

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Bylaws: Maryland PTA did a major bylaws revision in July 2019. Changes will affect local bylaws. They're working on a new local template – it's not ready yet. For now the MDPTA bylaws committee says [use the old template](#). Later, MDPTA will provide an addendum to address the changes without re-doing your bylaws.

Communications: **PTAs will not receive delegate voting cards** until officer contact information is submitted for the Blue Book directory (and membership paid). The directory is being printed *soon* - [update ASAP!!!](#) Presidents, Delegates and Treasurers get e-list invitations when they register. Also, we're still **seeking a Communications chair and e-Communications chair**. Interested? Email vpadmin@mccpta.org.

Nominating: The Nominating Committee will be approved at the Dec. 4 Delegates Assembly. **Interested?** Contact Tracie Potts at vpadmin@mccpta.org.

Training: If you missed Fall Training pta.org/elearning has lots of courses to help local leaders. We will inform of state and area training opportunities as they are scheduled.

STANDARDS OF CONTINUING AFFILIATION (SOCA)

Just received Maryland PTA's SOCA report as of 9-30-19. Good news - **84 of our 197 PTAs are fully compliant!** That's 43% - the highest we've seen at the beginning of the year. Last September only 25 PTAs were fully compliant. Together, we have MORE THAN TRIPLED that. THANK YOU to cluster leaders who helped locals take care of these items. A year of diligence and teamwork made an impact!!! Welcome to our two new PTAs (Edison HS and Snowden Farms ES), and to inactive PTAs back in action (Brookhaven, Leleck and South Lake ES). Two PTAs (Westover ES and Key MS) are listed as inactive. Contact your Cluster Coordinator for your SOCA status. They have a copy of the report.

This month Maryland PTA rolls out MemberHub, an online portal to track compliance and membership and submit electronic membership payments. Benefits for local PTAs include a free online website ("hub") that provides electronic membership cards, an e-store, member directory, volunteer signup, direct email communications, compliance document upload, and more. Read details [HERE](#). There will be lots of training before **MemberHub becomes mandatory July 1, 2020**.

SOCA Deadlines:

- June 30: Submit [MCCPTA officer contact](#) info for Blue Book
- July 1: Submit [MDPTA officer contact info](#)
- July 1: Pay [insurance](#)
- October 31: Submit 2018-19 financial review with budget to info@mdpta.org (copy vpadmin@mccpta.org and your Cluster Coordinator(s)).
- Nov. 15: Submit 2018 990 to IRS (copy to info@mdpta.org, vpadmin@mccpta.org and your Cluster Coordinator(s))
- Dec. 31: Submit Maryland Charitable Annual Update of Registration

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- **ENROLL in National PTA School of Excellence by Oct. 15!!** This recognition program celebrates PTAs and schools that make a year-long commitment to identify and implement an action plan for school improvement based on [PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships](#) and [Transformative Family Engagement](#). Six Maryland PTAs were recognized this year. **MCPS hasn't had one since 2015** (Benjamin Banneker MS). Want to be next? **ENROLL** in 5 minutes!
- Working with MCPS Office of Student and Family Support and Engagement to create a new **Family Engagement Advisory Team** by the end of the year to provide family input and feedback on MCPS programs and decisions.
- Training new principals/asst. principals on [Best Practices for Principals and PTAs](#) (Jan-Mar 2020).
- Moderated 10/5 MCEA Conference lunch panel on "Family Engagement" with MCCPTA President Lynne Harris; MCEA Community Organizer (and former Gaithersburg Cluster Coordinator) Oscar Alvarenga; and Harmony Hills Board-Certified Special Education teacher Betsy Perry.
- **Seeking PTAs to feature in an MCPS staff training video** on effective school-PTA partnerships. Doing great things with your principal or teachers? Email me ASAP at vpadmin@mccpta.org!
- **Seeking members for MDPTA Family and Community Engagement committee**. Email familyandcommunityengagement@mdpta.org. Look for blogs sharing best practices and School of Excellence mentors soon – and hopefully a Family Engagement conference this year!

OTHER PTA ACTIVITIES

- Advised and assisted several PTAs with compliance and fall elections
- Attending 10/19 DC PTA Council conference (consulting)
- Helped draft action plan for National PTA Programs Committee
- Initiated new National PTA partnerships (in progress)
- Arranging food trucks for Delegates Assembly (Suggestions? Contact vpadmin@mccpta.org)