

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Bylaws: Local nominating committees should be formed this month – selected/appointed based on bylaws. Check bylaws for the deadline to notify members of the slate. Make sure local PTAs know that slated candidates aren't "shoo-ins" - those not selected must be told that they can still run from the floor. Remind PTAs that candidates must be current PTA members, so incoming 5th/8th grade parents must join *now* to be elected. Make sure everyone's aware of term lengths and maximum.

Communications: Make sure your presidents and delegates are on their respective e-lists and submit new officer names as soon as elected. A Google form should be available in May or June. Names are due June 30. For messages to the broadest audience, only send to delegates@mccpta.groups.io. This list includes presidents and the board.

Nominating: The MCCPTA Nominating Committee announced the following nominees:

President Cynthia Simonson
Vice President, Education Rodney Peele
Vice President, Administration Rochelle Fink
Vice President, Programs James Modrick
Vice President, Advocacy Laura Stewart
Treasurer Khristy Kartsakalis
Secretary, Board of Directors Kellie Schoolar Reynolds
Secretary, Delegates Assembly Tammy Fox

Candidates can still run from the floor for these positions. Notify the committee by April 14. Lots of Cluster Coordinator and Area VP positions are open. Interested? Contact your area nominating representative:

Tammy Clark (DAMASCUS/GAITHERSBURG/MAGRUDER/WATKINS MILL)
Kim Haden (CLARKSBURG/NORTHWEST/QUINCE ORCHARD/SENECA VALLEY)
Michele Moller (DCC)
Debby Orsak (BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE/WALTER JOHNSON/WHITMAN)
Chris Rutledge (AT LARGE)
Charisse Scott (NEC/BLAKE/PAINT BRANCH/SPRINGBROOK AND SHERWOOD)
Matt Swibel (CHURCHILL/RM/POOLESVILLE/ROCKVILLE/WOOTTON)

STANDARDS OF CONTINUING AFFILIATION (SOCA)

The latest MDPTA SOCA Report (February 2020) has been sent to the board. Cluster Coordinators and Area VPs should contact local units directly to follow up on missing items. **113 of 197 PTAs have missing items or requirements. Local PTAs with an item missing are not compliant.** Remind locals that:

- **MD Personal Property Return is due April 15.**
- **March 31 is the deadline to report membership** to qualify for awards and voting at state convention. Membership can still be reported after this date.

Memberhub reports:

- **36% sites activated** (up 1.5% from February)
- **9.6% set up WePay accounts** (up 1.5% from February)
- **33.3% using e-checks** to pay dues
- **\$14,411.75 dues** paid through MemberHub for 3,391 members (up ~\$1,000 from February)
- 325,392 emails sent, 44.4% opened (75,000 more emails than last month, and a higher than average open rate.
- Individual training, more info, FAQs and a template to upload members [HERE](#)
- **MemberHub becomes mandatory July 1, 2020** (membership and compliance reporting *only*)

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- MCPS Family Engagement Advisory Team members have been selected and notified. **Congratulations to MCCPTA board members Adam Lee and Nora Vacariu-Webster!** The first meeting is being scheduled for this month. We'll keep you posted on their activities. Another cohort will be selected in the spring or fall.
- Read Maryland PTA's "**Family Fridays**" **blog** at MDPTA.org/family-engagement. The latest post, written by a Frederick County PTA Leader: "Bridges Out of Poverty: Top 5 Tips for a More Inclusive PTA."
- "**Best Practices for Principals and PTAs**" **training** is set for March 18 (new assistant principals) and March 24 (new principal interns).