Congratulations to the Membership Chairs that met their 10% increase in Membership!!

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Nominations and Board Development Update

It’s that time of year again. The Rhode Island PTA is open for nominations for the following board positions:

President – Elect, Vice President of Membership, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please complete a nomination’s form (go to www.rhodeislandpta.org) and email to lisa43valentine@gmail.com on or before February 1, 2017. Remember, any person being nominated has to have given their consent to serve if elected (so please ask them first before nominating them).

Reflections Change Of Deadline Date

Please note the previous deadline for submissions was December 13. It has been changed to allow a flexible schedule for entry drop-offs. The dates for drop off submissions at RIC office will be on Monday’s from 10:30am to 12:00pm on January 23, 30; and February 6, 13. There will be one additional date, Wednesday February 15th from 6pm to 7pm.

Thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing all the wonderful ideas the children have created.

Anyone who would like to help with the Reflections ceremony planning committee, please contact Cynthia McNeill at ristatepta@gmail.com for more information. All forms and information are available on our webpage, rhodeislandpta.org.
**By Laws Committee Update**

We are working to update all by law related documents so that you have the most up to date models, information, etc. regarding by laws.

For those units who have submitted their by laws digitally, the committee is going through them and will be providing you feedback in middle to late January 2017.

For those units who haven’t submitted their by laws digitally yet, please do so ASAP. Just email them to bylaws@rhodeislandpta.org. It’s as simple as that.

Rhode Island State PTA is offering by laws support. Don’t have a copy of your current by laws, need help updating them, have a question as to what something means, or just want to hang out with some cool people? Come to our next by laws support session on January 24, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8pm in the State PTA office (please consult the website prior to the meeting in case we have to change the location of the meeting).

**Did you know?**

All nonprofit organizations have to have bylaws. This law isn’t a PTA rule but an IRS guideline. Non-profits not only have to have bylaws but must follow them. It is a good idea to update the bylaws every 3 to 5 years. Make sure the bylaws work for your PTA!

**Recording Secretary Update**

The end of the year is just around the corner. This is a good time to go through all of your minutes to make sure they’ve been signed, you’ve attached all supporting documentation that was referred to in the minutes and any other housekeeping duties needed.

Happy Holidays

May the new year bring new experiences, lots of laughter and lots of snow ; )
Rhode Island PTA Spring Convention

Thursday April 6, 2017

Radisson Hotel

Warwick, RI

Back by popular demand: Rhode Island PTA will be hosting an exhibit hall at the convention! Visit the vendors to help get ideas for your PTA! (i.e.: After School Programs, Fundraising, Cultural Arts, etc...) Plan your next PTA year right!

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