

Convention frequently-asked questions



Q: Why do we have conventions?

A: As a 501C3 California State PTA must hold annual meetings to conduct the business of the association. Resolutions, bylaws changes, legislation platforms and elections are all association business. Convention is also a time for training, education, networking, and fun!



Q: Can Convention coordinate with school districts so it is not during the testing window?

A: We wish we could. However, school districts can test within a many weeks time period and one or more districts frequently conflict with the scheduled convention. In addition, our bylaws state the window of time in which we can hold our annual meeting. Convention dates are set 5-6 years in advance, to ensure we have the convention and hotel space.

Q: Why isn't coffee and water served at workshops and the general meetings?

A: We are working very hard to keep the cost of convention affordable to all members. If we provided coffee at all our workshops and meetings, the estimated cost is over \$11,000. Rather than raise the cost of convention, we feel it is more cost effective to get your coffee elsewhere to save you and your PTA money.

Q: I heard that we aren't getting paper handouts this year, is that true?

A: This year most workshop handouts will be electronic. They will be available by download from capta.org on April 18, 2013. Each attendee will also receive a USB drive with the handouts. Some outside presenter materials or pre-printed fliers or brochures, may still be given out at a workshop.

Q: Why are we going to electronic handouts only?

A: There are a few reasons. It's become the industry standard for conventions. Also, we print and ship tons (*literally*) of materials that often end up in the convention center and hotel trash/recycling. By using electronic handouts attendees have access to materials prior to convention and materials can be printed or downloaded to a device of their own choosing.

Q: Whom do I contact if I have convention questions?

A: Contact your District President or District Convention Chairman. You can also contact info@capta.org or convention@capta.org