2010 Kansas PTA Convention
April 23-25, 2010
Lawrence Holiday Inn & Convention Center
200 McDonald Dr.
Lawrence, KS

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CONVENTION?
Don’t worry, there is still time. The Advance registration
deadline is March 24, 2010. All registrations postmarked after
3/24/2010 will be processed as on site registrations.

GREAT WORKSHOPS! SILENT AUCTION! PTA STORE!
FUN ACTIVITIES! SPECIAL PEOPLE!
NETWORK WITH PTA FRIENDS FROM ACROSS THE STATE!
PTA: More Than Ready for the Future!

As we enter a brand new decade this year, I can’t help but think about how we have the awesome responsibility of setting the tone for PTA® the next 10 years – and what good shape we’re in to do it. With more than 5 million motivated members, savvy leaders such as yourself, and an abundance of free resources for parents and teachers, we have the ability to make 2010 and beyond some of the best years the PTA has ever experienced.

For this reason, I encourage you to approach the events and celebrations this year with revitalized gusto. With Take Your Family to School Week approaching (February 7-13), we have a great opportunity to ramp up involvement, recruit new members and re-engage families in our communities. As always, our Take Your Family to School Week pays tribute to PTA’s Founding Mothers, providing veteran members, new members and non-members with a passionate reminder of the principles that launched our association. What perfect timing for an inspiring look to the past to help guide us through our future!

David J. “Chuck” Saylors
National PTA President
PTA.org/chucksaylors

Debbie Lawson, Kansas PTA President

Spring is just around the corner. This means celebrating the final events of the year with your unit and school. Nominating committee reports have been (or will be) presented according to your unit’s standing rules and elections are being held. This is an extremely important time of year for your PTA. Robert’s Rules of Order is a great resource to you during this time. You will find examples of exact language your PTA President can use when conducting the election of new officers. The Kansas PTA Installation Booklet was on your summer packet CD and you will find numerous examples of installation ceremonies in the booklet for your use. If you should have any questions, please contact me, your Council President or your Region Vice President.

Spring also means transition time for PTA units. Support the newly elected officers by turning over procedure books to them.

Convention is right around the corner. Units should encourage their members to attend as it is a wonderful learning opportunity. It is a legitimate training expense for units and should be included in your budget. The convention committee has a great convention planned with educational workshops, networking opportunities and a lot of fun! A Kansas PTA Honorary Life Membership or a nomination to the Marjorie Holwick Wall of Fame are meaningful ways to recognize special volunteers, teachers, parents and community members. Please plan to join us in Lawrence.

Thank you for all the work you do each day on behalf of all children.

Debbie Lawson, Kansas PTA, President

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CONVENTION PACKET. Have you checked the workshop selection in the convention packet? There is a workshop for everyone—from training for PTA leaders to educational topics. Be sure to fill out your workshop choices when you return your registration form.

RETURNING THIS YEAR! Our pre-convention workshops were well attended last year and people requested them again for this year. They are loaded with helpful information, fun demonstrations, and relaxation. They will teach you ways to make your life healthier and happier.

NEW THIS YEAR! We are having the Brain Show come in for an evening of fun. Come and see if you are PTA smarter than your KS State PTA board members.

ANOTHER NEW HAPPENING! For a donation to the Kansas PTA Scholarship Fund, you may have your picture taken with the State President or any board member or all, our two special visitors, and Dorothy. This will be on Friday evening. So bring your cameras.

CONVENTION CHALLENGE! Have you been through your local PTA unit’s history archives? We will have a display set depicting things PTA has been involved with through the years. PTA will be celebrating its 100th birthday in just a few years.

SILENT AUCTION! Have you thought about bringing an item for the Silent Auction this year? It’s easy—your item (or items) can be collectibles, crafts, gift items, household items, something you bought or that you had donated by a business. Just bring them to Lauri DeNooy or Nicci Waters, the Silent Auction Chairmen, on Friday (or as soon as you arrive at Convention) and they will take care of them. The items will be displayed on tables for open bidding. Have fun with trying to “outbid” the other delegates! What will be the “popular” item this year? It might just be yours! Please don’t leave home without your donation, your checkbook, and your enthusiasm!

HONOR THAT SPECIAL VOLUNTEER OR EDUCATOR! Do you need a way to honor that special person? For just $10, you can nominate them for the Marjorie Holwick Kansas PTA Wall of Fame. The money will be donated to the Kansas PTA Scholarship Fund. The honored individuals will receive a letter from Kansas PTA announcing they were part of the Wall of Fame and who submitted their name. There will be a display at convention further honoring them. The nomination form is on the Kansas PTA website.

LIFETOUCH will once again sponsor an evening of food and fun at the Kick Off Party on Friday evening after the Region meetings. DJ Kirby from Mix 93 FM will be there to keep us hopping with plenty of tunes & karaoke. So don’t miss out on all the fun! Come and enjoy, relax with old PTA friends and meet new PTA friends.

SPECIAL GUESTS! Take the time to talk to with Dr. PTA, Mystery Lady, etc. Dr. PTA will help what ails your PTA, Mystery Lady will take the mystery out of the PTA dilemmas, and the other guest will help you to keep focused on what is important in PTA.

See you in Lawrence
2009-2010 Kansas PTA Citizenship Winners

Kansas PTA would like to thank all of our students who participated in this year’s Citizenship Program “The Historic Inauguration on January 20, 2009 Means to Me”. The following students are this year’s winners:

**Poetry**

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## 2009-2010 PTA Reflections Winners

Kansas PTA would like to thank all of our students who participated in this year's Reflections Program "Beauty is...". The following students are this year's winners:

### Literature
- **Riley Ranzau**
  - West Elementary
  - 2nd Primary
  - Excellence
- **Hunter Lillian**
  - Brentwood Elementary
  - 2nd Primary
  - Merit
- **Hannah Wilson**
  - Starside Elementary
  - 3rd Intermediate
  - Excellence
- **Addie Von Drehle**
  - Belinder Elementary
  - 3rd Intermediate
  - Merit
- **Victoria (Tori) Sierant**
  - Turner Middle School
  - 7th Middle/Junior
  - Excellence
- **Elsa Bernauer**
  - Brookwood Elementary
  - 6th Middle/Junior
  - Merit
- **Joseph Brallier**
  - Turner High School
  - 9th Senior
  - Excellence
- **Cassandra Osei**
  - SMNW
  - 12th Senior
  - Merit

### Dance Choreography
- **Maycee Steele**
  - Mill Creek Elementary
  - 5th Intermediate
  - Excellence
- **Addison Ward**
  - Prairie Ridge Elementary
  - 3rd Intermediate
  - Merit
- **Hanna La Londe**
  - Westridge Middle School
  - 7th Middle/Junior
  - Excellence

### Musical Composition
- **Nicholas Rothmeyer**
  - Lansing Elementary
  - 2nd Primary
  - Excellence
- **Breanne Birkinsha**
  - Rising Star
  - 2nd Primary
  - Merit
- **Danielle Davis**
  - Brookridge Elementary
  - 4th Intermediate
  - Excellence
- **Kirsten Stous**
  - Mize Elementary
  - 4th Intermediate
  - Merit
- **William Liu**
  - Brentwood Elementary
  - 6th Middle/Junior
  - Excellence
- **Bhavish Dinakar**
  - Briarwood Elementary
  - 6th Middle/Junior
  - Merit
- **Aaron Thornburg**
  - SMNW
  - 11th Senior
  - Excellence

### Photography
- **Nick Malara**
  - Mill Creek Elementary
  - 1st Primary
  - Excellence
- **Riley Ranzau**
  - West Elementary
  - 2nd Primary
  - Merit
- **Taylor Calhoun**
  - Lansing Elementary
  - 4th Intermediate
  - Excellence
- **Melissa Crowe**
  - Hazel Grove Elementary
  - 5th Intermediate
  - Merit
- **Erin Sullivan**
  - Mill Creek Middle
  - 8th Middle/Junior
  - Excellence
- **Baylee Goff**
  - John Diemer Elementary
  - 6th Middle/Junior
  - Merit
- **Mickaela Hoffpaur**
  - SMW
  - 11th Senior
  - Excellence

### Film Production
- **Mason Kempf**
  - Brookridge Elementary
  - 3rd Intermediate
  - Excellence
- **Cole Lawrence**
  - Westridge Middle School
  - 8th Middle/Junior
  - Excellence

### Visual Arts
- **Austin Coash**
  - West Elementary
  - 1st Primary
  - Excellence
- **Evan Bennett**
  - Brentwood Elementary
  - K Primary
  - Merit
- **Griffin Keeter**
  - Belinder Elementary
  - 3rd Intermediate
  - Excellence
- **Preethi Sriraman**
  - Harmony Elementary
  - 4th Intermediate
  - Merit
- **Logan Robertson**
  - Monticello Trails Middle School
  - 8th Middle/Junior
  - Excellence
- **Laurell Stegelman**
  - Highland Elementary
  - 6th Middle/Junior
  - Merit
- **Kendra Jones**
  - SMNW
  - 12th Senior
  - Excellence
Kansas PTA Silent Auction

Throughout the past nineteen years, the Kansas PTA Silent Auction has grown into a fun and exciting event. The Kansas PTA Silent Auction takes place every year at the annual Kansas PTA Convention. All proceeds from the Silent Auction go toward benefiting our future Kansas educators. As the 2010 State Convention approaches, we want to encourage all Regions and Councils to participate in this fun and worthwhile event. Through the years many individuals, agencies and companies have put together various packages ranging from sports, entertainment, crafts, handmade quilts and the list continues, to donate to the Silent Auction. Help us support our future teachers in Kansas by allowing us to provide scholarships. If you would like to participate in this event or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact Lauri DeNooy or Nicci Waters, Kansas PTA Silent Auction Chairmen.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you on this endeavor.

Respectfully,

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Nicci Waters
Silent Auction Co-Chairman
jocee79@aol.com
316-554-8011

REMINDER:

Keys to Leadership Passports are due into the Kansas State PTA office by March 15, 2010 so you can receive your award and pin at Convention.

Please contact the Kansas PTA State office at 1-888-311-5782 for your Keys to Leadership Passport.

Toni Miller
Kansas PTA Leadership Chairperson

REMINDER!!

Please remember that the Pledge of Allegiance should always be a part of your unit meetings. The Pledge of Allegiance is an honored activity, one that sets the United States apart. It should always be included on your meeting agenda. Thank you!

WELCOME, NEW FRIENDS!

We would like to say Hello and Welcome to our two newest PTA units, JFK Elementary and Quindaro Elementary, both in Kansas City, KS. Please join us in celebrating their willingness to take the first step forward in their journey to parent involvement!

KANSAS PTA LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

EDUCATION

BASIC POLICY: The Kansas PTA will recommend, initiate and support legislation and appropriation for public schools that will ensure all children and youth in Kansas a high quality, adequately funded education. Recognizing that quality education for children is directly related to the effectiveness and efficiency of school personnel, the Kansas PTA will recommend, initiate and support legislation and appropriations to encourage, recognize and provide incentives for school personnel that will improve and benefit the education of children and youth in Kansas. The Kansas PTA recognizes no educational system can be of the highest quality without the support, involvement and cooperation of parents, legislators, and the community.

HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SAFETY

BASIC POLICY: The Kansas PTA will support legislation and appropriations that safeguard and/or relate to the health and safety of children and youth.

Adopted by the Kansas PTA Board of Managers on February 5, 2006.
Adopted by the 2006 Kansas PTA Convention delegates 4/30/06
Being a Voice for Kansas kids
By Nancy Niles Lusk, Kansas PTA VP of Advocacy

As the 2010 Session of the Kansas Legislature grinds on, and federal issues percolate in Washington, D.C., please do not hesitate to contact us for any specific help your individual unit needs in your advocacy efforts or in understanding the issues. Contact Nancy Niles Lusk at nnlusk@kc.rr.com or 913-648-2616.

We are pleased with the success of our efforts during the recent KS PTA Advocacy Day. Thanks to all involved. Look to the KS PTA Legislative Updates for more details. And please remember to share the Updates with your membership.

At our state convention in April there will be a workshop on the basics of advocacy methods: letter writing, using email trees to keep members informed, using the media, candidate forums, etc. Please send at least one member from your unit to attend.

If you want to write your legislators in support of public education, and wish to use what National PTA and Kansas PTA have stated in their stands on this issue, you may refer to the following.

Exert from:

National PTA Position Statement on Public Education
The National PTA believes that all levels of the government (federal, state and local) have a central role in providing services that support public education and must share in providing adequate funding for our schools. The National PTA supports our system of public education as the major vehicle for perpetuating the basic values of a democratic system of government. This system must be strengthened and continue to be governed by public officials accountable to the public and supported by adequate funding.

Exert from:

KANSAS PTA RESOLUTION / Teacher Quality: Recruitment, Retention, & Resources
The Kansas PTA believes that all children and youth should have the opportunity, through free public education, to develop to their full potential, and that educators and the general public should unite in efforts to secure for all children and youth the highest advantages of physical, mental and social education.

Research shows that teacher quality—the combination of teacher knowledge, skills and expertise—is the single most important educational resource influencing student learning and academic performance.

To sustain high-quality, licensed teaching pool, schools must have funding sufficient to provide compensation and benefits for teachers that are comparable to other professionals and sufficient funds for necessary classroom supplies, teaching materials, teacher support, adequate teacher resources and improved working conditions.

Kansas State PTA will advocate for sufficient state funding to provide for teacher salaries and benefits competitive with other professions, funds for materials essential to the performance of teaching responsibilities, and funds for teacher support, including but not limited to mentoring, peer assistance, networking and team building.

PTA Mission: The overall purpose of PTA
A powerful voice for all children,
A relevant resource for families and communities, and
A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.
Nominating and Leadership Development Committee Information

With regret, Kansas PTA has accepted the resignation of our President-Elect, Cynthia Jarrold. The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee met on Saturday, February 6th, to nominate a new candidate for this position. Jackie Waters has been nominated to fill the unexpired term of President-Elect. The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee shall report the nomination of Jackie Waters to the Kansas PTA Convention on the first day of business, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor provided that consent has been obtained from nominees. Nominees running from the floor must give thirty (30) days notification before the beginning of convention of their intent to run. This notification must be given in writing to the State President and to the Chairperson of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee. Any person wishing to run from the floor for the position of President-Elect should therefore notify the State President and the Chairperson of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee by March 23rd, 2010.

Congratulations to Jackie Waters on her nomination.

Denise Sultz
Nominating and Leadership Development Committee Chair

From Your Treasurer ............... BUDGETS

It is that time of year when our PTA Units need to check their Budgets to make sure that they are on track! If adjustments need to be made, make them at your PTA General Meeting with recommendations coming from the PTA Executive Board. It is also time to review your financial statements and make adjustments for next year’s tentative budget. It might be a good idea to have a special meeting with the outgoing board and the incoming board to discuss the tentative budget. You can discuss what worked and what didn’t work with the new board in attendance.

Here are some ideas to Budget for next year if you don’t already have them in your Budget:

State Legislative Conference – Make sure to budget for your PTA members to attend this event in the Fall in Topeka to learn about education policies. There are break-out workshops to help you in advocating for our children.

State Convention – Make sure to budget for next year’s officers or members to attend this important event in the Spring – April 29-May 1, 2011 – place to be determined. This year it is April 23-25, 2010 in Lawrence, KS. Your PTA officers and PTA members will obtain valuable training by attending workshops that will teach you new ways of leading your membership, being an advocate for all children, and to learn proper PTA procedures for your Unit.

National PTA Convention – Make sure to budget for this summer event. This year it is in Memphis, TN – June 10-13, 2010. The following year it is in Orlando, FL – June 9-12, 2011. Your PTA officers or members will enjoy meeting and networking with other PTA Members from across the United States. This is also another way to get great training from professional experts at the National level.

Please make sure that your Principal is involved in the Budget process also. He/She may have some ideas to present to the PTA Budget Committee concerning staff needs for their classrooms because of budget cuts in their particular school districts.

If you need further help or assistance with budgeting, please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to help!

Thanks, Marie Thomas, Kansas PTA Treasurer

The Kansas PTA 2010 - 2011 Citizenship Theme is: “What all kids need to know about Citizenship is...”. This theme is proudly brought to you by the Kansas PTA Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).
How Successful Are Your Parent Involvement Programs

Parent Involvement is an important piece of the puzzle when it comes to PTA. It is wide and encompassing in what it is. PTA’s find many ways to include Parent Involvement in their schools. Some of the most common examples we see are Family Nights, Movie Nights, Reading or Math nights, Health Kid/Family Nights, Doughnuts with Dad’s, Lunch with your Child, or any theme based Carnival.

Creating opportunities for them to help out at the school such as planning and implementing events or programs that affect a wide range of issues or needs at the school; Student Success, Health & Safety, Fundraising efforts, Advocacy issues or through participation in decision making in the schools policies will help make parents feel valued and welcome at your school.

By keeping parents informed through ongoing communication efforts such as newsletters or emails will also help parents to feel connected to the school.

National PTA has lots of great Parent Involvement ideas on their website, www.pta.org, that you can use. **Kansas PTA would like to also gather their own list of great parent involvement programs for you to look at**, but this will require a little help from some of our units. If your school has had a successful Parent Involvement program that you would like to share, please email the details of the program, to the Parent Involvement Chair at the state office at kansaspta@gmail.com. **We would love to include some of them in future Bulletins.** We look forward to hearing from you!

KPTA Parent Involvement Chair,
Patty Jurich

From Your Treasurer …

Happy Winter! I hope that all of our Units in the State of Kansas filed their 990-N or 990-EZ Forms to IRS in November. In order to remain in good standing with State PTA guidelines, a copy of either the confirmation email or a copy of the report that was sent to IRS needs to be in the State Office as soon as possible. Please email your confirmation from the IRS to the State Office – kansaspta@gmail.com. If you mailed your form to the IRS, please mail a copy to the State Office at 715 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612.

Thank you,
Marie Thomas
Kansas PTA Treasurer

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Arts and Awards Ceremony; March 27, 2010, Lenexa, KS

Kansas State PTA Convention; April 23-25, 2010, Lawrence, KS

National PTA Convention; June 9-15, 2010, Memphis, TN
RESOLUTIONS

Report of Head Injuries during School Hours

Whereas, approximately 1.4 million Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) related deaths, hospitalizations and emergency department visits occur each year in the United States and the prevention to reduce occurrences of TBIs, improved acute care and rehabilitation to shrink the debilitating effects of a TBI continue to be high priority; and

Whereas, 295 of the school districts in the state of Kansas do not have consistent written policies available to the public for review either through a hard-printed copy or available on the district’s web site; and

Whereas, the failure to notify parent(s) and/or guardian(s) could result in serious consequences for the child including short term affects, such as concussions, or long term affects, such organ damage and possibly death; therefore be it

Resolved, that Kansas PTA and its constituent organizations will work to educate the public about the seriousness of Traumatic Brain Injuries; and be it further

Resolved, that Kansas PTA and its constituent organizations will work with legislators to ensure that laws are in place to direct the state school board administrators and local board administrators in the reporting of Traumatic Brain injuries; and be it further

Resolved, that Kansas PTA and its constituent organizations will work with state school board administrators and local board administrators in putting communication procedures in place for contacting parent(s) and/or guardian(s) at the time a head injury takes place during school hours.

Rationale:

We as adults expect our schools to inform us of when our child is injured. There are laws in place when it comes to protecting our children; child safety seats, texting while driving, driving after hours, etc. We expect policies/procedures in place on how to take care of injuries; especially head injuries. A student who participates in afterschool sports and an injury occurs; policies/procedures are in place on how to take care of that injured child. However, there is no such documentation that is consistent throughout the state when it comes to injuries, specifically head injuries during school hours.

The most effective means of addressing reporting of head injuries during school hours is though an inclusive, school-wide program working with parents, students, administrators, teachers, and other school staff. Programs develop an equally comprehensive, school-wide policy that includes a clear definition of traumatic head injuries and how the school will respond.
Texting While Driving

Whereas, The National Safety Council estimates that at least 1.6 million crashes are caused annually by drivers using cell phones and texting, and the use of texting while driving has soared, and

Whereas, It has been found that truck drivers face a 23 times greater risk of crash or near crash when texting than when not texting, which means texting far surpasses the dangers of other driving distractions, and

Whereas, The time drivers take their eyes from the road to send or receive texts is typically nearly five seconds - enough time at typical highway speeds to cover more than the length of a football field, and

Whereas, There is an eightfold greater risk of crashing when texting. By comparison, a four times greater risk of crashing is about equal to someone with a 0.08 blood alcohol level, generally the legal limit for intoxication, and

Whereas, Nineteen states, the District of Columbia and Guam have passed all-ages bans on texting while driving, therefore be it

Resolved, That Kansas PTA and its constituent organizations will support legislative action banning texting while driving, and be it further

Resolved, That Kansas PTA and its constituent organizations will provide education and information on the growing threat to public safety from distracted driving caused by texting while driving.

Rationale:

The recent increase in accidents, serious injuries, and death due to drivers distracted while texting shows that this is a serious driving hazard. Driver’s eyes, hands, and minds are occupied while looking at their devices. According to the cellular phone industries trade group, CTIA, 110 billion messages were sent in December 2009 alone – which represents a tenfold increase. Polling data from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety shows that even though 87% of drivers know the risk of texting while driving and consider drivers texting a “very serious” safety threat, they do it anyway.
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE KANSAS PTA STATE BYLAWS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES
Article VI: Officers, Their Election and Duties, Section 6.
Amend by striking out "The vacancy in the office of President-elect shall be filled at the next convention by the voting body." and inserting "The vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled by special election at the next annual convention by the voting body. The President-Elect shall assume office immediately."

CURRENT WORDING:
Section 6. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-elect shall become President and shall hold office for the balance of the term. In filling the vacancy, the President-elect shall be entitled to continue in the Presidency for the following term providing not more than one-half of a full term as President has been served. The vacancy in the office of President-elect shall be filled at the next annual convention by the voting body. The President-elect shall work under and in cooperation with the President, act as alternate to the President at all National conventions and fulfill such other duties as may be assigned by the President. In the absence of the President or their inability to act, the President-elect shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. In the absence of both the President and the President-elect or their inability to act, the Vice-Presidents as determined by the President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.

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IF ADOPTED WILL READ:
Section 6. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-elect shall become President and shall hold office for the balance of the term. In filling the vacancy, the President-elect shall be entitled to continue in the Presidency for the following term providing not more than one-half of a full term as President has been served. The vacancy in the office of President-elect shall be filled by special election at the next annual convention by the voting body. The President-elect shall be entitled to continue in the Presidency for the following term providing not more than one-half of a full term as President has been served. The vacancy in the office of President-elect shall be filled by special election at the next annual convention by the voting body. The President-elect shall assume office immediately. In the interim, the President shall delegate duties of the President-elect. The President-elect shall work under and in cooperation with the President, act as alternate to the President at all National conventions and fulfill such other duties as may be assigned by the President. In the absence of the President or their inability to act, the President-elect shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. In the absence of both the President and the President-elect or their inability to act, the Vice-Presidents as determined by the President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.

Proposed by: Kansas PTA Bylaws Committee
Rationale: Provides exact direction in the process of filling the vacancy of President-elect, indicates exactly when the newly elected President-elect will assume office after a special election and his/her responsibilities to Kansas PTA.
Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES
Article VI: Officers, Their Election and Duties Section 8 h.
Amend by substituting "The Treasurer will provide a statement showing receipts, disbursements, and balance on hand at every board meeting and upon request to any member. A surety company approved by the Executive Committee shall bond the treasurer." with "At the end of each month the Treasurer shall furnish each member of the Board of Managers a statement showing the receipts, disbursements, and balance on hand. A surety company approved by the Executive Committee shall bond the treasurer.

CURRENT WORDING:
Section 8. h. At the end of each month the Treasurer shall furnish each member of the Board of Managers a statement showing the receipts, disbursements, and balance on hand. A surety company approved by the Executive Committee shall bond the treasurer.
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE KANSAS PTA STATE BYLAWS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
AMEND BY SUBSTITUTION:
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IF ADOPTED WILL READ
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Proposed by: the Kansas PTA Bylaws Committee
Rationale: It is the responsibility of the Kansas PTA Treasurer to make sure that the books are correct and accurate at all times. Furthermore, Kansas PTA Treasurer Books are open to any board member that would like to review them.
Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted

PROPOSED AMENDMENT # 3: ELECTRONIC INTEGRITY
Article XVII: Electronic Technology/Procedural Integrity, Section 2.
Amend by striking “sample unit or council unit bylaws” and inserting “uniform unit or uniform council bylaws”

CURRENT WORDING
Section 2. The Kansas PTA or any local unit or council shall not place Kansas PTA Bylaws, sample unit or council bylaws, unit or council bylaws or standing rules on a website.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
AMEND BY STIKING OUT AND INSERTING
Section 2. The Kansas PTA or any local unit or council shall not place Kansas PTA Bylaws, sample unit or council bylaws or standing rules on a website.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 2. The Kansas PTA or any local unit or council shall not place Kansas PTA Bylaws, uniform unit or uniform council bylaws or standing rules on a website.

Proposed by: Kansas PTA Bylaws Committee
Rationale: Kansas PTA does not have sample unit or council bylaws.
Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES
Article VI: Officers, Their Election and Duties Section 13
Amend by adding in Section 13 item d: No two members of the same family shall serve on the Executive Committee during the same term.

CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
AMEND BY ADDING
d. No two members of the same family shall serve on the Executive Committee during the same term.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ
d. No two members of the same family shall serve on the Executive Committee during the same term.

Proposed by: Kansas PTA Bylaws Committee
Rationale: Having this provision in place places the executive committee votes above reproach so no hint of impropriety can be charged by any individual who might be unhappy with a decision made by the executive committee.
Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.
# 2010 Convention Registration

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. Copy form for each person registering. (ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED)**

## WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

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## CONVENTION & MEAL REGISTRATION

### CONVENTION REGISTRATION ONLY

*(Does not include meals)*

- Early Bird Registration ..................... $40.00
- Advanced Registration .......................... $45.00
- On-Site Registration in Lawrence ............... $50.00

*Registrations postmarked 3/24/10 or after will be processed as on-site registration.*

- Dad, Educator & Student Registration ............. $20.00
- On-Site Dad, Educator, & Student Registration ... $25.00

**“Buy 3 Registrations - Get 1 FREE”**

- This offer covers free registration only, (no meals). Free registrant may purchase all four meals for $80.00 or individually (see prices below).

### INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES

- Friday, Dinner Buffet ................................ $24.00
- Saturday, Buffet ................................... $16.00
- Saturday, Banquet ................................... $24.00
- Sunday, Brunch Buffet ............................... $16.00

**Please Note:** No meal reservations will be accepted with a postmark of April 1, 2010 and after. Convention meal tickets may be available at convention but will not be guaranteed.

### CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES PLUS ALL FOUR CONVENTION MEALS

*(Must postmarked on or before date shown)*

- Early Bird Registration (2/28/10) (save $20) $110.00
- Advanced Registration (3/24/10) (save $15) $115.00
- Dad, Ed., & Student Registration (2/28/10) $100.00
- Dad, Ed., & Student Registration (3/24/10) $102.00

(Please circle if Dad, Educator, or a student)

- I want to join the Golden Oaks Unit PTA ....$6.00
- Program Ad (Please enclose ad form) .................. $6.00

**TOTAL ENCLOSLED**

$_____

Make checks payable to Kansas PTA, 715 S.W. Tenth, Topeka, KS 66612-1686. All PTA checks must have two (2) signatures.

**NO REFUNDS AFTER 4/01/09**

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YAC is Back!

The Kansas Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) has been busy this year with community service projects. The YAC collected food items at the Turner Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 3, 2009. Items were given to the Hand in Hand Community Christmas Holiday Support Group to be distributed to local families in need.

They are currently working on their newest project, the collection of school supplies for homeless high school students. According to the Kansas State Department of Education, last school year, 2008-2009, school districts reported 6700 homeless students. Of these 1688 were high school aged students. The challenges these students face each and every day just to stay in school can seem insurmountable. The YAC hopes they can help make a difference for those students and give hope.

YAC will be accepting donations at the Kansas PTA Arts In Education Awards Ceremony, March 27 and at the State PTA Convention, April 23-25th. We are asking for everyone who attends these functions to PLEASE bring items that a high school student would use during the school day. These could include toiletries as well. Items collected will be distributed to homeless high school students across Kansas, through requests from their school counselors and homeless liaisons.

Please help us to help others.

For additional information, you may contact YAC Sponsors, Patty Jurich pasj36@aol.com or Sheila Bunnell Bbynki@aol.com

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