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Arizona PTA 112th Annual State Convention & Exhibition

June 8-9, 2018

Civana Carefree Wellness Retreat
37220 N Mule Train Rd, Carefree, AZ



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***We are going
All In!***

Let's Go All In For Kids!

State PTA Convention is my favorite time of year because our Board of Managers gets to connect with you, our members, in person! We have worked very hard all year long to bring forward the mission of PTA through our 2020 Strategic Plan which includes efforts in advocacy, building a diverse and inclusive membership, and provide personalized service to you, our leaders, so that together we can all further the mission of PTA; "To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and the community to advocate for every child."

The Arizona PTA officers, the Board of Managers and I all thank each of you for taking the time away from your families and busy lives to share your time with schools across Arizona. We know that you've worked very hard to make an impact for every child in your community.

The Convention Committee has been working for months now to plan an experience for our convention attendees so that we are **ALL IN** for the upcoming year! We have inspiring speakers like Beth Lewis of Save our Schools Arizona, Jevin Hodge of L.Y.F.E., Marques Ivey, National PTA Vice President of Advocacy, and Brahm Resnik, host of 12 News Sunday Square Off as our Awards Dinner Keynote Speaker.

We are excited to offer our mobile app so you may download workshops onto your mobile phone. We are going **ALL IN** on this year's awards ceremony to honor Local Heroes and high performing PTAs with Membership Awards with a Sock-Hop Dance to follow. We have our enormously popular Happy Hour and Reverse Happy Hour with our vendors for exclusive time to prepare for your events and fundraisers. We are hosting a Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidate Forum and Meet-N-Greet, Breakfast with the Be Kind People Crew and me on Friday morning; and new, exciting workshops for all levels of PTA leadership. Our goal for you beyond convention is to share your expanded knowledge and leadership skills with your PTA board, PTA members and school community to empower them to become a highly effective PTA that supports and advocates so you can be **ALL IN** for your students, families, and teachers.

So on behalf of the Arizona PTA Board of Managers, I am excited to invite you to attend the 112th Arizona State PTA Convention and Exhibition at the Civana Carefree Wellness Retreat in beautiful Carefree, Arizona June 8-9, 2018! I can't wait to see you here!

Beth Simek



Keynote Speaker

Beth Lewis, Save Our Schools Arizona



Beth Lewis is the Chairwoman of Save Our Schools Arizona, a grassroots group fighting for the future of public schools in Arizona. Beth and the SOS AZ team led the charge to engage thousands of Arizonans in the sweltering summer sun to sign petitions to put SB 1431 to a public vote instead of accepting a bill that wasn't right for Arizona.

She has proudly taught 5th and 6th grade in Arizona for 8 years, currently in the Tempe Elementary District and was honored as a Rodel Exemplary teacher. Beth holds a BA from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's in Education from ASU.

Beth's 5- and 6-year old children are thriving in Arizona's public schools.

Keynote Speaker

Jevin Hodge, L.Y.F.E

Jevin Hodge stands as a proud advocate for local communities. He has been involved in policy advising and campaign management at the municipal, state, and federal level, including advising President Barack Obama and his administration on how to best engage millennials. An Arizona native, Jevin is adept at working with community leaders and elected officials, primarily focusing on how to increase civic engagement among all Arizonans. Professionally, Jevin serves as the National Engagement Coordinator for LINK Strategic Partners. LINK Strategic Partners is a national strategic communications and stakeholder engagement firm headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Civically, he serves as the Chairman of Board of Directors for Booker T. Washington Child Development Center in Phoenix, AZ, and member of the Board of Directors for the Tempe Union High School Education Foundation, in Tempe, AZ. Additionally, he is the former Executive Vice Director of The Manifesto Project, an Arizona-based non-profit working to answer the question: How does Arizona retain and develop its young professionals?

Lastly, Jevin is a Millennial Inspirational Speaker, noted as "America's Leading Young Agent for Change" and author of L.Y.F.E. – Living Young Free and Extravagant. Jevin travels the nation speaking to millennials, community leaders, and organizations on how to mobilize, attract, educate, and retain young talent.



Keynote Speaker

Marques Ivey, National PTA Vice President of Advocacy



Marques Ivey is the VP of Advocacy, Chair of the Legislation Committee, and member of the board of directors for the National PTA. Currently, Marques is a trial attorney and owns a law firm, the Law Office of Marques A. Ivey, PLLC. He has been married to Stacey, an educator for almost 19 years and together have three children.

Marques has been involved in PTA for about twelve years. He has served as president of a local elementary school PTA in Aurora, Colorado and is a member of various other PTAs. Mr. Ivey has been on the board of directors for the Colorado PTA for about six years, serving as an at-large member and director of Region three. He is a life member of the Colorado PTA, Michigan PTA, and National PTA.

Outside of the PTA, Marques is very active in the community. He currently serves on several boards of directors and committees. He serves as the chair of the City of Aurora, Citizen Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development and the Minoru Yasui Community Volunteers Award Committee. Marques received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and minored in history from Indiana University, Bloomington. He received his juris doctorate at the University of Tulsa, College of Law.

National PTA Field Representative

Linda Johnson

Linda Johnson is Arizona PTA's National Service Representative. She travels to nine western states for National PTA to provide training and resources to PTA leaders, parents, and school and community leaders. She has been a PTA member since 1995 and has served in various PTA leadership positions at the local, council, region and state levels. Linda has also served on education committees at the school, district and state levels.

She currently serves on the Nevada P-20 Advisory Council and the Governor's Workforce Investment Board- Healthcare and Medical Services Sector Council. Linda holds a Master of Education in Audiology and practiced Audiology until 1992.



Keynote Speaker-Awards Dinner

Brahm Resnik, 12 News
Sunday Square-Off Anchor

Brahm Resnik is an anchor/reporter for 12 News and moderator of "Sunday Square Off," the Valley's leading political talk show. Brahm's experience in reporting on politics and government includes covering the SB 1070 arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court; the presidential campaign of Sen. John McCain; elections at the local, state and federal levels; and every issue of consequence in Arizona, from education to immigration. Brahm also worked for newspapers for 15 years, leading business news sections that won national awards.



A native of Montreal, Canada, he has degrees from Northwestern University and McGill University. Brahm lives in Phoenix with his wife, Wendy, who is the teen and youth services coordinator for the Phoenix Public Library. They have two sons.

Brahm is thankful for his Grade 2 teacher, Miss Spilberg; his Grade 4 teacher, Mrs. Goodwin; his Grade 10 English teacher, Mr. Harrigan; and his Grade 10 & 11 French teacher, Monsieur Benslim. He feels their influence every day.

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PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Per Arizona PTA Bylaws adopted June 1, 2013, 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 2018-2020 term is as follows:

Officers Candidates:**State Secretary****State Treasurer****Region Director Candidates:****North East Maricopa Region Director****Northern AZ Region Director****South West Maricopa/Pinal Region Director****Western AZ 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):

Secretary: To be eligible for nomination to the office of Secretary, a person must have a background of at least two (2) years accumulated local PTA/PTSA unit, council, region, or state PTA experience. This position is exempt from the requirement of the Arizona PTA Board of Managers experience.

Treasurer: To be eligible for nomination to the office of Secretary, a person must have a background of at least two (2) years accumulated local PTA/PTSA unit, council, region, or state PTA experience. This position is exempt from the requirement of the Arizona PTA Board of Managers experience. To be eligible for nomination as Treasurer, a person must have a background in bookkeeping or finance.

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, page 8 Article VIII, Section 1 for complete information). *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, Page 9)

Duties and Responsibilities of Positions

These can be found in the Arizona PTA Bylaws, Article IX: Duties of Officers, pages 10 and 11, and in Article X: Board of Managers, page 12. The Positions of Secretary and Treasurer are considered members of the Executive Committee and those duties can be found in the Arizona PTA Bylaws, Article XI: Executive Committee, page 13. The position of Treasurer is considered Chairman of and considered a member of the Budget Committee and those duties can be found in the Arizona PTA Bylaws, Article IX, Section 5, page 11, and Article XII, Section 4: Budget Committee, page 4.

If a member is interested in a position listed, they can be nominated from the floor at the First General Meeting during convention, June 8, 2018. Member must advise the Arizona PTA President no later than May 19, 2018, emailing the appropriate forms to nomination@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.

Candidate for State Secretary

Jenny Chavez



My name is Jenny Chavez and I'd like to have your vote as the next Arizona PTA State Secretary. I feel I have a lot to offer Arizona PTA. I strive to invite, include, and inspire in all that I do. I am organized and motivated individual and with those two skills, I can move mountains. I have been a card-carrying PTA member since 2009 and have benefitted from every moment. Since day one, I analyze the situation, find a way I can help and pitch in. This led me from volunteer, to Orangewood PTA President, to State Board member. I was appointed to State PTA Secretary in 2017 and as Secretary, I plan to be a source of support to the Arizona PTA's local PTAs. I want to not only keep the minutes of the state PTA's meetings, but also keep track of the memories as well. I appreciate the opportunity to be part of the PTA Family. Thank you for your consideration!

Candidate for State Treasurer

Karen Cote

My name is Karen Cote. I have over 34 years of experience in the accounting field. I have 5 years of experience in working as a PTA/PTSA treasurer. I was appointed to the position of Arizona PTA State Treasurer in April 2017. Since the appointment, I have chaired the Budget committee and produced a working budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. I have also conducted a financial review for the 2016-2017 fiscal year ended. In the process of the financial review the audit committee has helped update the units financial review form. I have provided policies and procedures for the state PTA's Office Management Team. I would like to continue in my role as treasurer so that I can continue to improve and organize the State office. I would like to expand this role to help train and support the local unit treasurers, councils and region directors.



Candidate for Northern Arizona Region Director

Nicky Indicavitch



My name is Nicky Indicavitch and I am the proud mother of 5. My husband, children and I live in Prescott Valley and my children attend school in the Humboldt Unified School District. I am a strong advocate for Arizona public schools and have a passion for teaching parents how to effectively advocate for their student and all Arizona kids. I believe that every child has a right to a equitable, great public education. I believe that our countries public schools are the cornerstone of our communities and have worked to assure that these great institutions continue to serve the needs of every child for years to come.

I have served as the Northern Arizona Region Director since November of 2015, working to engage communities in Prescott, Prescott Valley, Cottonwood, Sedona, Williams, Dewey and the Grand Canyon. I have also been a parent organizer for AZ Schools Now since September 2017.

Candidate for North East Maricopa Region Director

Tracy Grimm

My name is Tracy Grimm and I am running for Northeast Maricopa/Gila Region Director. I have 3 years of local PTA experience. I was previously the VP of Fundraising and am currently the PTA President at Indian Bend Elementary School in the Paradise Valley School District. I am a highly-organized individual and I have great communication and problem solving skills. I worked previously in the customer service and pharmacy industry where I relied on my skills daily. I have been fortunate enough to be able to be home for my children for the past 4 years. I have an amazing husband who is an Army Veteran and 3 wonderful children. I am an Arizona native that has seen this great state change in many ways. I am also a Girl Scout leader for my daughter and have been so for 5 years. I love being able to serve my community and being a volunteer at the school for my children. I love animals and especially dogs and my dream is to have a dog rescue ranch. I love being involved in community activities and PTA as my children progress through school and get older. I love what I do and wouldn't change a thing. Thank you for your consideration



My name is Amanda Reyes and I would like to be the next Southwest Maricopa Region Director. If elected, I plan to help bridge the gap between our more rural units and schools and the more urban areas. Having worked in this region as a member of First Things First Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council I am uniquely familiar with the issues our geographical area poses. Reaching and speaking on behalf of all children is the goal of FTF and would be my goal as a Region Director. I find it easy to build relationships and believe this will serve me well if chosen to represent the Southwest Region. Helping others to achieve their goals is something I find very rewarding. During my time as Jasinski PTSA President I saw an opportunity to serve our Title 1 community by building a relationship with St. Mary's Foodbank. After several meetings with representatives of St. Mary's, and the Buckeye Elementary School District we were able to begin mobile pantries in the area. Our PTSA took the lead on volunteering and it gave us the opportunity to meet and leave a positive impact on families and parents we might otherwise not come in to contact with. Being able to offer free produce, and giving excellent customer service and making it a fun environment is a source of pride for me from my time at Jasinski. I saw a need and was able to leverage my network and pull resources to accomplish a goal that is still to this day continuing on in the community.



Grand Canyon State PTA—Are YOU A Member?



Did you know that Arizona State PTA has its own local unit? Grand Canyon State PTA helps to support programs and scholarships for the State PTA. Become a member by going to www.azpta.org!

Convention At-a-Glance

With training a requirement in the Unified Local PTA/PTSA Unit Bylaws as a Standard of Affiliation to maintain charter as a PTA under Arizona and National PTA, we've made it easy for you to select the right classes to meet your training requirements. We have beginning and advanced classes so that the newest PTA member or even the seasoned veteran will find something interesting in each class.

At Registration, you will receive a Leadership Training Card. Get all 5 required blocks completed, turn in your card to your Region Director on Saturday June 9 by 2PM, and your certificate of completion will be emailed to you over summer from your Region Director. You **must** turn in your Leadership Training Card regardless of completion of required blocks of training to your Region Director. If you do not complete training at convention, you will have an opportunity to complete training online at no additional charge.

The required Leadership Training Tracks will be:

Finance
Membership
Leadership
Advocacy
Board Skills

We offer a variety of classes for general knowledge as well for well-rounded leadership that will count toward your overall mandatory training blocks! Each course will be approximately 55 minutes long and we encourage your board to attend different courses so you experience as many learning opportunities as possible!

Credentials may not be shared. Once convention begins, delegates may not give their credentials (badges) to another attendee. Credentials are provided to each delegate and are required for entrance to workshops, general meetings, special events and the Exhibit Hall.

Volunteers Needed!

We need the help of local volunteers to make convention a memorable experience for all. If you are interested in helping out for this exciting event, please contact Tracy Grimm at tgrimm@azpta.org!



Convention At A Glance Continued...

Registering for the 112th Annual Arizona PTA State Convention is easier than ever! Just go to: <http://azpta.org/events/convention/registration.html> You can pay online with a debit or credit card securely via PayPal (PREFERRED) or you can print the form and mail with a check payable to Arizona PTA 2721 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Early Bird Registration:	\$175.00 per person (April 3-April 30, 2018)
Regular Registration:	\$200.00 per person (May 1-May 30, 2018)
On-Site Registration:	\$250.00 per person (meals not guaranteed)
Non-Member Registration:	\$350.00 per person

(2-Day Registration includes: Convention Badge, Convention Tote, All Workshops both days, All General Sessions both days, Exhibit Hall both days, Welcome Coffee with President and Lunch on Friday, Candidate Meet & Greet and Happy Hour on Friday evening, and Breakfast and Lunch Saturday. The Arizona PTA Awards Dinner is a separate, ticketed event,)

We are also offering a One Day Convention Registration option as well!

Early Bird One Day Registration (Saturday Only)	\$95.00 per person (April 3-April 30)
Regular One Day Registration (Saturday Only)	\$120.00 per person (May 1-May 30)

There will be **no** on-site registration for single day registration

(One Registration includes: Convention Badge, Convention Tote, Saturday Workshops only, General Session 2 admission only, Exhibit Hall on Saturday, Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday. The Arizona PTA Awards Dinner is a separate, ticketed event.) Saturday attendees may only pick up registration information and badges on Saturday.

All registered convention attendees will have the ability to access Arizona PTA's eLearning courses for continued training or to complete any unfinished courses. Contact your Region Director post-convention for more information!

Arizona PTA Awards Ceremony Dinner \$75.00 per person

PTAs with finalists for "Be A Hero" Local Unit Awards and finalists for Super Teacher of the Year will be notified in advance so those nominees may attend the awards dinner free of charge. Additional guests will be \$75 each.

Badges must be worn at all times. There will be **no** admission to the general sessions, workshop rooms, or exhibit hall without a badge. Replacement badges will be \$10 each.

Voting wristbands are provided to voting delegates at registration and are not replaced if lost.

Registration is non-transferrable. All sales are final.

Friday Convention Schedule

Times and workshops listed are subject to change

Vendor Happy Hour Dedicated Vendor time in Exhibit Hall 4:30PM-7:00PM with Superintendent Candidate Meet-N-Greet.

Saturday 7AM-1PM (Reverse Happy Hour Dedicated Vendor time on Saturday from 7AM-9:30AM)

Time	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Workshop 5
Registration 7:00AM-11AM					
Breakfast with Beth 8:00-8:45AM	Welcome	To	Convention	101	Speaker: Beth Simek, President
Block 1: 9:00-9:55AM	Membership	Finance	Membership	Board Skills	Advocacy
Block 2: 10:00-10:55AM	Finance	Leadership	Membership	Board Skills	Advocacy
Block 3: 11:00-11:55AM	Leadership	Leadership	Membership	Finance	Leadership
Lunch: 12:00PM-1:00PM		Training: Advocacy	Marques Ivey	National PTA	
General Session 1 1:15-3:00PM	Speaker: Marques Ivey, National PTA	Speaker: Beth Lewis, Save Our Schools AZ	General Session	Board Elections	General Session
Candidate Forum 3:00-4:15PM	Superintendent of Public Instruction	Candidate Forum	Superintendent of Public Instruction	Candidate Forum	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Region Director Team Meeting 4:30-7PM	Region Director Team Meeting	Region Director Team Meeting	Region Director Team Meeting	Region Director Team Meeting	Region Director Team Meeting
Vendor Happy Hour Superintendent Meet N Greet 4:30-7:00PM	Dedicated Superintendent	Vendor Candidate	Hall Meet	Time And	YAY! Greet
Bylaws & Legislative Issues Help Desk 4:30-7:00PM					



This year is the 50th Anniversary of the National PTA Reflections Arts in Education Program! The theme is Heroes Around Me! Be sure to attend the Reflections Workshop so you can bring the arts to your school this year! For more information contact Jetuan Whedon, Arts in Education Chair at jwhedon@azpta.org

Saturday Convention Schedule- Tentative

Times and workshops listed are subject to change

Vendor Happy Hour Dedicated Vendor Time in Exhibit Hall 4:30PM-7:00PM with Superintendent Candidate Meet-N-Greet.

Saturday 7AM-1PM (Reverse Happy Hour Dedicated Vendor Time on Saturday from 7AM-9:30AM)

Time	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Workshop 5
Registration 7AM-10AM					
Breakfast: 7:30-9:00AM	Pancake Breakfast	Pancake Breakfast	Pancake Breakfast	Pancake Breakfast	Pancake Breakfast
Reverse Vendor Happy Hour: 7:00-9:30AM	Reverse	Happy	Hour	Dedicated	Vendor Time
Block 1: 9:45-10:40AM	Board Skills	Board Skills	Advocacy	Finance	Membership
Block 2 10:45-11:40AM	Advocacy	Board Skills	Leadership	Finance	Membership
Block 3: 11:45-12:40PM	Leadership	Board Skills	Leadership	Finance	Advocacy
Lunch 1:00-2:00PM					
General Session 2: 2:15-5:30PM	General Session 2	General Session 2	General Session 2	General Session 2	General Session 2
Awards Dinner Cocktail Hour: 6:15-7:00PM	Cocktail Hour				
Awards Dinner: 7PM-Midnight	Awards Dinner				

***Don't forget to drop off your Leadership Training Card to your Region Director by 2PM!
Use the time before lunch to finish up your selfies for the Selfie Scavenger Hunt!***



All PTAs are asked to bring a Tri-Fold Brag Board to Convention this year to show off individual PTA successes and accomplishments! This is a great opportunity to toot your horn and share great ideas with other PTAs so that we can all be successful!

Arizona PTA Proposed Bylaws Amendments

The Arizona State PTA Bylaws Proposed changes are included on our website at <http://azpta.org/about-arizona-pta/advocacy/bylaws/2018-proposed-azpta-state.pdf>

Please be sure to read up the changes as delegates will be voting on these amendments during General Session 2 on Saturday, June 9, 2018. There will be time on Friday, June 8 from 3-4PM and again from 4:30-7PM in the ballroom to ask questions at convention about the proposed amendments or make any amendments to these amendments. There will be **no** amendments from the floor.

Any proposed amendments must be made at the Bylaws Help desk by 7PM on Friday June 8, 2018.

A Bylaws Telephone Town Hall will be taking place on April 14. Please stay tuned for information via the Arizona PTA Weekend Update!

Please contact the Bylaws committee at bylaws@azpta.org, if you have questions now or would like to propose amendments prior to convention.



Arizona PTA Resolution for Adoption

The following new Resolution will be presented to the Convention delegate body on June 8 during General Session 1 for consideration as an addition to the Arizona PTA Resolutions. This resolution will be voted upon on June 9 during General Session 2 by the delegates.

RESOLUTION: Arming School Teachers

WHEREAS, teachers are not trained to be law enforcement officers and the State of Arizona and Local School Districts do not have the money or resources to provide proper training, and

WHEREAS, it would be extremely difficult for law enforcement officers to determine who was legally armed during a crisis, and

WHEREAS, accuracy, when firing a gun, is reduced during periods of high stress, and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of teachers should be to protect those students in their classrooms, not to get involved in a shooting incident and,

WHEREAS, other safety measure, including metal detectors, locked door access, and bag checks should be used to keep students and staff safe, and

WHEREAS, since 2013, there have been 291 shootings on elementary, middle, and high school and college campuses in the United States which averages to about one per week,¹ and 168 of those shootings were at K-12 schools; and

WHEREAS, teachers carrying guns could be overpowered by a student or a group of students, and the weapons could fall into the wrong hands, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Arizona PTA and its constituent associations supports the employment of armed highly trained and certified professionals, including School Resource Officers (SROs), as the only armed personnel to aid in the safety of our students, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Arizona PTA and its constituent associations urge Law

RESOLVED that the Arizona PTA and its constituent associations encourage local policy makers to support policies that increase the number of counselors and social workers available on school campuses to work with at risk students, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Arizona PTA and its constituent associations encourage policy makers to support legislation to increase school security in ways that do not include arming teachers or bringing in armed volunteers to provide school security.

Arizona PTA Resolutions for Reaffirmation

The following resolutions are being proposed by the Arizona PTA Legislative Issues committee at Convention for reaffirmation:

- School Nurses
- Clean Indoor/Outdoor Air
- School Based Decision Making
- Mental Health and Social and Emotional Learning
- Partnerships Among Families, Communities and Schools
 - Safe Firearm Education and Storage

Each of these resolutions can be reviewed on our website at

<http://azpta.org/about-arizona-pta/advocacy/resolutions/arizona-pta-resolutions/>

Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidate Forum



Dennis Welch,
Channel 3 News
Politics Unplugged,
Moderator

Come one, Come all! Delegates can hear candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction discuss views on education, the future of Arizona public schools and other school-related and community topics. This event is free to the public and all are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity for our PTA community across Arizona to get their questions about the candidates and the issues answered. Currently there are nine candidates vying for the highest education position in the state: superintendent of public instruction. You will have the opportunity to put a face with the names on the ballot and vote for the individual that will best represent you. What better way to find that out than attending a forum where you can meet many of the candidates at once and hear them speak to the issues? The event will be held at Convention on Friday, June 8 from 3:00 to 4:15PM with a Candidate Meet and Greet with the Exhibitors from 4:30-7PM.

For more information or to submit a question for one or more candidates, please contact Nicky Indicavitch, Legislative Issues Committee
nindicavitch@azpta.org

Invited candidates:

Diane Douglas

Tracy Livingston

Kathy Hoffman

Frank Riggs

David Schapira

Jonathan Gelbart

Robert Branch

Stuart Starkey

Arizona PTA 2017-2018 Proposed Legislative Platform Priorities

The following are the proposed amendments to the Arizona PTA Legislative Platform Priorities. These amendments will be presented at General Session 1 on June 8, 2018 and voted upon at General Session 2 on June 9, 2018.

Insert 15, 16, 17, 18 under Health and Safety

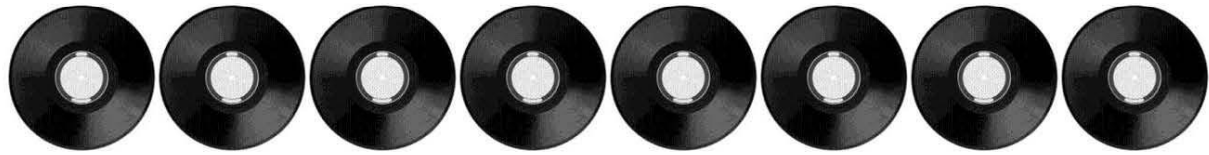
15. Supports legislation regarding the proper use of infant/toddler car seats, child booster seats, and seat belts to reflect what is nationally recommended by both the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration as well as the American Academy of Pediatrics.
16. Encourages awareness about the proper use of sunscreen and protective clothing when children are exposed to the sun as suggested by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Cancer Society.
17. Encourages the development of programs within Arizona's schools to educate students, families and the community regarding excessive heat days and/or excessive ultraviolet index days.
18. Support and encourages education and awareness of the signs of heat-related illnesses and encourage proper hydration.

Insert 6 under Family and Community Engagement

6. Supports increasing community awareness and establishment of legislation regarding leaving children unattended in vehicles, particularly during times of extreme temperatures.

To view the full proposed legislative platform priorities document, please visit our website at <http://azpta.org/about-arizona-pta/advocacy/arizona-pta-2018-2019-legis.pdf>





ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK WITH AZ PTA!!

WHEN: Saturday, June 9th * 6:15pm Cash Bar Opens * 7pm Dinner

WHERE: Saguaro Ballroom

DRESS CODE: Nifty Fifties Gear



SOCK HOP



We will be hearing from Guest Speaker Brahm Resnik, host of 12 News Sunday Square Off, presenting our Be A Hero Local Unit awards and inducting new AZPTA state officers.

Plan on a Cash Bar, Silent Auction and a Hula Hoop Contest!!

**Reminder this is a ticketed event separate from the cost of registration!

Come twist the night away with AZ PTA!!

Hotel Reservations and Directions

CIVANA

CAREFREE

37220 N Mule Train Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377

Standard room: \$114/night up to 4 occupants

Group Rate Deadline: Thursday, 5/15/2018

Features:

- Free Self-Parking
- Discounted Resort fee: \$6.00/night, \$2.50/night housekeeping
- Complimentary Shuttle Service (5-mile radius)
- Complimentary in-room mini-refrigerator
- Complimentary hair dryer/coffee maker/tea service
- Beautiful Pools
- State of the Art Fitness Center
- Full service restaurant, Terras
- Complimentary in-room WiFi

Please mention the **Arizona Parent Teacher Association Annual Conference** when calling in reservations. The main telephone number is (480) 488-5300.

Attendees may also book online using the following direct URL link:

[Arizona Parent Teacher Association Annual Conference](#)

Our special rate is available 3 nights before and 3 nights after our convention if you would like to begin extend your stay. The hotel suggests calling instead of booking online if you are intending to book pre or post our convention dates.



Convention FAQ's

WHO SHOULD ATTEND CONVENTION?

At the Arizona PTA annual convention, the delegates shall include any member of a local unit including but not limited to the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other elected/appointed board member. Priority should be given to new and returning board members. Training opportunities are offered for all board members. See your bylaws for more info!

WHO PAYS FOR A DELEGATE TO ATTEND CONVENTION?

Arizona PTA strongly encourages its local units to allocate for as many attendees as entitled to attend the annual convention. Training is an authorized and legitimate PTA expense and should be budgeted. Officers not only get assistance on how to perform their duties and fulfill their roles, but receive **mandatory training** about how to advocate, determine what programs best fit their school and community, and is an investment in all children and families. The convention expense should be a line item in a PTA budget. Training is necessary and **mandatory** to run an effective and successful parent association.

WHAT IF OUR ELECTIONS DO NOT OCCUR PRIOR TO THE EARLY REGISTRATION DATE?

Local units can submit registration forms with unnamed delegates to represent their unit at the annual convention. Once the new officers are elected, submit the names to Arizona PTA with all the necessary details. Remember, only members who have joined prior to March 1 can participate in voting during General Sessions of Convention.

WHAT TO BRING AND THINGS TO KNOW

- Plenty of great eateries and the hotel shuttle is available to transport you and your board to the Carefree local restaurants for dinner or if you bring your family, events for them too!
- Invite your principal, district superintendent, teachers, counselors and parents to attend the Saturday Awards Dinner and Ceremony.
- Don't forget your hotel confirmation and credit card for incidentals.
- Brag Board to show off your PTA's hard work!
- Dress is business casual during Convention hours.
- The Awards Ceremony is a SOCK-HOP so bring your dancing shoes!
- The Exhibit Hall will have plenty of opportunities to participate in the vendor drawings. Bring a supply of business cards or peel and stick labels with your contact information. Use those cards to also exchange with other local unit leaders to get and stay connected in order to help each other grow and support all Arizona children. Visit each booth as many of them offer free programs that help you advocate in various ways for the children on your campus.
- Bring a light sweater or jacket as workshop rooms always seem to be a little cool; so be prepared.
- Divide and conquer! Make sure to split your unit's attendees to enable you to take advantage of all the training opportunities and classes occurring during the same time slot. During your first meeting after convention, provide copies of the workshop material and share the topic details with your board so that you can determine how to use it on your campus.
- Help Arizona PTA improve training at convention by completing Workshop Evaluation Forms after each workshop.

Final Thoughts

Do you have questions about Convention? Contact your Region Director or send an email to office@azpta.org. You can also call our office at (602) 279-1811.