

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Bylaws:** Remind locals to select nominating committees *now*, at least 2 months before elections. They are selected based on what's specified in each local's bylaws. Bylaws also specify when the membership must be notified of nominees. Check bylaws for whether delegates are elected or appointed, and when. Candidates for office must be a PTA member (so incoming 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade parents must join now, not next year, if they want to run). Make sure everyone's aware of term lengths and maximum.

**Communications:** **We're now *only* using Groups IO e-lists.** Yahoo is no longer active. Only send messages to Groups IO lists. Make sure your presidents and delegates are on their respective lists. Board members: make sure you're on the board list. Instructions are at [mccpta.org/e-lists](http://mccpta.org/e-lists). If you're on more than one sublist you may get multiple messages.

**Nominating:** **Nominations for 2020-21 Executive Committee positions are due Feb. 21.** There are candidates for all positions except VP of Administration. A slate of candidates will be announced by March 28. Candidates who wish to run from the floor must notify the committee by April 14. Cluster Coordinator and Area VP nominees will be due in March. Make sure your area Nominating Committee representative convenes cluster and area meetings according to our bylaws so these nominations are legitimate when submitted. You can't just submit a list of names of those who volunteer.

## STANDARDS OF CONTINUING AFFILIATION (SOCA)

As you complete your personal and business taxes, remind your PTAs that their **MD Personal Property Return is due April 15** (on tax day). This is required of every PTA, whether or not they have personal property.

**March 31 is the deadline to report membership** to determine voting status at state convention and membership awards. Membership can still be reported after this date.

Our Council Memberhub ([MCCPTACouncil.memberhub.com](http://MCCPTACouncil.memberhub.com)) reports:

- **34.5% sites activated** (up 2% from December)
- **8.1% set up WePay accounts** (up 5% from December)
- **\$13,417.25 dues** paid through MemberHub
- 253,937 emails sent, 44.8% opened (higher than 25-30% Constant Contact average)
- Individual training, more info, FAQs and a template to upload members [HERE](#)
- **MemberHub membership and compliance reporting *only* becomes mandatory July 1, 2020**

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- MCPS Family Engagement Advisory Team members have been selected and are going through final administrative review. **Members should be announced soon.** Another cohort will be selected in the spring, so have interested members look out for announcements to apply.
- Check out Maryland PTA's "**Family Fridays**" blog at [MDPTA.org/family-engagement](http://MDPTA.org/family-engagement).
- "**Best Practices for Principals and PTAs**" training went well on January. 15. The next sessions are March 18 and March 24.