
Call to Convention 2021



Resilient: (adjective) in the sense of flexible (of an object) capable of regaining its original shape or position after bending or stretching.



Invitation

Dear PTA/PTSA Leaders,

The Arizona PTA Board of Managers is excited to invite you to attend the 115th Arizona PTA Convention, taking place June 16-19, 2021.

Like last year's convention, we are holding our event in a virtual format. We respect your time, and we value your safety. You will find that this streamlined virtual program is designed to give you what you need and want in a direct, expedited fashion. We will be providing training, general meetings, vendor exposure, and virtual fun on June 16th through 19th. Our trainings will be given in the form of videos that deliver you the important information without the downtime associated with traditional workshops.

You will have the ability to enjoy convention from the comfort of your own home. You will be able to review the training on your own time - whenever it is convenient for you. The material will be available for 5 weeks after convention, to allow you time to review anything you desire.

We look forward to connecting virtually with you and continuing the Mission of PTA:

-To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children-

What to Expect-

Registration will be opening on May 1, 2021 for all Arizona PTA members and will be FREE for all members. Yes, that's right... if you are a member of a PTA/PTSA in our organization, you can attend free of charge. We do not know each of your individual situations, but we do know that it would be irresponsible of us to burden our members with convention fees during a time like this. Please use this convention to reset your mind and motivation for next year's school season. We all hope that it will be back to normal!

Stay tuned for upcoming notifications! Our convention program will have the detailed schedule for you. Here are some highlights you can expect to experience!

What you can expect from this years convention

Training (now with Advanced Courses for PTA veteran leaders)

Opportunities to interact with vendors

Elections

General Session to vote on State business

Surveys and Trivia Games

Awards Presentation

Responsible: (adjective) in the sense of accountable, being accountable for one's actions.



Bylaws

Arizona PTA Announces New Bylaws Process

To provide for the safety of our members, delegates and volunteers, the Arizona PTA Convention shall be held virtually this year. During this year's Virtual Convention, delegates will have the opportunity to vote on by visiting the website here and submitting an email at the link below [Proposed AzPTA Bylaws Revision](#) (see [Current AzPTA Bylaws here](#))

Due to the limitations of conducting business with hundreds of delegates in a virtual setting, there will not be debate nor amendments on the proposed bylaws revision. Instead, input, feedback and voting on the proposed bylaws revision shall be handled differently

New Process for 2021 Virtual Convention

- From April 18 through May 7, 2021:
 - Members who wish to comment on the proposed bylaws revision may do so by emailing comments to bylaws@azpta.org.
 - Please include the page number and line number of the part of the revision you are commenting on.
 - Please use the words **"Bylaws Revision"** in the subject line.
- The comment period will close Friday, May 7, 2021, at 5:00 pm (Arizona time).
- All comments will be shared with Arizona PTA's Bylaws Committee. The Committee will review and consider every comment and may use those comments to recommend amendments to the Arizona PTA Board of Managers.
- The Board of Managers must approve any bylaws amendments submitted by the Arizona PTA Bylaws Committee.
- The final version of the proposed bylaws revision will be posted by Monday, May 27, 2021. After this date, the proposed bylaws revision cannot be changed.
- Registered Virtual Convention delegates who are credentialed to vote will have the opportunity to vote "For" or "Against" the proposed bylaws revision during the Virtual Convention in June 2021.
- An announcement of the voting results will be made during the Virtual Convention.



Special Meeting Notice

A special meeting will be held prior to the virtual convention on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. The purpose of the special meeting is to vote on the following bylaws amendment which officially allows our virtual convention/meetings to begin. Watch for further information on the time and place of the special meeting in future convention emails.

" A. Electronic Meetings. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the Board of Managers, Executive Committee, committees, and the state association may be conducted through use of Internet meeting services designated by the President that support anonymous voting and support visible displays identifying those participating, identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions, and showing the results of votes. These electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Board of Managers, or by the association , to govern them, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, members' participation. Any such rules adopted by the Board of Managers shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority, but may not otherwise conflict with or alter any rule or decision of the association.

An anonymous vote conducted through the designated Internet meeting service shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be conducted by ballot. "



PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Article VIII, Section 1.f., Any member planning to run from the floor for a position must advise the Arizona PTA President twenty- one (21) calendar days before the first general session of the annual Arizona PTA convention.

The slate of officers for the 2021-2023 term is as follows:

Officers Candidates:

President-Elect

Vice President

Region Director Candidates:

South East Maricopa/Pinal Region Director

North West Maricopa Region Director

North Central Maricopa Region Director

Western Region Director

The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of candidates for election. (Arizona PTA Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2. a, b, and c):

If a member is interested in a position listed, they can be nominated from the floor at the First General Meeting during convention, **June 16, 2021**. Member must advise the **Arizona PTA President no later than May 26, 2021**, emailing the appropriate forms to the Arizona PTA President at schavez@azpta.org. Member must meet the qualifying criteria which shall be verified by the Nominating Committee. The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of candidates for election.

President-Elect: a person must have experience serving as an officers for at least two (2) years on a local PTA/PTSA unit or council and at least one (1) year of Arizona PTA Board of Managers experience upon assuming office July 1st.. (Arizona PTA Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2a)

Vice President: To be eligible as a candidate for Vice President, a person must have experience serving as an officer , for at least two(2) years, at local PTA/PTSA unit or council and at least one(1) years of Arizona PTA Board of Managers experience upon assuming office July 1st. (Arizona PTA Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2b)

Region Director: To be eligible for nomination to the office of region director, a person must have a background of at least two (2) years accumulated local PTA/PTSA unit, council, region, or state PTA experience. Region directors shall be elected by the delegates from their respective regions at the annual Arizona PTA Convention. A region director's nomination must be signed by a person within their region. (Arizona PTA Standing Rules, amended September 2008, Article XII, Section 7. g) . Note: Only members in the same region can nominate a member for the position of Region Director.

In addition to the above- mentioned criteria, to be eligible for nomination, a candidate must be a member of an Arizona PTA local unit in good standing. A candidate must reside in Arizona. (Arizona PTA Bylaws, *In regard to experience, a year shall be defined as twelve (12) months of service from the date of assuming office or appointment by the President. (Arizona PTA Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)

Duties and Responsibilities of Positions

Arizona PTA Bylaws, Article IX. Duties of Officers pages 9, 10, and 11. Board of Managers, duties see page 12, Executive Committee, see page 13 for duties. Region Directors duties see pages 10 and 11. Positions of President-Elect and Vice-President are considered members of the Executive Committee. President-Election is member of Advocacy & Legislative Issues committee see Article XII. Committees, Section 11. Advocacy & Legislative Issues page 17. Vice-President is chair of Committee on Local State & Unit Relations see Article XII. Committees, Section 10 for duties.



Awards

Every year Arizona PTA strives to celebrate our local units who are overcoming obstacles, going the extra mile and generally living the PTA Mission "To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children"

Please consider applying for and/or nominating members of your community who are making a difference. To apply please visit www.azpta.org/awards

Membership

Arizona PTA will recognize local units for accomplishments in reaching membership goals.

Champion for Children

Arizona PTA's Champion for Children Award recognizes and honors a PTA member for exceptional efforts to advocate, support and speak on behalf of all children and youth in their community.

Cornerstone Award

Arizona PTA's Cornerstone Award recognizes and honors a non-certified staff member currently working with, for or on behalf of children. Support Staff are the cornerstone of the school community. This nominee should exemplify the mission and purposes of PTA.

Future Leader Award

This award recognizes an outstanding student leader in the PTA community this nominee must a member so f the TA and be capable of understanding, participating in discussion and debating motions without adult assistance to be considered for this award.

Outstanding Unit for Family Engagement Award

This award will be given to a local unit or council that demonstrates a commitment to the Six National Standards for Family-School Partnerships as well as the overall mission and purpose of PTA.

Power Partner Award

Arizona PTA's Power Partner Award recognized and honors an education professional in a non-teaching role currently working with or on behalf of students. This person must be a member of the PTA and exemplify the mission and purposes of PTA. This person could be a Principal, Vice Principal, Superintendent, Counselor, Governing Board Member or other professional in the education community.

Local Unit of the Year

This award will be given to the local unit or Council of the Year. This recognized local units/councils that demonstrate a commitment to the mission and purposes of PTA. This award focuses on membership, activities, and programs for the entire year.

Local Unit Volunteer of the Year

Arizona PTA's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes and honors an outstanding volunteer who has given selflessly to make their school community a better place for students and staff to achieve their goals.

SuperMAN

Arizona PTA's SuperMAN Award recognizes and honors an outstanding male leader in the community. The nominee must a member of the PTA.

Resurgence: (noun) in the sense of revival, a rising again to vigor.



PTA Reflections 2021-2022

This Year's Theme is *I Will Change the World By...*

The annual Reflections theme is created by a student and selected two years in advance through our annual theme search contest. The 2021–2022 Reflections theme is *I Will Change the World By...* submitted by Lydia Keel from Spanish Fork Junior High School PTSA in Utah.

Start planning now to implement this program for your schools this coming year! Watch for updates from Arizona PTA as the school year begins!

The graphic features a central globe with the text "I WILL CHANGE THE WORLD BY..." overlaid in large, blue, bubbly letters. To the left, a white speech bubble says "2021-2022 CALL FOR ENTRIES!" and a blue button below it says "Learn more and get involved! PTA.org/Reflections". To the right, the text "EXPLORE THE ARTS AND EXPRESS YOURSELF!" is above a grid of six icons: Dance Choreography (dancer), Film Production (video camera), Literature (book), Music Composition (musical notes), Photography (camera), and Visual Arts (palette).

Rebound: (verb) recover in value, amount, or strength after a previous decrease or decline.



Registration

Registration will open by May 1st 2021 and will be available on our website [HERE](#)

Please check your email or the Arizona PTA Convention page for details as they are made available!

Not sure if Arizona PTA has a current email for you on file?

Be sure your Officer's List is updated [HERE](#) and join our newsletter list at the bottom of any page on our website www.azpta.org

We are looking forward to seeing you and delivering an amazing convention experience!

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions about convention you can email convention@azpta.org

