

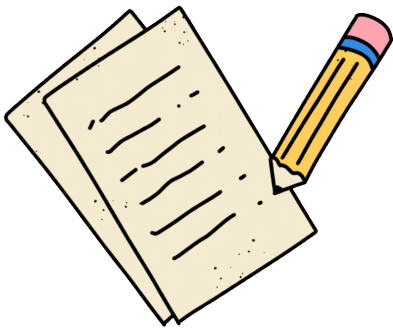


President's Message

The Free State PTA Board of Directors are willing to assist you in any way possible and the council PTA leaders are available to answer your questions as well. And if given adequate notice, as President, I'd love to visit your PTA unit, so if you have an event or meeting you want to invite me to please let me know and I will try to make it! Moreover, now that the Free State PTA has a newsletter, the President's Message will appear here. All your favorites will be available in upcoming newsletters including leadership guidance and National PTA news.



I want to thank many in our over 66,000+ membership who served as volunteers for the National PTA Convention that was hosted by Free State PTA at the National Harbor this past June. Furthermore, thank you to the students at Maya Angelou French Immersion School, the Overlook Full Spanish Immersion School, the Oxon Hill Choir, and the Suitland High School Center for the Visual and Performing Arts for performing at the National PTA Convention. The color guard was from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite Squadron in Montgomery County.



The Free State PTA Convention was quite informative and continued the celebration of the National PTA's 125th Anniversary. [Click here](#) to watch the video on how we celebrated and continue to highlight our local units. If you haven't yet, please take a moment to learn about the [National PTA Programs](#) that you can implement at your school. The Free State PTA website is continuously updating so please keep an eye for trainings, events, and announcements of any vacancies on the Free State Board of Directors.



*Marla Posey -Moss
Free State PTA President*

This summer has whizzed by faster than ever. My summer has been full of travel with a rising college sophomore and quite a busy 8th grader. Many of you may be new leaders trying to transition and figure out things and some of you may be getting the hang of things. Either way, this is a fresh new start to have meaningful family and community engagement activities, promote the PTA and inspire your membership to participate in advocacy related programming. You are encouraged to do things you haven't done before and I ask that you have your PTA advocate in ways that involve your membership and develop partnerships with others in the community, including other PTAs.

As always, let us start the new school year together with pride in what PTA has to offer by striving to develop diverse programs and events.
Your FSPTA President, Marla Posey-Moss



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Seeking Candidates

[Letter of Intent](#)



Free State PTA is seeking candidates to fill the remaining term of the Treasurer, Vice President for Leadership, and 4 members for the Nominating Committee.

Required qualifications to serve in a leadership position:

- Must be a current member 2022-2023 membership year of a local PTA in the State of Maryland at the time of submission or agree to join the association promptly if not a current member at the time of election or appointment.
- Each officer shall reside in the State of Maryland.

Recommended qualifications to serve in a leadership position:

- Should have served in a leadership role for at least two years at the council PTA level and/or local PTA level.
- Candidates for the position of treasurer should have served as a treasurer for at least two years at the council and/or local PTA level or possess comparable skills through other volunteer and professional experiences.
- YOUR COMPLETED LETTER OF INTENT MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE. You can access via the "Letter of Intent" button, below. YOUR SUBMISSION MUST BE TIMESTAMPED ON OR BEFORE 11:59 pm Eastern on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. If you experience problems submitting the form online, please email jlee@fspta.org and mposey-moss@fspta.org.
- You will receive an automatic confirmation of your submission. If you don't receive the confirmation, please contact jlee@fspta.org or mposey-moss@fspta.org within 48 hours of the submission.



Please join us in participating in the 2022-2023 Reflections Program. Reflections is a National PTA program that was inaugurated in 1969. Local PTA units sponsor the program in their local school. Early in the school year, locals advertise the program and encourage participation by students, pre-k through 12. Our theme this year is Show Your Voice. Students may enter their art in Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and/or Visual Arts. Students may submit multiple entries in each arts area and may submit entries in multiple arts areas. Details about the program, how to get started, and rules for each arts area are available at <https://fspta.org/reflections>.

Compliance Check Lists Summer/Fall To Do's

Daily/Monthly:

Prepare and make bank deposits daily

Remit state and NPTA dues to FSPTA monthly

Balance check book, bank statement signed by President, treasurer and one other non-signatory board member

Summer Planning:

Perform financial review of previous years books for presentation at first general meeting

Set goals for the coming year

Add or adjust committees based on your goals

Elect standing Committees per bylaws

Prepare budget to present to general membership at first general meeting

Set general meeting schedule for year to be presented at first general meeting

July 1:

Liability, Bonding, and Directors and officers Insurance must be paid to company designated by FSPTA by JULY 1

August:

Set up users in your Member Hub Account and start membership campaign

First Board Meeting of the Year:

Approve committee plans of work

First General Meeting of the year:
Accept auditor report (financial review) and send to FSPTA prior to Nov 1

Approve budget

Announce general meeting schedule for year

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