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Let's Get this Show on the Road!

Wow, you are all working very hard to get ready for the new PTA year. By now you should have had your planning meetings. Your calendar, budget and audit should be ready for your first meeting to be approved or adopted. Make sure that the executive board contact information is in a directory and a copy is ready for each of the board members, chairpersons, front office staff and principal.

Remember, the chairpersons that run a program that lasts all year are also part of the executive board and should attend every meeting.

After attending the Board of Mangers meeting at UC Davis, I realized that California State PTA is so much more than a local PTA. The State PTA spends endless hours working on making sure our children receive representation at our State Capital by creating laws to improve their lives. Currently we are working on AB 1156, a Bill to protect our children from bullying. Check out the capta.org web site to see more information.

I was so incredibly proud of our Units and Councils for receiving so many awards this past year. We are one of only 4 Districts that had all their units file their tax returns on time and no one lost their charter. GREAT JOB! We also received several awards for 100% membership for many units. WAY TO GO!

California State PTA worked 14,066,056 hours last year for our children. If we were paid for our work we would receive approximately \$23.29/hr which is approximately \$327,598,444.00. That is incredible and as a PTA member I am extremely proud to be part of this amazing group of parents. Thank you for all your hard work.

Keep it up!

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DISTRICT DUE DATES

National PTA Healthy Lifestyles Application due to NPTA by	September 2
Advance Leadership Training at Fair Oaks Ranch Elementary School 9:00 am to 1:00pm.....	September 24
Ready Set Remit Award - Remit 30 members to District by	October 4
Insurance Premiums \$199 for Units Due to District by	November 1
National Reflections Theme entries due to NPTA by.....	November 1
Final Payment for District Brunch Due by.....	November 29
Reflections due to District by	December 6
District Brunch Robinson Ranch.....	December 6

PTA Reflections unleashes your artistic talents!

The theme for the 2011 - 2012 Reflections Program is "Diversity Means. . ."

From a box of crayons to a field of wildflowers to the world we live in, diversity can be anything! Reflection Chairs should inspire students to see diversity through their own eyes regardless of how simple or complex it may be. Each entry must be the original work of one student only. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student's work. Students must also adhere to the General Student Participation Rules as well as the rules for their specific arts area: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts. Log on to www.PTAreflections.org for more information.

Unit Reflection Chairs will submit their winning entries to their Council Chairs in November 2011 (check with your Council for specific due dates).

Council Reflection Chairs will submit their winning entries to District in December 2011 (exact date to be determined).

As your District Reflection Chairs, it is our pleasure to be working with you this year!

All questions regarding the program are welcome!
Sue Alterman (661)299-6443 or Thealtermans@hotmail.com
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Did You Know About PTA Scholarships & Grants?

With 12 different PTA Scholarships & Grants waiting to be utilized, the 34th District PTA encourages all of our Unit and Council Presidents to work with their Chairperson and/or Executive Board on all the applications offered. Please check our monthly newsletters for all upcoming due dates.

Start Planning Now!!!!



National PTA Healthy Lifestyle Grants

Up to 10 Units Nationwide will receive a \$1,000.00 Grant to implement during the 2011-2012 year.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Friday, September 2, 2011 at 5pm EDT</u>
<u>Grant Notifications</u>	<u>Mid-October 2011</u>
<u>Programs Implemented</u>	<u>November 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012</u>
<u>PTA Grant Report Deadline</u>	<u>Grant Reports must be received no later than 30 days following the conclusion of the proposed program or May 30, 2012, whichever comes sooner.</u>

Service mailings help keep you *cool* in summer

New leader contact information assures postal delivery of the California State PTA Service Mailing, including the 2011 *Toolkit*, five *Pocket Pals* and more print materials, along with a program-packed CD. Verify that your council and district PTA have your new officer information.

Every president must register by September 16th online to receive National PTA's [Back to School Kit](#).

Focus on families

Congress is debating the Family Engagement in Education Act of 2011 (S.941/H.R.1821). The legislation would strengthen family engagement in the reauthorization of federal education funding (now called No Child Left Behind). National PTA strongly supports this bill, which would provide incentives for family engagement and professional development for educators on how to partner with families. Check out more information on our web site at capta.org.

Plan Ahead Now
National PTA Mary Lou Anderson Reflections
Arts Enhancement Grants

A limited number of Grants matching up to \$1,000.00 will be awarded to Units for students centered programs focused on Arts Education for the 2011-2012 year. - Application Due Date 11-15-2011



California State PTA

Scholarships

Continuing Education for Credentialed Classroom Teachers & Counselors
Continuing Education for School Nurses
Continuing Education for PTA Volunteers

Grants Outreach Translation for Units, Councils and District PTA's

Cultural Arts for Units, Councils and District PTA's
Parent Education for Units, Councils and District PTA's
Healthy Lifestyle for Units, Councils and District PTA's

Application Due Date November 15, 2011

Remember all applications must be signed by District President

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**National PTA Website**

Log onto [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) then click on:

- >PTA Programs
- >Awards Programs
- >PTA Healthy Lifestyle Grants

**Or**

- >Reflections Program Grants
- >Reflections Arts Enhancement

**California PTA Website**

Log onto [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org)

- >Scholarships and Grants

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# NEW MEMBERSHIP AWARDS, DUES, & CHALLENGES!

## Ready, Set ... Remit!

Submitted By Linda Kremer, Membership VP

National PTA voted in June to approve a dues increase of 50 cents effective July 1, 2011. We need to move forward to implement the dues increase.

The new breakdown per person on membership dues is:

National PTA \$2.25 & California PTA \$1.25= \$3.50 per person

Please see your bylaws for your District & Council shares. If you are planning to increase your membership to cover this cost then propose an amendment at school right away and send home your agenda with your membership packet. At your association meeting a 2/3's vote is needed to amend your bylaws. In this case only (per capta) it is NOT necessary to send your PTA bylaws through channels to reflect the dues increase if the unit collects an additional 50 cents per member.

To correct your bylaws a unit should line out the National dues amount in Article IV, Section 4a of the bylaws and write in the new amount and increase by 50 cents the total collected in Section 4 and the pass-through amount in Section 4e.

Remember that even with a dues increase, membership in our national and state organization of parents and teachers who speak on behalf of every child with one voice for only \$3.50 per year is an incredible value!

**This years New Membership Theme is, "NOW! MORE THAN EVER".**

Think of how many different ways you can use it:

Now more than ever, our children need PTA.

Now more than ever, the children of California need the PTA.

Now more than ever, we need parents to speak up for

adequate funding, smaller classes, quality teachers & administrators, special needs, safer schools, greater parent involvement, and so much more!

**Take the 2011-2012 California State PTA Membership Challenges!**

24 members and the California State PTA will grow by One Million Members!  
And get 100% Connected!

When membership = school enrollment, PTA has 100% Representation!

**California State PTA also announces a new Membership Award!**

**To begin 2011-2012, "Ready, Set ... Remit!**

Units will need to submit 30 members by their October Association meeting.

Please check with your Council for your exact due date. This award replaced the Early Bird and Chairman's Club Awards that were retired last year.

Please always try to read information that is sent your way.

**"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."**

You can not show the way if you do not take a minute to learn the way yourself! As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.

## **Eight steps to a motion**

### **1. Obtain the floor.**

The member rises or raises his hand and waits to be recognized before speaking further.

### **2. Recognition by the chair.**

The chair grants the member the right to speak by a nod or by announcing the member's name.

### **3. Make the motion.**

The member speaks clearly, stating the motion concisely, saying, "I move ..." (Never say, "I so move," or "I motion that ...") Motions are always in the affirmative. The chair has the right to request that the motion be in writing, unless the rules indicate otherwise.

### **4. The motion is seconded.**

A second indicates that more than one person wishes to consider the subject. Another member says, "I second the motion," or simply, "Second!" If there is no second, the chair says, "Motion fails for lack of a second." Motions coming from a committee do not need a second.

### **5. Chair restates the motion.**

Only the chair can formally place a motion before the assembly. The chair repeats the exact motion, "It has been moved and seconded that ... ." The motion is now pending. Once stated by the chair, it cannot be changed or withdrawn without consent of the members.

### **6. Debate or discussion.**

Immediately after stating the question the chair asks, "Is there discussion?" The maker of the motion has the right to speak first. Discussion must remain relevant to the pending question. The chair should endeavor to alternate pro and con speakers. The maker of the motion may vote against the motion, but may not speak against it.

### **7. Putting the question – the vote.**

When discussion appears to be concluded, the chair asks, "Are you ready for the question?" If the discussion has been long, or amendments made, the motion should be restated as it presently stands. The chair says, "The question is on the adoption of the motion that ... ." The chair then calls for the vote by saying, "All those in favor of the motion say 'Aye,' " and pausing for response. "All those opposed say 'No'." Always call for the negative vote, no matter how unanimous the affirmative vote may appear.

### **8. Chair announces result.**

No motion is complete until the chair has announced the result of the vote. The chair says, "The 'ayes' have it and the motion is adopted," or, "The 'nos' have it and the motion is defeated." In a counted vote, the chair should first announce the count, then the result of the vote. The chair then states the effect of the vote.



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### *Poppy's Favorite Quotes*



Your goals are the  
road maps that  
guide you and show  
you what is possible  
for your life.

-Les Brown

## **What is Good in PTA!**

**A Century of Caring**— *Throughout PTA's history, we have championed social, health, safety, and education issues affecting children and youth.*

- 1900s** Juvenile Justice and Child Labor Laws
- 1910s** Establishment of Kindergarten
- 1920s** Nationwide Children's Health Project
- 1930s** Nutrition & Emergency Services
- 1940s** National School Lunch Act
- 1950s** Salk Polio Vaccine Trials
- 1960s** Child Protection & Toy Safety Legislation
- 1970s** Television & Media Violence
- 1980s** HIV/AIDS Education Program
- 1990s** TV Ratings/National Education Goals
- 2000s** Parent Involvement Standards defined in Federal Law