counted towards quorum. The adopted changes meet State of Tennessee requirements for nonprofits.

Motion 2:

If adopted:

Article XI Section 2.a would read: The Executive Committee shall:

Meet in regular session immediately before each meeting of the Board of Directors. Executive Committee meetings shall be conducted by use of any means of communication by which all participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. All participating in a meeting by this means are deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

Article XVII Section 1 would read:

There shall be an annual meeting of the Tennessee PTA, preferably in April (except under conditions set forth in Section 6.) The time and place of the annual meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Official call of such meetings shall be sent to the Board of Directors and to council and local unit Presidents at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. Annual meetings shall be conducted by use of any means of communication by which all participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. All participating in a meeting by this means are deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

Article XVII Section 7 would read:

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or by written request of at least fifty (50) members. Notice and purpose of the special meeting shall be given to all members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Special meetings shall be conducted by use of any means of

communication by which all participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. All participating in a meeting by this means are deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

Explanation of the change

The meetings of the TNPTA Executive Committee, the TNPTA Annual Meeting, and a special meeting of the TNPTA membership may now have virtual attendance that can be counted towards quorum. The adopted changes meet the State of Tennessee requirements for nonprofits.

Motion 3:

If adopted Article VII, Section 2.a would read: Only a member of a Tennessee local unit PTA in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in Tennessee PTA. The nominee(s) shall have served at least one year as committee chair or officer in a local, council or state PTA in any of the National PTA constituent associations.

Explanation of the change - Officer Eligibility for Nomination

A nominee for an elected office in Tennessee PTA, except for the position of president-elect, no longer requires service of at least a term on the Tennessee PTA board of directors to be eligible, but now, officer eligibility is expanded to be anyone who has served at least one year as committee chair or officer in a local PTA unit in good standing, or a council unit in good standing, or a state PTA in any of the National PTA constituent associations.

Amendment Not Adopted to the Tennessee PTA Bylaws

Motion 4 was not adopted by the annual meeting delegates.

Amendments Not Yet Considered

Motions 5 through 8 were not considered by the delegates at the 2022 annual meeting, but they might be brought to the 2023 Annual Meeting.

More Unit Awards!

President's Award—Largest Membership

A. L. Lotts Elementary PTA (Numerical)
Powell Middle PTA (Percentage)

Creative Membership Award

Amherst Elementary PTA (Excellence)

Tennessee Award—Continuous Numerical Membership Increase for Three or More Years

Cedar Bluff Elementary PTA
Christenberry Elementary PTA
Robertsville Middle PTSA
Westwood High School PTSA
Tara Oaks Elementary PTA
Rosebank Elementary PTA
Creekside Elementary PTA
Big Ridge Elementary PTA

Unit Leadership Achievement

Amherst Elementary PTA
Crosswind Elementary PTA

300 Hours of Literacy

A. L. Lotts Elementary PTA
Amherst Elementary PTA

300 Hours of Power

Amherst Elementary PTA

Outstanding School Administrator

Dr. Mary Catherine Gatlin, Principal at Loftis Middle School, Hamilton County Schools. (Excellence)

Shelly Maddux, Principal at Amherst Elementary, Knox County Schools. (Merit)

Outstanding School Board Member

Betsy Henderson, Knox County School Board

Outstanding Teacher

Honey Spalvins, Knox County Schools. (Excellence)

Bianca Jones, Shelby County Schools. (Merit)

Betsy Landers Membership Award

Memphis-Delta Region, Charles Scott, Acting Region Director

And five-pages of Membership Awards in the “And the Winners Were” program book! Congratulations to the local units who achieved gold, silver, bronze status and early bird status and Apple and Iris award status!

Congratulations to our awesome local units!

tnpta.org/convention/Membership_Winners_2022.pdf

Find the Student Award Winners List on the web site at <https://tnpta.org/index.php/student-awards>





STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2022 SCHEDULE

Our Journey through PTA...

June 6th

East Tennessee Region
Cedar Bluff Branch Library
9045 Cross Park Dr
Knoxville, TN

June 7th

First Tennessee Region
Northeast State Technical
Community College
2425 Highway 75
Blountville, Tennessee 37617

June 10th

Regions in Middle Tennessee
Location TBD
Nashville, TN

June 11th

Memphis Delta Region
Crosswind Elementary
831 Shelton Road
Collierville, Tennessee

June 29th

Southeast Region
Harrison Elementary School
8098 Ferdinand Piech Way
Chattanooga, TN 37341



Tennessee PTA Board of Directors' Annual Report

What has your all-volunteer Tennessee PTA Board of Directors done during the 2021-2022 year?

Tennessee PTA Board of Directors has represented you well. We have spent numerous hours speaking about educational and health and safety issues affecting students, parents, communities, school staff, school districts: rural, urban, & suburban. Tennessee PTA has also offered virtual and in-person leadership training and helping new and seasoned PTA leaders at all levels.

The Tennessee PTA Board of Directors meets quarterly as a whole group. The 12 members of the Board collectively logged in more than 2000 hours just during the meeting portions of these weekends. Each member sits on four or more state PTA committees and some also serve on additional statewide educational boards and committees. They work in between meetings doing such things as: working on legislative issues, tracking membership, starting new PTA's, approving bylaws, running the Reflections program, answering units questions, visiting local units & councils, planning events and conferences, contacting units with reminders, attending training workshops, and writing newsletter articles. Tennessee PTA has also be working on developing partnerships through two National PTA grants and two grants from outside National PTA to spread the message out across the state on the importance of parent engagement and educational data.

Below is a summary of the Tennessee PTA Board of Directors' accomplishments.

- Hosted five in-person leadership training sessions during August and September. Training was held in the East Tennessee, First Tennessee, Southeast, Mid Cumberland, and Memphis Delta regions.
- Receive a grant from GoGuardian to lead a Mental Health Webinar in September and to partner with families about technology surveys.
- Sponsored a Mental Health Webinar in September with partners GoGuardian and Centerstone. The webinar was open to all parents and families in Tennessee.
- Received a grant from the Gates Foundation to gather opinions about educational funding in Tennessee and about crossing the gap from high school to post-secondary.
- Traveled many miles in support of our local units, councils and membership.
- Received a grant from National PTA to promote mental health awareness
- Aligned designated board members with our collaborating agencies
- Led a workshop in January about what is BEP.
- Led a workshop in February about what is the new funding formula.
- Partnered with Tennessee Rural Education Association with an education funding meeting in November.
- Partnered with the Tennessee Department of Education to sponsor eight public listening sessions.
- Published our Legislative Priorities
- Distributed five newsletters
- Partnered with Urban League of Chattanooga to build a multi-tracked survey to parents, students, recent graduates, and community members about education funding.
- Participated in Tennessee Department of Education committees and parent council.
- Held a statewide focus group with National PTA about the National Standards for Family-School Partnership in January.
- Participated in monthly meetings with our advocacy alliance partners and received a grant from one of our alliance partners to promote advocacy on educational issues in Tennessee
- Held several Q&A with Tennessee PTA meetings throughout the year led by our Family & Community Engagement Committee.
- Graduated four Leadership Academy Participants
- Attended National PTA Convention
- Attended quarterly advocacy and membership and financial training
- Attended monthly all-state president and all-state president elect meetings
- Partnered with Sycamore Institute to provide important data for workshops
- Met with several organizations across the state
- Recommended House Bills and Senate Bills for committee members to watch that will affect our students and parents
- Sponsored an advocacy petition in September



2022-2023 INCOMING OFFICER INFORMATION



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Please update the president's information in **MemberHub** and complete this form and return to the Tennessee PTA State Office by **June 15**. We need this information to better serve you and to make sure you receive all information from the State and National PTA. *(If you do not have all of your chairs elected at this time, please send what you have and notify the State Office when they are available.)* **Type or Print all information.**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES.

PTA/PTSA Unit Name _____

School Address _____

City & Zip _____ School Phone Number _____

Principal's Name _____ Principal's email address _____

County _____ Council _____ Region _____

Fed EIN# _____ National PTA ID# _____



President: _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Email Address _____ Updated in MemberHub: _____

Vice President: _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

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2022-2023 INCOMING OFFICER INFORMATION

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Reflections Chair: _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Email Address _____

Bylaws Chair: _____ Phone (____) _____

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Diversity and Cultural Inclusion Chair: _____ Phone (____) _____

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City & Zip _____

Email Address _____

Please attach a complete list of additional officers and chairs.

Tennessee PTA Board of Directors

President: Dwight Hunter

President-Elect: Dana Price

Vice President of Advocacy: Anita Allen

Vice President of Communications & Student Programs: Larry Davis

Treasurer: Charles Everett

Secretary: Theresa Shaw

Immediate Past President: Kim Henderson

Chair, Family & Community Engagement: Cheryl Floyd

Chair, Membership, Diversity & Inclusion: Charles Scott

Chair, Reflections: Bala Ramachandran

Chair, State and Federal Legislative: Christy Carroll Highfill

Southeast Region Director: Gail Phillips

Interested in [applying](#) for a state board position or to serve on a state committee? Contact Dwight Hunter at dhunter@tnpta.org

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