

# Wisconsin PTA, 109 Annual Convention Invitation from the President, Angelene Mattes

## Keynote Speakers

- Kris Garth, National PTA Representative
- Melisa Yeoman, Regional Advocacy Specialist, National PTA
- Karri Hemmig, Founder & Executive Director, Fight to End Exploitation
- Nancy Yarbrough, Executive Director, Fresh Start Learning Inc.
- Bryan Dyer, "You are the Hero"
- MemberHub



The 109th Annual Wisconsin PTA Convention and Business Meeting; will be held at the Ramada Janesville in Janesville, WI. Last year we hosted a fantastic Convention and this year's Convention will not disappoint you either. Our theme is, "**Honoring the Past, Influencing the Future**".



We're offering 9 new workshops for you to choose from. We recommend that you send your Treasurer and Membership Chair to Convention to attend our MemberHub workshop. As we talked about in the last newsletter, WI PTA and MemberHub have partnered to provide all Wisconsin State PTA units with a **FREE** all-in-one communication program that can be used to enhance parent involvement and increase volunteerism. It combines functions of online payment systems, sign-up apps, email communication tools and more. It's important that your PTA attends to learn how the program works. As always, Convention should be a line item in your PTA budget, as it falls under Leadership Training.

This year Convention is Friday, April 27th through Sunday, April 29th. We will start Friday night at 7:00p.m. with our Vendor Fair and Meet and Greet. No need to take a full day off of work!

We've brought back the Reflections luncheon for all the delegates, winners and families. We are proud to showcase the amazing talent that each of these students displayed. As always, we recognize the time and talents that our public-school Art and Music Teachers bring into their classrooms. You are true role models for our students inspiring them daily. We also welcome Bryan Dyer, Illustrator and artist of "You are the Hero", as the speaker of our celebration. Bryan works with special needs children and turns them into Super Heroes through his magnificent artwork.

As always, we'll conduct the business of Wisconsin PTA, this year making changes to some of our Bylaws. Voting delegates must provide their credentials and the unit's quotas are always filled on a first come first served basis. Please see the proposed Bylaws changes enclosed in this email. Don't miss this opportunity for fun, a chance to make new friends, celebrate accomplishments and enjoy a few more surprises along the way!

Sincerely,  
Angie Mattes

## Convention Overview

**Ramada, Janesville, WI**

**April 27-29, 2018**

### **Friday, April 27th, 2018**

7:00 pm Meet, Greet & Share Social with PTA Delegates and Vendors

### **Saturday, April 28th, 2018**

*Continental Breakfast served in breakfast area for hotel guests, \$7 for non-hotel guests*

7:00 am Registration, PTA Store and WI Alumni Silent Auction Open

8:00 am General Session I

10:30 am Workshop Session 1

11:45 am Membership Awards Luncheon and Keynote Speaker Kris Garst, National PTA Rep

1:45 pm Vendor and Exhibit Fair, PTA Store and WI Alumni Silent Auction Open

4:00 pm Workshop Session 2

5:15 pm General Session II

Fight to End Exploitation - Keynotes Speakers Karri Hemming and Nancy Yarbrough

6:45 PM Awards Banquet

Keynote Speaker

Awards Presentation

### **Sunday, April 29th, 2018**

*Continental Breakfast served in breakfast area for hotel guests, \$7 for non-hotel guests*

8:30 am Registration, PTA Store and WI Alumni Silent Auction Open

9:30 am General Session III

10:45 am Workshop Session 3

12:00 pm Reflections Recognition & Luncheon sponsored by AIM

Keynote Speaker Bryan Dyer, You are the Hero: Turning Real Kids into Superheroes!

2:15 pm General Session IV

Unfinished Business

Announcement of 2019 Convention Details

## Convention Workshops

### Conflict Management

**Robin Anderson, WI PTA**

Conflict is a part of daily life. In this workshop we will discuss how to minimize conflict and create better outcomes during those times of conflict. We will have some fun, learn more about ourselves and gain valuable information on how to reduce tensions and increase success while working with PTA volunteers, parents, and anyone in our lives. Bring your tough questions and wonderful success stories!

### Threat Assessment Training

**Sgt. Aaron Ellis, Janesville PD**

Sargent Aaron Ellis of the Janesville Police Department with the help of local School Resource Officers, will provide guidance and training to parents regarding threat assessment and the processes put in place to keep our students safe in their school environment. We invite you to learn more about the new "P3 App"; which students can use to anonymously text or email officers about potential life threatening situations. You will also learn about Active shooter, Rapid Deployment training, and school safety videos featuring the districts "Run, Hide, Fight" tactics .

### Presentation Skills and Public Speaking

**Ellen Chicka CCRI WI PTA**

Ever feel afraid or uncomfortable about getting in front of an audience, no matter how big or small? No problem! Learn some easy tips from PTA leaders - as a participant, you'll learn presentation skills and how to improve your overall effectiveness in relaying information to others, even if you're not comfortable speaking in public. You can do it!

### Recruiting Volunteers

**Melisa Yeoman CCRI NPTA**

Are you looking to add more members to your PTA? People join organizations and become more active for different reasons. You'll learn steps that are useful for getting an individual to join your organization and getting members to take on more responsibility. These strategies will help you recruit and retain volunteers and become that person who gets others involved!

### Safety & Wellness for Children

**Mike Almond, WIPTA**

This is a presentation on "Stranger Danger and Safety Awareness", where we will discuss the ways our bodies' signal that a situation is not safe. This workshop will help children identify adults at home, school and in the neighborhood that they could go to for help. This workshop enhances child safety by providing you with tools, resources, and especially the signs you and your child need to look out for. This brings to the foreground that even in a community you might think is safe, there are dangers there. This will empower you to know that if a situation arises your child will know what to do and say to keep themselves safe.

## Honoring the Past



*Alice McCellen Birney,  
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## Influencing the Future



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## Convention Workshops continued

### MemberHub

Avery Roberts, Member Hub

WI PTA is excited to announce a partnership with MemberHub to provide communications technology to all WI PTA families free of charge. We heard your feedback requesting ways to simplify volunteerism and encourage engagement. MemberHub is an all-in-one communication platform for "all things involvement" in your school!

Some of the great free tools include:

- An easy to use directory
- Schedule and coordinate sign-ups
- Share calendars, files and photos
- Send principal, teacher and parents messages and reminders via text and email
- Access MemberHub on your computer or download free iPhone or Android Apps!
- Advertising options for business sponsors
- Take on-line payments for PTA dues and events

And much, much more....

Your school site will already be created and all you need to do is login securely, create your password and start using this awesome new tool.

**This workshop will be offered twice during convention so that everyone will be able to learn about this awesome new tool—MemberHub!**

### MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP - ATTRACTING, RETAINING, AND GROWING A DIVERSE PTA MEMBERSHIP Kris Garst, NPTA

Growing membership is a goal of every PTA - yet many PTAs are struggling to do it. During this workshop, we will analyze WHY parents and teachers at your school decide to support PTA as a member and outline what you can do to remove barriers for joining. Together, we will discuss ideas for attracting and engaging all families and school staff in your PTA efforts. Finally, we'll apply what we've learned and practice approaches for building a strong, committed, diverse PTA membership.

### ADVOCACY WORKSHOP - AMPLIFYING YOUR VOICE THROUGH PTA'S ADVOCACY PRIORITIES Kris Garst, NPTA

"Advocacy" may sound daunting, but in reality it's what you do every day to support student success and improve your school. In this workshop, we will describe how PTA puts your membership dues into motion across a range of issues through PTA's advocacy agenda and efforts. Discuss how these issues affect students at your school and in your district. Then, network with your peers as you select one issue and design a grass-roots advocacy campaign to generate awareness and support for the issue. Access a template tool that you can use to apply this approach to an issue at your school or in your community.

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## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws

The following are proposed amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws. The changes will be brought to the delegates at the Wisconsin PTA Convention in Janesville this April. Please share these proposed amendments with your membership and come to convention to vote. The current Wisconsin PTA bylaws can be found on the Wisconsin PTA website. For questions or clarification, please contact the Wisconsin PTA office.

### Amendment 1: Article V Wisconsin PTA Section 5

#### Purpose:

To simplify and clarify the language in the bylaws.

#### Proposed Changes:

Strike subsection b, insert wording in subsection and re-letter the other subsections

#### Amendment:

Currently reads:

- a. To yield up and surrender all of its books and record and all of its assets and property to the National PTA to the National PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the National PTA to be held for the benefit of another branch association established by the National PTA for the area of Wisconsin PTA.
- b. To yield up all of the books and records and all of the assets and property of any Controlled association and surrender them to the National PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the National PTA to be held for the benefit of another branch association established by the National PTA for the area of such state PTA. A controlled Association shall mean any corporation or other entity, whether nonprofit or for-profit, incorporated or unincorporated, that is controlled by such state PTA. For purposes of this section, control means ownership by vote or value of more than fifty percent of the association, power to appoint individuals to the governing body of the association representing more than fifty percent of the voting power, or ownership of more than fifty percent of the beneficial interests in the association. The state PTA shall cause the governing documents of the Controlled Association to reflect this obligation;

Changes:

- a. To yield up and surrender all its books and records and all of its assets and property, including those of the Wisconsin At Large Unit (WALU) or any other entity directly controlled by Wisconsin PTA, to the National PTA...
- b. Strike in its entirety

New wording

- a. To yield up and surrender all of its books and record and all of its assets and property, including those of the Wisconsin At Large Unit (WALU) or any other entity directly controlled by Wisconsin PTA, to the National PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the National PTA to be held for the benefit of another branch association established by the National PTA for the area of Wisconsin PTA.

#### Rationale:

This wording was originally taken from the National PTA's bylaws and is not included in the current revision

Wisconsin PTA's only controlled entity is WALU and is unlikely to have any others in the future

The subsection is wordy and confusing

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

### Amendment 2: Article V Wisconsin PTA Section 6

#### Purpose:

To remove wording that would require WI PTA to seize the money of dissolving PTAs to start a new unit.

#### Proposed Changes:

Strike the entire second sentence in Section 6.

#### Amendment:

Currently Reads:

The Wisconsin PTA is responsible for compliance by the local, council, district or region PTAs within its areas with the National PTA Bylaws and the bylaws of the state PTA. The provisions of the Wisconsin PTA bylaws relating to the withdrawal of the charter of a local PTA (and the termination of its status as a local PTA) shall parallel the provision of the National PTA Bylaws relating to the withdrawal by the National PTA of the charter of the Wisconsin PTA and the termination of the status of the Wisconsin PTA as a branch of the National PTA.

Changes:

The Wisconsin PTA is responsible for compliance by the local, council, district or region PTAs within its areas with the National PTA Bylaws and the bylaws of the state PTA. ~~The provisions of the Wisconsin PTA bylaws relating to the withdrawal of the charter of a local PTA (and the termination of its status as a local PTA) shall parallel the provision of the National PTA Bylaws relating to the withdrawal by the National PTA of the charter of the Wisconsin PTA and the termination of the status of the Wisconsin PTA as a branch of the National PTA.~~

New Wording:

The Wisconsin PTA is responsible for compliance by the local, council, district or region PTAs within its areas with the National PTA Bylaws and the bylaws of the state PTA.

#### Rationale:

National PTA National PTA has changed its provision for the dissolution of state PTAs to enable it to charter a new state PTA in the place of the dissolved state PTA.

If we were to parallel that provision, it would need to seize the money of dissolving PTAs to be used to start a new PTA to serve that school. That would be impractical and impossible.

### Amendment 3: Article VI Local PTAs/PTSAs Sections 1d and 10 (describing a unit in good standing)

#### Purpose:

To delete redundancies in the bylaws

#### Proposed changes:

To strike Section 10 and change the wording in Section 1d to reflect the meaning of Section 10.

#### Amendment:

Currently reads:

Section 1d. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the individual state PTA

Section 10. According to the criteria prescribed by Wisconsin PTA, a local PTA in good standing is one as defined by Wisconsin PTA Policy and Procedure.

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

### Changes:

Section 1d. Meets ~~other~~ the criteria ~~as may be prescribed by the individual state PTA~~ Wisconsin PTA Policy and Procedure.

~~Section 10. According to the criteria prescribed by Wisconsin PTA, a local PTA in good standing is one as defined by Wisconsin PTA Policies and Procedures.~~

### New Wording:

Section 1d. Meets the criteria prescribed by Wisconsin PTA Policy and Procedure.

### Rationale:

Section 1d and Section 10 talk about the same criteria

## Amendment 4 Article VII Section 10 Membership and Dues

### Purpose:

To clarify when dues should be paid

### Proposed change:

Strike wording and insert wording about when dues are to be paid

### Amendment:

#### Current wording:

The state and national portion of the dues paid by each member shall be remitted to the Wisconsin PTA on or before November 1. Additional dues shall be remitted periodically. If, by November 1, a local PTA has failed to remit its first installment of annual dues, it will not be recognized as a PTA in good standing for the current year and further service from the state office may be withheld until such remittance is made.

#### Changes:

The state and national portion of the dues paid by each member shall be remitted to the Wisconsin PTA ~~on or before November 1~~ during the month in which they are collected. ~~Additional dues shall be remitted periodically.~~ If, by November 1, a local PTA has failed to remit its first installment of annual dues, it will not be recognized as a PTA in good standing for the current year and further service from the state office may be withheld until such remittance is made.

#### New wording:

The state and national portion of the dues paid by each member shall be remitted to the Wisconsin PTA during the month in which they are collected. If, by November 1, a local PTA has failed to remit its first installment of annual dues, it will not be recognized as a PTA in good standing for the current year and further service from the state office may be withheld until such remittance is made.

### Rationale:

The current wording does not make it clear enough that dues are to be paid when they are collected. Many units think they should remit dues once a year.

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

### Amendment 5 Article VII Section 13 Membership and Dues

#### Purpose:

To align the bylaws with the Wisconsin PTA Standards of Affiliation and current practice.

#### Proposed Change:

Change April 1 to June 30 and change the wording about charter withdrawal

#### Amendment:

Current wording:

... If dues have not been submitted by April 1, of that membership year, the PTA shall no longer be considered an active PTA and their charter shall be withdrawn.

Change

If dues have not been submitted by ~~April 1~~ June 30, of that membership year, the PTA shall no longer be considered an active PTA and their charter shall be ~~withdrawn~~ evaluated for withdrawal.

New wording

A PTA which has not submitted a dues installment by the November 1 deadline will be contacted by the Wisconsin PTA to assess the status of the unit. If dues have not been submitted by June 30, of that membership year, the PTA shall no longer be considered an active PTA and their charter shall be evaluated for withdrawal.

#### Rationale:

June 30 is the date listed in WI PTA policy

June 30 is now the end of the state's membership year

It makes more sense to use the end of the fiscal year as a deadline

Current practice is to investigate the circumstances of the unit before withdrawing the charter

### Amendment 6 Article VIII Section 4d Officers Election and Vacancies

#### Purpose:

Reformat to clarify the meaning of the section

#### Proposed Change:

Add subsection 1 to include the requirement for candidates coming from a local unit/council

Change subsections 1 & 2 to subsections (a) & (b)

#### Amendment:

Current wording

- D. Each officer must have served a minimum of one (1) year on the state board or will have served (1) full term on the board of a local PTA/council by the time they take office
1. President elect candidates shall have served as president at the local level
  2. Vice president, secretary and treasurer candidates shall have served in any elected position at the local level.

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

Change:

- D. Each officer must have served a minimum of one (1) year on the state board or will have served (1) full term on the board of a local PTA/council by the time they take office.

The officer candidate coming from a local unit/council shall meet the appropriate requirement:

- ~~1-~~ (a) President elect candidates shall have served as president at the local level
- ~~2-~~ (b) Vice president, secretary and treasurer candidates shall have served in any elected position at the local level.

New wording:

- D. Each officer must have served a minimum of one (1) year on the state board or will have served (1) full term on the board of a local PTA/council by the time they take office.

The officer candidate coming from a local unit/council shall meet the appropriate requirement:

- (a) President elect candidates shall have served as president at the local level
- (b) Vice president, secretary and treasurer candidates shall have served in any elected position at the local level.

### Rationale:

The format of the section made the meaning unclear.

### Amendment 7 Article VIII Section 8d Officers Election and Vacancies

#### Purpose:

To clarify who can run from the floor

#### Proposed change:

Insert wording that indicates that candidates must meet qualifications

#### Amendment:

Current wording:

- d....Any accredited voting delegate of the state annual meeting may nominate a candidate for any office provided consent of nominee has been secured and a 30 day written notice prior to the annual meeting of intent to run has been provided to the president.

Change:

- d. ...Any accredited voting delegate of the state annual meeting may nominate a candidate for any office provided the nominee meets the qualifications in Article VIII, Section 4, consent of nominee has been secured and a 30 day written notice prior to the annual meeting of intent to run has been provided to the president.

New wording:

- d. The committee shall report their slate of nominees for officer positions at the annual meeting during its first general session, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. Any accredited voting delegate of the state annual meeting may nominate a candidate for any office provided the nominee meets the qualifications in Article VIII, Section 4, consent of nominee has been secured and a 30 day written notice prior to the annual meeting of intent to run has been provided to the president.

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

### Rationale:

The fact that the nominee must meet requirements for office is an important detail and as written may be interpreted to mean that candidates running from the floor do not need the same qualification as those nominated by committee.

### Article XV, Section 8d4 Wisconsin PTA Annual Meeting, Cancellation of the Meeting

If this amendment 7 is adopted, the same wording will be inserted in Article XV, Section 8d4, which gives provisions for holding an election if the annual meeting is not held. The section will then read:

Any accredited voting delegate of the WI State PTA Annual Meeting may nominate a candidate for any office provided the nominee meets the qualifications in Article VIII, Section 4, and the consent of the nominee has been secured. Such a nomination must have the signature of at least five (5) local PTA members, and must be sent to the president of the state PTA 30 days prior to the vote.

### Amendment 8 Section Article VIII Section 8 Officers Election and Vacancies

#### Purpose:

To add a provision for notification of slate of candidates for committee/commission chairs to match Wisconsin PTA Policy

#### Proposed change:

Add a new subsection e and re-letter the following subsection

#### Change:

Current wording:

None

New wording:

The names of the nominees for committee/commission chairs shall be sent to each member of the state board of directors at least thirty (30) days before the election.

#### Rationale:

A provision for giving notice is in Wisconsin PTA Policy, but not in the bylaws

A notice period will enable others to run from the floor if desired and all board members will be better prepared to vote

### Amendment 9 Article X Board of Directors Section 3d & 3f

#### Purpose:

To clarify how region advisor appointments are approved

#### Proposed Change:

Strike the wording about approval in section d and add new subsections 1 & 2 to detail the approval process

Insert Region Advisors in section f

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

### Change:

Current wording:

Section 3d the region advisors approved by the Executive Committee and/or the Wisconsin PTA Board;

Section 3f those appointees designated by the president with board confirmation; i.e., the bulletin editor, liaison members, and all standing committee chairs not elected by the board, shall serve concurrently with the term of the appointing president.

Change:

Section 3d the region advisors ~~approved by the Executive Committee and/or the Wisconsin PTA Board;~~

1. When a vacant region advisor position can be filled more than 30 days before the next regular Board of Directors meeting, the president may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to approve the appointment

2. If the region advisor candidate is found 30 days or less before the next regular Board of Directors meeting, the appointment will be approved by the board of directors at that meeting.

Section 3f those appointees designated by the president with board confirmation; i.e., the bulletin editor, region advisors, liaison members, and all standing committee chairs not elected by the board, shall serve concurrently with the term of the appointing president.

New wording:

Section 3d the region advisors;

1. When a vacant region advisor position can be filled more than 30 days before the next regular Board of Directors meeting, the president may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to approve the appointment

2. If the region advisor candidate is found 30 days or less before the next regular Board of Directors meeting, the appointment will be approved by the board of directors at that meeting.

Section 3f those appointees designated by the president with board confirmation; i.e., the bulletin editor, region advisors, liaison members, and all standing committee chairs not elected by the board, shall serve concurrently with the term of the appointing president.

### Rationale:

The current wording of section 3d does not specify when region advisor appointments would be approved by Exec VS when appointments would be approved by the board and is therefore confusing.

Having a vacancy in a region advisor position is detrimental to the local PTA units and councils, therefore, having a vacancy filled right away is the optimal situation. Special meetings of the board are more difficult to schedule than those of Exec

Region advisors were left out of section 3f even though the provision applies to that position

### Amendment 10 Article X Board of Directors Section 6 board meetings

#### Purpose:

To include a provision to handle cancelled board meetings

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

### Proposed Change:

To add provisions to use if a board meeting must be canceled by adding subsection 6b.

### Change:

Current Wording:

None

Change:

Section 6b If a regular board meeting is cancelled due to a lack of quorum, the Executive Committee will hold a special meeting to decide if the missed board meeting will be rescheduled.

If the meeting is not rescheduled, the Executive Committee shall create and oversee a plan to accomplish the work that would have been done at the regular board meeting.

### New Wording:

Section 6. Regular meetings of the board shall be held at least four (4) times during the fiscal year.

An agenda for each board meeting shall be prepared by the president and secretary and furnished to each board member before the opening of the session.

If a regular board meeting is cancelled, the Executive Committee will hold a special meeting to decide if the missed board meeting will be rescheduled.

If the meeting is not rescheduled, the Executive Committee shall create and oversee a plan to accomplish the work that would have been done at the regular board meeting.

### Rationale:

There are currently no provisions for handling cancelled meetings.

Since the meetings are only 3 months apart and 30 days' notice is required, it may not be feasible to reschedule a meeting. Because board members are from all over the state and must travel to the meeting, keeping the 30 day notice for rescheduled meetings is necessary so members can plan to come.

There needs to be a way to ensure that PTA plans are accomplished even if a meeting is cancelled and not rescheduled.

### Amendment 11 Add new Article XIII Electronic Meetings and Communication

#### Purpose:

To allow some electronic meetings and communications and disallow others

#### Proposed Change

Add a new article to allow some electronic meetings and communications and renumber the remaining articles

#### Change:

Current wording:

None

New wording:

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

### Article XIII: Electronic Meetings and Communication

Section 1: Special meetings of the Wisconsin PTA Executive Committee and all Wisconsin PTA committee meetings shall be authorized to be held by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting and prior notification of the meeting has been given to the president and president elect.

Section 2: Regular and special meetings of the Wisconsin PTA board of Directors shall be held in person.

#### Section 3: Electronic Voting

All voting during electronic meetings shall be by voice roll call and that vote shall be recorded and included with the minutes in the approval process of those minutes.

Voting by email shall not be permitted in any circumstances

Section 4: Communication. Unless members indicate otherwise to the state president and the Wisconsin PTA office, all communications required by these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent electronically unless communication is otherwise specified in these bylaws.

#### Rationale:

The board of directors live throughout the state and it can be difficult to get members together to hold necessary special exec meetings and committee meetings

The board of directors voted during the last term not to allow members to call in to regular board meetings because it was too difficult for the caller to fully and effectively participate in the meeting

While per Robert's Rules, email voting could be allowed in some cases, the procedure to do so is cumbersome and ensuring that only members entitled to vote do so is difficult

Per Robert's Rules electronic communication must be authorized in the bylaws

*For the following amendments, articles are referenced by their current number not the new number they will have if the above amendment 11 is adopted*

#### Amendment 12 Article XIII Regions/Councils Section 2c

##### Purpose:

To delete redundancy and avoid confusion

##### Proposed change:

Strike the redundant wording

##### Change:

Current wording:

Each region shall have an advisor appointed by the Wisconsin PTA President

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

### Change:

Each region shall have an advisor. ~~appointed by the Wisconsin PTA president~~

### New wording:

Each region shall have an advisor.

### Rationale:

The process to select region advisors is in Article X, Section 3d, this article describes the region

Not having the full wording that is in Article X can cause confusion about whether a region advisor needs to be approved by the WI PTA board if a member does not read the entire bylaws

### Amendment 13 Article XIV State and Local Relations

#### Purpose:

To make it possible for Wisconsin PTA to remove local/council PTA officers when they violate bylaws or are endangering the unit/council

#### Proposed change:

Insert wording that allows review of violations to include officers

Insert wording that includes mismanaging the unit/council or mishandling funds

Allow Wisconsin PTA to remove officers as a last resort, when necessary.

#### Change:

##### Current wording:

Section 1. The state president and president-elect shall review any alleged violations by local PTAs of the National PTA Bylaws, the Wisconsin PTA bylaws, (or their own bylaws) or other practices or activities of local PTAs that may tend to defeat the purposes and principles of the Wisconsin PTA, and shall promptly report to the state board of directors the results of such a review and its recommendations for action.

Section 2. The Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors shall give due consideration to the report and shall accord the local PTA an opportunity to be heard and to respond to the report. If, upon such consideration and hearing, the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors finds a violation by a local PTA, it may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, require the local PTA to take appropriate action within a period of time stipulated by the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors. When such a requirement has been made by the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors, and if the recommended action is not taken by the local PTA within the allotted time, the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, withdraw the charter of the local PTA and terminate its status as a local PTA.

##### Change

Section 1. The state president and president-elect shall review any alleged violations by local PTAs or individual local/council PTA officers of the National PTA Bylaws, the Wisconsin PTA bylaws, (or their own bylaws) or other practices or activities, including mismanagement of the unit and mishandling of funds, of local PTAs or PTA officer(s) that may tend to defeat the purposes and principles of the Wisconsin PTA, and shall promptly report to the state board of directors the results of such a review and its recommendations for action.

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

Section 2. The Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors shall give due consideration to the report and shall accord the local PTA or PTA officer(s) an opportunity to be heard and to respond to the report. If, upon such consideration and hearing, the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors finds a violation by a local PTA or PTA officer(s), it may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, require the local PTA or PTA officer(s) to take appropriate action within a period of time stipulated by the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors. When such a requirement has been made by the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors, and if the recommended action is not taken by the local PTA or PTA officer(s) within the allotted time, the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, withdraw the charter of the local PTA and terminate its status as a local PTA or to remove the PTA officer(s) from office.

New wording:

Section 1. the state president and president-elect shall review any alleged violations by local PTAs or individual local/council PTA officers of the National PTA Bylaws, the Wisconsin PTA bylaws, (or their own bylaws) or other practices or activities, including mismanagement of the unit and mishandling of funds, of local PTAs or PTA officer(s) that may tend to defeat the purposes and principles of the Wisconsin PTA, and shall promptly report to the state board of directors the results of such a review and its recommendations for action.

Section 2. The Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors shall give due consideration to the report and shall accord the local PTA or PTA officer(s) an opportunity to be heard and to respond to the report. If, upon such consideration and hearing, the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors finds a violation by a local PTA or PTA officer(s), it may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, require the local PTA or PTA officer(s) to take appropriate action within a period of time stipulated by the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors. When such a requirement has been made by the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors, and if the recommended action is not taken by the local PTA or PTA officer(s) within the allotted time, the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members then in office, withdraw the charter of the local PTA and terminate its status as a local PTA or to remove the PTA officer(s) from office.

### Rationale:

Wisconsin PTA receives requests from PTA members to intervene and correct the actions and/or behavior of their local PTA officers. For the good of the local unit, Wisconsin PTA needs the authority to investigate these situations and enact a plan to resolve them, including the removal of officers when said officers are unwilling to change their actions and the unit is unable to carry out the removal itself due to circumstances within the unit.

### Amendment 14 Article XV Wisconsin State PTA Annual Meeting Section 7

#### Purpose:

To lower the quorum

#### Proposed Change:

To strike 50 and to insert 35 in its place

#### Change:

Current wording:

Fifty (50) voting members present at any business meeting of the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.

## Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin PTA Bylaws continued

Change:

~~Fifty (50)~~ Thirty-five (35) voting members present at any business meeting of the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.

New wording:

Thirty-five (35) voting members present at any business meeting of the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.

**Rationale:**

Wisconsin PTA has struggled to make the quorum of 50 on the first day of convention and has not been over quorum by more than 5 or so voters in the last several years.

35 is a number that is achievable while still requiring that 10+ voters be present who are not on the Wisconsin PTA Board of Directors.

# WI PTA Reflections Art Program 2017-18

Ramada Janesville

3900 Milton Ave, Janesville, Wisconsin 53546

Sponsored by AIM Insurance

Sunday, April 29, 2018



12:00 - 12:20 Luncheon

12:20 - 12:45 Keynote Speaker, Bryan Dyer

12:45 - 2 : 0 0 Awards Ceremony

Deadline for \$10 lunch is April 1st. (After April 1st, price is \$25).

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

We are pleased to honor: \_\_\_\_\_

Pronunciation if commonly mispronounced: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reflections Lunch Buffet** — *Italian Beef, Carolina Pulled Pork, Chicken Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Seven Layer Salad, & Fruited Dream Salad*

Special Meal Requests or Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Total attending with \$10 lunches: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider putting an ad in the convention book to honor your Reflections student winner!!!

Please make checks payable to Wisconsin PTA and reference "Reflections Luncheon" in the memo line.

*Mail To: WI PTA*

*4797 Hayes Rd. #102*

*Madison, WI 53704*

# PTA Unit & Council Advertising Opportunities

Special Convention Book Ad Rates  
For Local Units, Councils & Individual Members

Ad Costs	
1/4 Page \$20	1/4
1/2 Page \$30	
Full Page \$45	
1/2	

- PTA Ad Suggestions:
- Reflections Winner
- Scholarship Recipients
- New Officers
- Honorary Life Member
- Award Recipients
- Unit or Council Sponsors

## Honoring the Past



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Phoebe Apperson Hearst and  
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## Influencing the Future



Ads will be printed in black and white only. Electronic ads must be emails in PDF or Word format to:

[info@wisconsinpta.org](mailto:info@wisconsinpta.org)

Mail payment for the ad with a printed copy of the ad emailed.

Every convention delegate in Wauwatosa will receive the convention book which provides all scheduled activities as a guide book for the attendees.

Payment for ads (payable to Wisconsin PTA) and materials must be received in the WI PTA office on or before April 1, 2018. Please include your name and contact information, the name of the PTA and the ad size with all submissions.

Direct an questions to the Convention Committee at: [info@wisconsinpta.org](mailto:info@wisconsinpta.org).

The mailing address for payments and hard copy of your ad is:

Wisconsin PTA  
4797 Hayes Road, Suite 102  
Madison, W 53704



# Wall of Fame

## Honor a special teacher who made a difference to you or your child!

You know, that one teacher who touched your life, the one teacher you will never forget! The teacher you consider to be a shining star.

The Brookmire-Hastings Scholarship committee invites you to honor that special teacher during the 2018 WI PTA Convention. Purchase a Wall of Fame star to say "Thank you" to that special person in your education, or that of your child. The educator you name will:

- \* Have a Star with their name on the Wall of Fame throughout convention
- \* Receive a special acknowledgment letting them know you honored them
- \* Acknowledgements are sent during Teacher Appreciation Week
- \* Will know that you, for one, remembered them and they are appreciated
- \* A special award for The Most Honored Teacher is presented to the teacher with the most individual stars posted on the Wall of Fame

### Make your Special Teacher a Star

Honor your teacher(s) as a Star at Convention with a donation to the Brookmire-Hastings Scholarship fund, which annually awards two \$1,000 scholarships to Wisconsin PTA high school seniors entering the field of education, simply:

- \* Purchase a star in their name with a \$5 donation (3 for \$10) to Brookmire-Hastings ; or
- \* Purchase a Constellation to honor a school staff (Ursa Minor: \$50; Ursa Major: \$75)
- \* Provide mailing address(es) for your Stars to receive an acknowledgement of their star
- \* Provide your name, or the name of the PTA or person recognizing your Star(s)
- \* Send Wall of Fame form and donation to:

Brookmire-Hastings Scholarship Fund c/o Wisconsin PTA  
4797 Hayes Road, Suite 102, Madison, WI 53704

Pre-convention purchases for the Wall of Fame need to be received by April 15th for placement on the Wall. Of course, purchases can still be made at convention!

**Donations to the Brookmire-Hastings Scholarship Fund are always welcomed!**

**Provide the following information for your donation:  
Place a Star/Constellation on the Wall of Fame honoring**

**Constellation: Ursa Minor (<50 staff) \$50 or Ursa Major (50+ staff) \$75**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Single Star \$5    \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple Stars 3/\$10**

**Educator's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (School?)** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Purchased by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**You are most welcome to submit a separate sheet with multiple honorees!**

# Convention Volunteer Sheet

Your time and talent would be appreciated to make the 109th Annual Wisconsin PTA Convention a success!

Volunteering will allow you to meet and work with WI PTA board members and learn more about PTA. Volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend convention training on Friday, April 28th. Attendance at this training is required for registration table and general session volunteers.

Please complete the information requested below, and check any position(s) of interest to you and the time(s) you would be willing to help. Please return this form with your convention registration or email it to [info@wisconsinpta.org](mailto:info@wisconsinpta.org). For additional information contact Dawn Petrovick at [dpetrovick@wisconsinpta.org](mailto:dpetrovick@wisconsinpta.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Convention Set Up  
Help to set up the convention areas. Duties include unloading and carrying supplies to the appropriate places and setting up areas as needed. Volunteers will also stuff convention bags. Convention training will be held during this time  
\_\_\_ Friday 4:00 pm Multiple needed.

\_\_\_ Registration Table  
Perfect job for friendly, outgoing people. Act as a greeter to delegates and guests as they arrive. Duties include smiling, checking in delegates, verifying voting status, passing out convention bags and materials and recording delegate information in the Credential Book. Attention to detail is a must. A WI PTA BOD member will always be at the table. Training takes place Friday morning.  
\_\_\_ Saturday 7:00– 7:00 1/hr. intervals \_\_\_ Sunday 7:30 - 2:00 1/hr. intervals

\_\_\_ Reflections Registration  
Friendly, outgoing people-people needed. You'll be greeting Reflections winner and families as they arrive for the awards luncheon. Duties include smiling, congratulating and checking in guests quickly. Attention to detail is a must. A WI PTA BOD member will always be at the table.  
\_\_\_ Sunday 11:15 - 2:00

\_\_\_ PTA Store  
Duties include checking out customers in the store. Possibly straighten and/or fold merchandise on tables. Closing shift responsible for taking inventory and packing up all remaining merchandise. A WI PTA BPD member will always be in the Store.  
\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_ 7:00—9:00 pm  
\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_ 7:00—8:00 am \_\_\_ 1:45—3:45 pm  
\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_ 7:30—8:30 am

\_\_\_ Wall of Fame  
The Wall of Fame allows delegates to purchase stars to honor a favorite teacher. Stars are displayed on the Wall and the most honored teacher is announced at the end of convention. Proceeds support the Brookmire Hastings Scholarship. Duties include selling and displaying stars. Good penmanship is required.  
\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_ 7:00—9:00 pm  
\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_ 7:00—8:00 am \_\_\_ 1:45—3:45 pm  
\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_ 7:30—8:30 am

# Convention Registration



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Registration Form  
and Payment  
must be received in  
the State Office on/  
before the specified  
dates.

Wisconsin PTA  
4797 Hayes Road  
Suite 102  
Madison, WI 53704

Please contact us, if  
you have questions:  
608-244-1455

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PTA: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

	Before 4/1/18		4/1/18 or later	
Member Complete with all convention meals	\$ 125.00		\$ 150.00	
Non-Member Complete with all convention meals	\$ 140.00		\$ 165.00	
Member Saturday Complete with all Saturday meals	\$ 100.00		\$ 125.00	
Saturday Awards Dinner Only	\$ 25.00		\$ 35.00	
Member Sunday Complete with meal	\$ 50.00		\$ 75.00	
Reflections Lunch Buffet Only	\$ 10.00		\$ 25.00	

## Meal Details

**Membership Lunch**—Includes Vegetarian Vegetable Soup, Build Your Own Sandwich Buffet

**Awards Dinner**—All entrees are served with sour cream & garlic mashed potatoes and 4-way vegetable blend. **Please circle your Awards Dinner main entrée choice below:**

**Reflections Lunch Buffet** — Italian Beef, Carolina Pulled Pork, Chicken Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Seven Layer Salad, & Fruited Dream Salad

**Special Meal Requests or Food Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Hotel Accommodations:

Individuals must call 1-608-756-4511 to book a room at the Wisconsin PTA group rate of \$82.00/night for single/double occupancy or \$92.00/night for 3 people in a room and \$102/night for 4 people at the Ramada Janesville, 3900 Milton Avenue, Janesville, WI 53546-1007 **BEFORE March 26, 2018**. This rate is not available online or through the RAMADA 800 number. After the deadline full price (\$120+) will be charged for the room.

**You will need to give your tax-exempt number when making reservation and a copy when checking in.**

**Verification of membership, Unit President signature required:**

I verify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**To help our volunteers, please circle which ribbons you have earned:**

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