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Come and join all your PTA Friends in Topeka as we kick off Kansas PTA’s 100th Anniversary!!
Spring is just around the corner! This means wrapping up all the events of this year with your unit and starting the planning process for next year. Nominating committees will be presenting their reports in accordance to your unit’s standing rules and elections are being held. This is an extremely exciting time of year for PTA as we start looking to transitioning to the new term. You will find examples in the summer packet of the language your current PTA President should use when conducting the election of new officers. If you have any questions, please contact me, your Council President or your Regional Field Service Representative.

Convention is almost upon us! Have you made plans to attend yet? 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! We will be celebrating Kansas PTA’s 100th Anniversary at convention and recognizing many special people. A Kansas PTA Honorary Life Membership or a nomination to the Marjorie Holwick Wall of Fame are both meaningful ways to recognize special volunteers, teachers, parents and community members. Consider nominating someone today!

Please plan to join us in Kansas City.

**Tammy Bartels, Kansas PTA President**

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**TREASURER NOTE**

The end of the school year is fast approaching. Now is the time to form your audit committee for your unit. A financial audit is required to be completed at least once per fiscal year and any time the responsibility of maintaining the financial records of the association has been changed. For example, if your treasurer resigns before the completion of his/her term, an audit must be performed before handing the books over to a new treasurer. The audit committee is a committee that is appointed by the President. The committee members should not be signers on any account that they will be auditing. If you are transitioning officers this year, it does make sense to have your incoming President and Treasurer to serve on this committee, as long as they are not current signers on the account. If your unit has any questions about how to conduct a financial audit, please contact the Kansas PTA office (or me directly) for assistance. You can also find information about this in your Money Matters book and in the Kansas PTA Treasurer’s Guide that came in your summer packet.

Wishing you all a fantastic finish to a great year and I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Kansas City for Convention!!!

Sarah Baker
Kansas PTA Treasurer

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**Nominees for Kansas PTA’s Nominating and Leadership Development Committee**

Jessica Schmidt and Lorraine Martinez
**KANSAS PTA CONVENTION TIME!!
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!**

**Convention Packet** – Have you received yours yet?
Make sure to 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, Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Diane DeBacker, and National PTA President Otha Thornton! Come and enjoy the fun!

**Region Meetings!** Don’t forget to attend your Region Meeting Friday evening.

**Election of New Kansas PTA NLDC Members!**

**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 Tammy Wake, Silent Auction Chairman, on Friday (or as soon as you arrive at Convention) and she will take care of them. The items will be displayed on tables for open bidding. All monies benefit our Dollars to Scholars program.

**Honor that special Volunteer or Educator!** Don’t forget to honor them with a $10 donation at 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 honoring them.

**Kansas PTA 100th Anniversary Celebration** – 2014 is Kansas PTA’s 100th Anniversary and we will have several special things going on to help us celebrate this important milestone.

We hope to see you in Kansas City!
Remember to bring your donation, your checkbook and your enthusiasm!

Come join all your PTA Friends from across the State of Kansas for this wonderful Convention!

Monica Crow, 2014 Convention Chairman
Kansas PTA Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is a great opportunity to donate to a worthy cause and have fun at the same time!

The Kansas PTA Silent Auction takes place every year at the annual Kansas PTA Convention. All proceeds from the Silent Auction go toward scholarships for future teacher educators within the state of Kansas. As the 2014 State Convention approaches, we want to encourage all Regions, Councils and Units to participate in this important event. Through the years many individuals, agencies and companies have put together various packages ranging from sports and entertainment baskets, crafts, handmade quilts and other wonderful items for our delegates to bid on.

Help us support future teachers in Kansas by allowing us to provide scholarships. If you would like to make a donation you can bring it to convention or contact the state office to be put in touch with someone who can receive the item in advance.

In the 2014-2015 school year, put your school on the National PTA School of Excellence map.

The National PTA School of Excellence program is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

By participating in this program, your PTA and school will gain new ways to engage families in school decision-making, such as improvements to programs, practices, and policies related to education, health, safety or the arts.

Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year will open in April 2014. Contact excellence@pta.org for more info. Go to pta.org and look at the “School of Excellence” program under the “Programs” tab.

Laura Kaiser, Family Engagement Chairman
Proposed Changes to the Kansas PTA State Bylaws

The Kansas PTA Board of Managers approved the following motions be voted on at the Kansas PTA Convention: “Move to adopt the amended ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES” Sections 8-11, and “Move to adopt the amended Article XXVI: Amendments Section 1

Article VI: Officers, their Election and Duties, Section 8

Present Form:

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

a. To be chairman of the Budget Committee.
b. To delegate their authority to one or more staff persons approved by the Executive Committee.
c. To oversee the collection and disbursement of all Kansas PTA funds in accordance with the approved budget and/or upon direction of the Board of Managers.
d. To direct the remittance monthly to the national office of all monies due the National PTA accompanied by a statement giving the name and location of each PTA or PTSA from which dues were received and the number of members in each local PTA or PTSA.
e. To oversee work related to the PTA Store.
f. To oversee Resource Development efforts.
g. To have all books and accounts ready for audit at the close of the fiscal year and submit to the convention in annual session an itemized statement of all accounts received and disbursed with the balance on hand, after the books have been audited.
h. The Treasurer will provide a statement showing receipts, disbursements, and a 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.

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g. To ensure the preparation and filing of the 990 reporting form to the IRS by November 15th of each year. The Treasurer will also maintain a copy of the 990 for audit and will submit a copy to National PTA.
h. To ensure proper filing of local, state and federal documents.
i. To perform other duties as assigned by the President.
Rationale: The specific committees and which officer they report to is specific information that may change with each President, this information is better suited in a more fluid document, like Policies and Practices. By adding the information about the 990, we are more completely outlining the duties of the Treasurer and are ensuring our compliance to maintain our 501c3 status.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES, Sections 9 - 11

Present Form:

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Vice President of Advocacy:
   a. To serve as Kansas PTA’s Federal Legislative Chairman.
   b. To oversee the work related to State Legislative issues.
   c. To coordinate the activities of the Legislative Conference.
   d. To represent Kansas PTA at meetings of collaborative associations, as appointed by the state president.
   e. To perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice President of Member Services:
   a. To oversee programs related to awards and contests.
   b. To oversee work related to Parent Involvement issues.
   c. To oversee work related to Inclusiveness and Diversity.
   d. To assist local units as needed in the areas of programming, training, and resources.
   e. To represent Kansas PTA at meetings of collaborative associations, as appointed by the president.
   f. To perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the Vice President of Extension Services:
   a. To coordinate all activities related to membership expansion for Kansas PTA.
   b. To oversee the work of the State Extension Committee, including Regional Field Service Representatives and Council Presidents when serving as Extension Representatives.
   c. To oversee work related to membership growth.
   d. To coordinate all forums and exhibitor opportunities designed to promote PTA.
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**ARTICLE XIII: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs**

**Present Form:**

Section 1. Local PTAs shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Kansas PTA in the area in which the local PTA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, as the Kansas PTA may in its bylaws prescribe. The Kansas PTA shall issue to each local PTA in its area an appropriate charter evidencing the due association and good standing of the local PTA.

A local PTA in good standing is one that:

   a. Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;
   b. Remits the national portion of the dues through the State PTA to reach the national office by dates designated by the National PTA;
   c. Maintains current uniform bylaws on file according to the procedures of each state;
   d. Submits a copy of the unit’s completed federal form 990 for the last fiscal year, as required by the IRS, to the Kansas PTA office by January 15th each year;
   e. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the individual state PTA.

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   d. Submits a copy of the unit’s completed federal form 990 for the last fiscal year, as required by the IRS, to the Kansas PTA office by the date determined by Kansas PTA;
   e. Submits a copy of the unit’s completed annual fiscal audit, as required by National PTA, to the Kansas PTA Office by the date determined by Kansas PTA;
   f. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the individual state PTA.

**Rationale:** National PTA requires units to submit their annual audit to the states to be a unit in good standing. While that would be covered under the current section e. the Board of Managers felt it would be best to spell out that specific requirement by adding another bullet point.
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** Feb. 28, 2014 deadline for inclusion in the 100th Anniversary Program

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"Smart Snack Regulations"
Begin in the 2014-15 school year

In 2002 USDA's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program helped to provide fresh fruits and veggies to high poverty elementary schools. America's students also now have healthier and more nutritious school meals due to improved nutrition standards. In 2010 these standards were implemented as a result of the historic Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Smart Snack is the final stage in improving nutritional quality of school meals. The USDA is now placing common sense guidelines on snacks, and beverages sold in school stores, vending machines, and snack bars. The Smart Snack regulations will be the first ever national standards for ALL foods and beverages in schools! They are followed by guidelines voluntarily implemented beginning in 2006.

Highlights of the "Smart Snacks in School" nutrition standards include:

* **More of the foods we should encourage.** Like the new school meals, the standards require healthier foods, more whole grains, low fat dairy, fruits, vegetables, and leaner protein.

* **Less of the foods we should avoid.** Food items are lower in fat, sugar, and sodium. They provide more of the nutrients kids need.

* **Targeted standards.** Allowing variation by age group for factors such as portion sizes and caffeine content.

* **Flexibility for important traditions.** Preserving the ability for parents to send their kids to school with homemade lunches, or treats for activities such as birthday parties, holidays, and other celebrations. This allows schools to continue traditions such as fundraisers and bake sales.

* **Ample time for implementation.** Schools and food/beverage companies will have an entire school year to make the necessary changes. USDA will also offer training and technical assistance every step of the way.

* **Reasonable limitations on when and where the standards apply.** Ensuring that the standards only affect the foods that are sold on school campus during the school day. Foods sold at after school sporting events or other activities will not be subject to these requirements.

* **Flexibility for state and local communities.** Allowing significant local and regional autonomy by only establishing minimum requirements for schools. States and schools that have stronger standards that what is being proposed will be able to maintain their own policies.
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