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Dates to Remember:

- Run from the Floor submit deadline 3/12/19
- WI PTA Convention 4/12-14/19

Report of the Wisconsin PTA Nominating Committee

Wisconsin PTA Officers serve a two year term and are elected by the general membership at the Annual Wisconsin PTA Convention. This year's convention will be held **April 12-14, 2019** at the Embassy Suites in Brookfield.

The Wisconsin PTA Nominating Committee has selected the following people as candidates for office for the 2019 – 2021 term:

President Elect: Gena Kraemer of West Allis

Vice President: Michael Southers of Janesville

Secretary: Brenda Ward of West Allis

Treasurer: Vacant

Qualifications for running for these positions are:

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

Wisconsin PTA bylaws allow for any qualified Wisconsin PTA member to run from the floor for any elected office, provide that written intent to run from the floor has been received by the Wisconsin PTA President 30 days before the convention.

Any member wishing to run from the floor for these positions must submit a letter of intent along with the required signed documents and other requested information to Wisconsin PTA President, Angie Mattes, amattes@wisconsinpta.org **no later than midnight, March 12, 2019.**

Download the full “Run From The Floor Packet” at
www.wisconsinpta.org

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 - ✓ A one-sheet flyer sharing the reasons you want to be considered for the position(s) you have indicated, as well as skills and expertise you would bring to the position(s).
- *This will be distributed to the convention delegates.

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Gena Kraemer, President Elect Nominee



Gena Kraemer - West Allis, WI

I am a wife to one great guy, mother to three “adult” children (19, 21 & 23), and proud dog-mom to my two adorable pups. My husband, Mark and I have been married just over 25 years.

We live in the West Allis area where our children, Melissa, Jessica, & Jacob graduated from Nathan Hale High School. I first volunteered for the PTA when my daughter, Melissa was in kindergarten with the only goal of getting to know some of the other families and staying informed about school happenings. I had no idea the network I was about to tap into.

My career has been in Early Childhood Education as a family child care provider where I am self-employed and have used my organizational skills to build a successful business. I have continued my education to attain my Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education, coursework in adult educational workshops, and some marketing/website building/social media workshops. I have learned so much through my experiences with the PTA.

I have held many chair positions such as Membership Chair, Carnival Chair, and Reflections Chair; and the Offices of Secretary and President at local units in elementary, intermediate & high school levels; and the offices of 2nd Vice President & President of the West Allis-West Milwaukee PTA Council. The last two years I have continued to volunteer at Nathan Hale High School PTSA and I am the Region F Advisor for Wisconsin PTA. I have also served on the WI PTA’s Technology, Convention, and Resource Development committees.

I am very passionate about the mission of PTA and the importance of creating parent-teacher-school relationships that will provide the level of education that every child will need to become the leaders and innovators we need for our future.



Michael Southers, Vice President Nominee

Hello everyone, and thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Michael Southers, and I am a candidate for Vice President of the Wisconsin PTA for the 2019-2021 term. I was born and raised in Janesville, Wisconsin and am currently married to my wife, Kerry, and we have two sons, Zackery and Brandon.

I have been a member of the boys' grade school and middle school PTAs and served as Treasurer and President of the Janesville Parker High School PTSA.

For the last two years, I have served as the Region E Advisor and enjoyed meeting and helping many of you in Region E.

Over the years, PTA has brought many memories. As one of the few men involved with Wisconsin PTA, I hope to continue to provide a guy's perspective to Wisconsin PTA leadership and programs to continue to have PTA thrive in Wisconsin. There will be challenges, but together we can move forward. I thank you for your time, look forward to seeing you and ask for your vote at convention, and to working with you in the coming years.



Michael Southers - Janesville, WI

Brenda Ward, Secretary Nominee

I currently reside in West Allis and have raised four children here. Two of my children currently attend UW Milwaukee and the other two are employed in Milwaukee. One of my sons graduated with an associate degree in criminal justice and is currently pursuing a BSN. My granddaughter has also recently started school in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District and I have the privilege to be very involved with her schooling.

I have been an active PTA member for over 12 years. My first local officer role was Secretary at the Intermediate level followed by serving as Treasurer at the Intermediate, High School and Council levels.

During this time, I assisted in arranging awards banquets, helped with Student Lock-ins and led fundraising events at multiple local schools in West Allis. For the past eight years, I have served on the WI PTA Board of Directors starting as Region Advisor, then Reflections Chair and Treasurer. Currently, I am serving as the WI PTA State Legislative Chair.

I was also Treasurer for my son's Cub Scout unit along with coordinating outings and dinners. Additionally, I served as Girl Scout Leader for my daughter's unit and am currently Treasurer of my granddaughter's unit along with providing assistance to the leaders wherever it is needed.

Being a volunteer for so many years in both the Scouts and PTA have provided me the opportunity to grow as a well-rounded individual. My vast experience in my many PTA roles have given me the tools to help make our PTAs prosper for all of our children, parent, teachers, and schools. I look forward to continuing to use this experience being the best that I can be, serving you as Wisconsin State PTA Secretary, and assisting all PTAs to be the best they can be.



Brenda Ward – West Allis, WI

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