



# 2019 Convention Highlights



# Messages from the Presidents

Three things that I have learned as the California State PTA President:

1. PTA gives opportunities to its members
2. All parents want their children to be happy, healthy and educated
3. Focus on what you have accomplished

As a dyslexic child and a former single mom, never did I ever think I would have been given the opportunity to lead the oldest and largest child advocacy association in our nation. Yet, through my membership and volunteerism, that is exactly what I have done. I said yes to opportunities, I stepped out of my comfort zone and took on projects that I didn't know I had the skills to do.



**Dianna MacDonald**  
2017-19 President

This is what PTA does. It gives its members opportunities to grow as leaders and to make an impact on future generations. No matter where I have traveled in our state and no matter what schools I have visited, I have seen that every parent loves their children, they want what is best for them and they all want their children to have better lives than they had. They are all involved in their own way, and we must celebrate and honor that. PTA empowers parents so that they can be advocates for their own children and every child across the state to ensure that they have the best shot of reaching their full potential.

We must celebrate our successes. Sure, there is still a list of work that needs to be done. But I can honestly say we have accomplished a great deal this term and the best feeling is to leave something better than you found it. I am so proud of the goals that our association has accomplished to serve our local leaders and, most importantly, our children. My wish for you and your PTA is that you will all have even more success in the future. You are the next generation of leaders and the next generation of PTA. Thank you for believing in our children, and believing in PTA.

I will always believe in you,  
Dianna

I know that for many of you, attending the 2019 California State PTA Convention was a wonderful opportunity to get prepared and motivated for the upcoming PTA term. My first PTA convention was years ago, but I still get a thrill each time I look around a convention general session to see hundreds of volunteer leaders who also care about all children, not just their own. The might of our organization and the volume of the voice we bring to children's issues is awesome indeed!

As you transition into the 2019-2020 PTA year, make sure to give full credit to the leaders who came before you. Whether your board wants to continue all the activities done previously, or you want to change things up, your members need to know that they have been in good hands and that that will continue.

I know that our incoming California State PTA officers are following an amazing term of innovation and action, from reducing the size and complexity of the unit bylaws to offering the groundbreaking STEAM Extreme at convention to passing legislation on family engagement. The new board, which includes a balance of experienced officers and new, will strive to continue supporting and empowering local PTAs in all your important work and to be a loud and effective voice on important issues affecting children and families.



**Celia Jaffe**  
2019-21 President

Looking forward to continuing to "fight the good fight" together with you!

Celia Jaffe

# 2019-2021 Board of Directors

During the 2019 Convention, a contested election was held for the positions of President-Elect and Vice President for Education. The following board members are the official incoming Board of Directors for the 2019-21 term. Congratulations!

Celia Jaffe  
PRESIDENT



Carol Green  
PRESIDENT-ELECT



Maria Steck  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
LEADERSHIP SERVICES



Michael Morgan  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES



Heather Ippolito  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
COMMUNICATIONS



Heidi Goddi  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
SPECIAL EVENTS



Mariaelena Huizar  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
HEALTH & COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS



Lea Darrah  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
EDUCATION



Deborah Johnson  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



Jeff Price  
SECRETARY



Melinda Kirkland  
TREASURER



Tim Davidson  
PARLIAMENTARIAN  
*(Appointed)*



Shereen Walter  
DIRECTOR OF  
LEGISLATION  
*(Appointed)*



Otis Cross  
CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENTS



Sherry Skelly Griffith  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(Non-Voting, Ex-Officio)*

# Business of the Association

California State PTA adopted two resolutions and one bylaw change during the general meetings at the 2019 Convention. These and other adopted resolutions offer official guidance on issues as wide-ranging as school finance topics, health and safety issues, community concerns and more. Resolutions allow the organization to take positions on legislation and to advocate by giving us the authority of the association as a whole.

## RESOLUTION A: EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION FOR ALL OF CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN

The primary purpose of this resolution is to ask the State of California to make early care and education a priority: to develop, implement, and fund a long-term plan for supporting the learning needs of our youngest children, starting at birth. It has to be a long-term plan, because California does not have the facilities, the trained teachers and caregivers, the infrastructure, or the funding to do this quickly.

## RESOLUTION B: TEMPERATURE CONTROL STANDARDS IN THE SCHOOL SETTING

Due to the lack of ways to mitigate heat in many schools, some classrooms are exceeding recommended research-based temperatures of 68 - 80 degrees. The Education Code fails to adequately address indoor classroom temperature limits for students in K-12 classrooms. Education Code also fails to require heating, ventilation, air conditioning or any temperature control measures to mitigate heat in the classroom when building a new school or remodeling an older school.

If your unit, council or district would like to propose a resolution for the 2020 Convention, you can see the process here: [downloads.capta.org/res/ResolutionProcedures.pdf](https://downloads.capta.org/res/ResolutionProcedures.pdf).

## CALIFORNIA STATE PTA BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Convention delegates voted to amend Article IV, Section 11 of the California State PTA Bylaws: Bylaws for each constituent organization shall be reviewed annually and updated every five years by the bylaws committee of the constituent organization.

California State PTA still recommends that you review your bylaws annually to familiarize yourself with the content and see if any revisions need to be made. You can get more information on your bylaws here:

[downloads.capta.org/e-bylaws/BylawsReviewProcedures.pdf](https://downloads.capta.org/e-bylaws/BylawsReviewProcedures.pdf)

[downloads.capta.org/e-bylaws/BylawsPlayEssentialRole.pdf](https://downloads.capta.org/e-bylaws/BylawsPlayEssentialRole.pdf)



Want to learn more about the business of the association that was handled at the 2019 Convention in Monterey? Visit [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org) and read the full resolutions and bylaws.



*Don't see yourself in these photos?  
Be sure to attend the 2020 Convention  
in Riverside to join in on the fun!*

# 2019 Regional Leadership Conferences

Join California State PTA for a day of leadership training, workshops, table talks and networking designed to help you succeed in your role as a PTA leader.

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DATE



- > August 24: Tulare County Office of Education
- > September 7: Southern California location TBD

[www.capta.org/regional-leadership-conferences](http://www.capta.org/regional-leadership-conferences)



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