

“They had a simple idea—to improve the lives and futures of all of our children. As much as other conditions in America may have changed, that idea has not. PTAs keep it alive.” (www.pta.org)”

Make plans to attend the SCPTA Founders’ Day Celebration on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at Columbia High School, Columbia, SC.

There will be workshops, round table discussions, a retrospective look at the history of SCPTA and a birthday celebration for PTA.

This event is free to our membership, however, advance registration is required.

Founders’ Day is a reminder of the substantial role that PTA has played locally, regionally, and nationally in supporting parent involvement and working on behalf of all children and families. It is a time to reflect and take pride in our many accomplishments, and to renew our commitment to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

PTA's founders Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, and the founder of Georgia's Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, Selena Sloan



PTA's founders—Alice McLellan Birney (top left), Phoebe Apperson Hearst (top right), and Selena Sloan Butler (bottom)—led our nation into meaningful parent involvement in children's education.

Butler, were women of imagination and courage. They understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to literally change the world.

Today, PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation. Our members represent the ethnic diversity of our nation, and they come from the ranks of traditional families, single-parent households, blended families, grandparents, and other caring adults. Together, we continue to serve as the conscience of the country for children and youth.



What Does It Mean to Be Part of a Community?

By Jan Harp Domene, National PTA President

Is a community defined by geography? Sometimes. Is there a community when people are associated by like interests? That's closer. But a better definition for community might be "a group of individuals who are *connected*."

It is not a common membership card or even the mutual desire to advocate for children that truly unites PTA members as a community – it is *how* we connect with each other, *how* we support and engage and share with each other. Building upon this idea is so important that PTA has recently updated its National Standards to put even more emphasis on the community – of PTA members, of schools, and of the public at large.

The new National Standards for Family-School Partnerships serve as a guide for how families, schools, and citizen leaders can best form a community that works toward a common goal of student achievement. The first step in creating these stronger communities is ensuring inclusivity. Do your local units have plans in place for how they will reach out to all the families who are not yet involved with their school? Do they have strategies for drawing in civic partners from their neighborhoods and towns? If not, there's no better place to start than with the National Standards.

There's also no better time to begin than right now – with PTA's second half membership drive. This winter we have an excellent opportunity to bring fresh voices and important contributors into our PTAs and schools. Let's make sure we are extending membership invitations to new families transferring at semester break, to champions of education, and to business owners in the area – they are all welcome in our community of advocates. For those potential members not familiar with our organization, the Showcase DVD that arrived with your fall state allotments is a terrific introduction to the value of PTA in schools.

For over 110 years, PTA has represented a community of people dedicated to the health, education, and well-being of America's children. As inheritors of that great tradition, it's now our job to keep this community strong, and growing.

News & Notes

- **Augusta Circle Elementary School**, Greenville, SCPTA District 1, Southwest Council and **Cherrydale Elementary School**, Greenville, SCPTA District 1, Northwest Council submitted applications to **PTA's Schools of Excellence Certification Program** and qualified for their outstanding parent involvement programs that are based on the PTA's National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement. National PTA will recognize these schools on its Web site and its annual convention.
- The following individuals have been awarded the **National Life Achievement Award** from South Carolina during the 2007 calendar year:

Donna Clark	Oakbrook Elementary, Ladson,	SCPTA District 23
Jean Floyd	Forestbrook Elementary, Myrtle Beach	SCPTA District 16
Sonya Justice	Hillcrest High School, Simpsonville	SCPTA District 1, Southeast Council
Linda Puckett	Forestbrook Elementary, Myrtle Beach	SCPTA District 16
Glenn Wright	Gateway Elementary, Travelers Rest	SCPTA District 1, Northwest Council

Why Join SCPTA for Founders' Day/Reflections?

By Phil Clark, South Carolina PTA President



I would like to invite you to join SCPTA for our Founder's Day Celebration on Saturday, February 9 at Columbia High School. This event will coincide with our annual Reflections turn in. The SCPTA Reflections winners for visual arts and photography categories will be announced at the end of the day!

The SCPTA Founders' Day Celebration will focus on the programs provided by National PTA and SCPTA. Portions of the agenda cover SCPTA awards. Does your local PTA have an outstanding program you feel deserves special recognition? Or a volunteer who needs to be recognized for all their hard work in your school? All awards will be awarded at the SCPTA Convention held April 26 at Fort Dorchester High School in Charleston.

Who should attend the SCPTA Founders' Day Celebration? All of your officers, as well as, committee chairs. It is open to **all** members. SCPTA will provide the opportunity for local unit treasurers to review all those end-of-the-year financial reports that will soon be due! Get a jump on your reports by sending your local unit treasurer to the SCPTA Founders Day We will also cover bylaws, local unit nominations and election procedures to make sure all our local units are working under the proper auspices of National PTA and SCPTA. Also available is information regarding the SCPTA Gerry Pfaehler Endowment Fund which local units may apply.

Also come and spend time with former SCPTA state presidents. Listen to them as they take you through the history of SCPTA...from where we have been, to where we are going!

As we anticipate Convention coming around the corner, I am proud of the forward movement that SCPTA has made! Have we done all that we can to provide services to you, our local members? No, but the seeds are being planted now for growth down the road. This board of directors remains dedicated to you, our membership, in every decision, thought and/or discussion. I hope local unit boards are doing the same!!

PTA is the Parents and Teachers Association...and I challenge **all** parents and teachers to get involved in the number one leading child advocacy organization in the state and nation. PTAs chartered under SCPTA are to be run by parents and teachers for the betterment for all our children! Are you doing your part? Do you want to find out what more you and your local PTA can do? Then come to our **free** Founders' Day event to find out how! Please go to www.scpta.org for additional information!

I look forward to seeing you at Founders' Day in February and at convention in April!



Designed to enhance rather than replace a quality arts education, the Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.

2008 Reflections Program Theme: "I can make a difference by..."

Students participate in the Reflections Program by submitting entries to their local PTA or PTSA. Any PTA/PTSA in good standing is eligible to sponsor a Reflections Program. The deadline to turn in entries is Saturday, February 9, 2008, at the Founders' Day Celebration. For more information, contact SCPTA State Reflections Chair Tanya Robinson at krobinson20@sc.rr.com or call 843.871.3189.

Five Reasons to Run the PTA Reflections Program

1. Students need more opportunities to create works of art for fun and recognition, and the Reflections Program provides an outlet for students to creatively explore what they are learning in the classroom.
2. The Reflections Program is run by parent volunteers, thereby providing another opportunity to involve parents in their children's education.
3. Participation in the Reflections Program gives students a chance to experiment in the arts.
4. When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, dance, film, and other art media, they grow intellectually; they learn to analyze their thoughts and feelings.
5. The Reflections Program helps parents recognize, support, and enhance their children's continuous process of self-discovery.

Mill Creek Elementary PTA Receives State Award of Excellence

Mill Creek Elementary PTA, SCPTA District 6, was nominated for the state volunteer awards because of its outstanding dedication to Richland One schools. The members of the Mill Creek PTA provide exceptional support to teachers and encourage students to pursue different learning experiences.

The State Department of Education Volunteer Awards honor individuals, businesses and organizations that have made significant contributions to public schools. Winners are selected based on their efforts to promote student achievement, enhance school-community relations, strengthen school or district resources, encourage a positive climate and promote teacher effectiveness.



On November 14, the Mill Creek Elementary PTA received the State Department of Education Volunteer Award. Pictured (left to right) are PTA members Brenda Jones, Cheryl Pinson, Crystal Clamp, Lisa Allen and Nikki Taylor with State Superintendent of Education Dr. Jim Rex.

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**SOUTH CAROLINA PTA
Founders' Day Celebration**

Saturday, February 9th, 2007
Columbia High School
1701 Westchester Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

AGENDA

Registration & Continental Breakfast.....8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Reflections Turn-In.....8:00 – 9:30 A.M.

General Session I..... 9:00 – 9:20 A.M.

Workshops.....9:30 – 10:40 A.M.

**“And the Winner Is” – Submitting PTA Award Entries
Sharyl Richardson SCPTA Awards Committee**

Money Matters – Year End Final Reporting – Jill Schneider, SCPTA Treasurer

Local Unit Bylaws – Susan Strohm, SCPTA Bylaws Chair

Workshops.....10:50 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Local Unit Nominations & Elections – Doug Griffin, VP, SCPTA

Food and Nutrition – Dr. Bowen-Seabrook, Department of Education

**The SCPTA Gerry Pfaehler Endowment Fund Grant, Helen Stokes
Scholarships, Grant Writing – Nigel Lee, District 13 President**

Lunch and Learn..... 12:00 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.

Keynote Address – Chuck Saylor, President-Elect, National PTA

Taking a Look at our Roots – A Walk through PTA History... 1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Past SCPTA Presidents

General Session II – Reflections Winners Announcements...3:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Adjournment

SOUTH CAROLINA PTA Founders' Day Celebration

DIRECTIONS TO COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

From Greenville

Take I-385 S. to I-26E.
Take I-26E toward Columbia.
Exit St. Andrews Rd, exit 106.
Merge onto St. Andrews Rd via the ramp on the left.
Turn right onto Broad River Rd/US-176.
Turn left onto Rushmore Rd.
Rushmore Rd becomes Haymarket Rd.
Haymarket Rd becomes Westchester Dr.
End at 1701 Westchester Dr.
Distance 99 miles, Est. time 1 hour, 35 min.

From Charleston

Take I-26W toward Columbia.
Merge onto I-20E via exit 107B toward Florence.
Take Broad River Rd /US-176 exit 65.
Turn Left onto Broad River Rd/US 176.
Turn right onto Rushmore Rd.
Rushmore Rd becomes Haymarket Rd.
Haymarket Rd becomes Westchester Dr.
End at 1701 Westchester Dr.
Distance 117 miles, est. time 1 hour 53 min.

From Aiken

Take I-20E toward Columbia.
Take Broad River Rd /US-176 exit 65.
Turn Left onto Broad River Rd/US 176.
Turn right onto Rushmore Rd.
Rushmore Rd becomes Haymarket Rd.
Haymarket Rd becomes Westchester Dr.
End at 1701 Westchester Dr.
Distance 55 miles, Est. time 56 min.

From Rock Hill

Take I-77S toward Columbia.
Merge onto SC-277S via exit 18.
Merge onto I-20W toward Augusta.
Take Broad River Rd/US 176 exit 65.
Turn Right onto Broad River Rd/US 176.
Turn right onto Rushmore Rd.
Rushmore Rd becomes Haymarket Rd.
Haymarket Rd becomes Westchester Dr.
End at 1701 Westchester Dr.
Distance 71 miles, Est. time 1 hour, 11 min.

From Sumter

Take US 76/378W toward Columbia.
Turn left onto SC-768 Pineview Rd.
Turn right onto Shop Rd.
Merge onto I-77S.
Merge onto I-26W toward Spartanburg.
Merge onto I-20E via exit 107B
Take Broad River Rd /US-176 exit 65.
Turn Left onto Broad River Rd/US 176.
Turn right onto Rushmore Rd.
Rushmore Rd becomes Haymarket Rd.
Haymarket Rd becomes Westchester Dr.
End at 1701 Westchester Dr.
Distance 57 miles, Est. time 1 hour, 10 min.

From Florence

Take I-20W toward Columbia.
Take Broad River Rd/US 176 exit 65.
Turn Right onto Broad River Rd/US 176.
Turn right onto Rushmore Rd.
Rushmore Rd becomes Haymarket Rd.
Haymarket Rd becomes Westchester Dr.
End at 1701 Westchester Dr.
Distance 82 miles, est. time 1 hour, 21 min.

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Saturday, February 9th, 2007
Columbia High School
1701 Westchester Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Free Admission but Advance Registration is Required.

Registration deadline January 31, 2008

ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS \$20 per person

Local Unit/ School Name _____

Contact Person _____

Contact's Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Member Registration

Name of Registrant (Please Print)

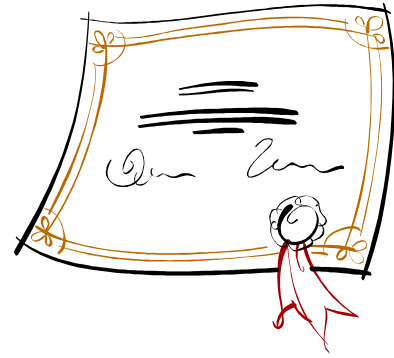
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Questions?

Call the SCPTA Office at 800-743-3782 or 803.765.0806 or email: office@scpta.org.
Please pre-register so that the appropriate arrangements can be made to ensure that the day is comfortable and rewarding for you. Mail registration form to: SCPTA, 1826 Henderson St., Columbia, SC 29201 or fax to 803.765.0399 or send via email to office@scpta.org.

SCPTA Awards Guidelines

The South Carolina PTA awards program provides us with the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the exemplary efforts of deserving PTA/PTSA local units, Councils, Districts, and individuals throughout our state. Your participation in our awards program will give us the opportunity to share your outstanding accomplishments with other PTAs during our Annual Convention in April.



All applications must be postmarked by March 1

If you would like verification that your applications were received, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your applications. On the postcard:

- Type or print all names of the application forms that are included in your mailing
- Leave a space for each item to be checked off by the office that it arrived
- Have a place for a signature

Tips to Successfully Apply for SCPTA Awards and Recognition

- **Follow all instructions carefully and completely.**
- **Submit your entry on time, postmarked by the printed deadline.** Certified mail is suggested.
- Entries that are innovative usually carry more weight when being judged. When there are several entries, the uniqueness of an idea may set one apart from the rest.
- Complete all forms thoroughly. Applications are eliminated regularly for being incomplete.
- Abide by the page limit. Consider picture collages or reduced newspaper article collages.
- If rules and space permit, letters of support from community and/or school officials usually enhance an application.
- Although an entry is judged on its content and not its attractiveness, outstanding presentation often helps when trying to decide between equally deserving entries.
- Arrange summary statements or answers to questions in the order requested.
- Organize, index and tab the entire application for easy reference to supporting materials.
- Have an unbiased person read your entry for clarity and mistakes before you mail it.
- Typed and double-spaced material is easier to read than handwritten text.
- Neatness and attractiveness "catch the eye."
- A protective cover is extremely beneficial.
- Copy the entire completed application for your files.
- Share your application efforts with others in your PTA. A well-written response or summary from one application oftentimes may be utilized in other entry applications.
- **All entries submitted to the state level become the property of South Carolina PTA and will not be returned.**

To view, download, or print a copy of the 2007-2008 SCPTA Awards Handbook, please visit our Web site - www.scpta.org.

SCPTA Awards for 2007-2008

>> NEW << denotes either an entirely new award for 2007-2008
or one that replaces a previous SCPTA award

Awards for Outstanding Service by an Individual

(one award per category)

- SCPTA Outstanding Principal of the Year
- SCPTA Outstanding Teacher of the Year
- SCPTA Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year **>> NEW <<**
- SCPTA Outstanding Volunteer of the Year
- SCPTA Outstanding Student Volunteer of the Year **>> NEW <<**

Awards for Outstanding Service by a Local Unit, Council, or District

(one award per category)

- SCPTA Outstanding Unit of the Year
- SCPTA Outstanding Council of the Year
- SCPTA Outstanding District of the Year

Awards of Excellence for Local Units

(elementary, middle, and high school award in each category)

- SCPTA Award of Excellence in Membership Promotion **>> NEW <<**
(Replaces Most Unique Membership Promotion)
- SCPTA Award of Excellence in Enrichment Programs **>> NEW <<**
(Replaces Program Award)
- SCPTA Award of Excellence in Legislative Advocacy
- SCPTA Award of Excellence in Communications **>> NEW <<**
(Replaces Bulletin Award)
- SCPTA Award of Excellence in Family and Community Involvement **>> NEW <<**
(Replaces Volunteer Program of the Year and School-wide Volunteer Program of the Year)
- SCPTA Award of Excellence in PTSA Student Involvement (middle and high school awards only)

Awards of Achievement Recognition for Local Units

- SCPTA Palmetto Awards — Membership Recognition Program **>> NEW <<**
(Replaces all previous Membership Awards)
Platinum Palmetto Award
Gold Palmetto Award
Silver Palmetto Award
Bronze Palmetto Award
- SCPTA Oak Leaf Awards — Goals Recognition Program
Platinum Leaf Award
Gold Leaf Award
Silver Leaf Award
Bronze Leaf Award

SCPTA Special Awards, Recognitions, and Programs

- SCPTA Gerry Pfaehler Endowment Fund
- Helen Stokes Memorial Scholarship Fund
- SCPTA Honorary Life Membership Award
- SCPTA Spirit of PTA Award **>> NEW <<**
(Replaces Student Recognition Award)

For more information about SCPTA Awards, please contact Sharyl Richardson at SharylPTA@gmail.com.

Are You Getting Busy to Make Connections at the 85th Annual SCPTA Convention on April 26, 2008?

"Getting Busy . . . Making Connections!" is the theme and goal for Convention 2008 that will convene at **Fort Dorchester High School** in **North Charleston** on **Saturday, April 26, 2008**. The celebration includes awards presentations recognizing individual and unit achievements, relevant workshops to educate anyone interested in the welfare of children and youth and a few surprises!

In fact, on **Friday, April 25, 2008**, SCPTA is hosting a **Pre-Convention Celebration** for all our delegates to start connecting and infusing the atmosphere with **FUN** and excitement. During the celebration, *First Timers* will be treated to a special something just for them. This event is free and open to all. Pre-registration is required.

Our Convention format is being planned with parents, teachers, educators, students and community stakeholders in mind. Workshop tracks will include: Academic Achievement for All Children, Emerging Minority Leaders, Building a



Strong PTA, and Comprehensive Health and Wellness.

Tentatively scheduled topics include: Understanding the Individual Education Plan, Single Gender Education, Online Predators, Today's Youth Drug Culture, School Improvement Council, Title I and PTA working together, and transition workshops to assist PTA boards as they end one year and begin the next. National PTA Secretary-Treasurer Betsy

Landers will be the National Representative.

Delegates will be asked to select workshops and to order their Convention T-shirt and pin as a part of the advanced registration process. The early bird member registration will be \$50.00, which includes all registration and workshop materials, breakfast and lunch. **Registration will open on February 10, 2008.**

The SCPTA has blocked 50 rooms at the **Comfort Suite Convention Center** at the rate of \$69.95 plus 13.5% tax per night. Please call the hotel directly at 843.572.6677. You must mention SCPTA and secure the reservation with your own credit card. **Rooms will be released on April 5, 2008.**



Win a free registration to the SCPTA Convention for up to FOUR members from your school.

Local Unit Bylaws and Membership dues must be current as of March 1, 2008, to be eligible.

Register **at least four members** from your PTA for Convention by the early

registration deadline. All eligible entries will be entered into a drawing and the winner will be drawn prior to the close of Convention. The winning local unit will be reimbursed the registration fees.

Additional details about the Convention will be posted at www.scpta.org, sent via e-mail blast to members registered in OMDR and mailed to local unit presidents and principals as they become available.

PTA Take Your Family to School Week February 10-16, 2008

PTA Take Your Family to School Week is easy to implement, but more importantly, the event embodies one of PTA's founding principles: When it comes to children's education, the best way to get involved is to become part of the school community.



When schools open their doors to all families, and parents put aside their other commitments, children get to see that their education is valued, families earn a unique perspective on students' school days, and educators gain a new way to build positive partnerships with entire families.

PTA Take Your Family to School Week, February 10–16, 2008, is just one of the PTA programs revitalizing parent involvement in education. PTA has worked to bring families and schools together since its founding on February 17, 1897. As we celebrate our founders' vision during Take Your Family to School Week—and support its implementation with awards of \$1,897—be sure you take time to connect families and schools on behalf of children, right where it matters most—in children's own classrooms.



National Nutrition Month® – March 2008

National Nutrition Month® is a nutrition education and information campaign created by the American Dietetic Association. The campaign is designed to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. NNM also promotes ADA and its members to the public and the media as the most valuable and credible source of timely, scientifically-based food and nutrition information. For more information, visit

http://www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/NNM_2007_home.htm.



American Dietetic Association

Your link to nutrition and health™

2008 PTA National Legislative Conference

February 26-28, 2008
Washington DC

Get ready! National PTA will host the 2008 National Legislative Conference on Wednesday, February 27–Thursday, February 28 in Washington DC. This conference will inspire and educate both seasonal veterans and those who are new to federal and state advocacy. Be sure to look over the workshops offered this year. There is something for everyone! All workshops will be held in the host hotel and there will be time to visit the Hill. If you have any questions about the Conference, please contact PTA at legcon@pta.org.

National Legislative Conference

February 26-28, 2008 let your voice be heard for every child. **PTA**

National Convention PTA Annual National Convention & Exhibition June 20-23, 2008, San Diego, California

Join us in San Diego and get ideas on how to increase membership, hone your leadership skills, and do more for your school and PTA than ever before. Interact with PTA members from all over the country; explore exciting and informative exhibits; and raise your voice on important issues affecting PTA and all children.



NEW! Special discounts will be available for online registrations, multiple registrants from the same unit, new PTA units, and youth members! Registration opens online in March 2008.

Keynote Speaker: Maya Angelou



Poet, educator, historian, author, actress, playwright, civil-rights activist, producer, director—these are just a few ways to describe the legendary Dr. Maya Angelou. Hailed as one of the great voices of contemporary black literature, she has mesmerized audiences all across the U.S. and abroad through the vigor and sheer beauty of her words. PTA is honored to welcome Dr. Angelou as National's keynote speaker at General Meeting 1 on Saturday, June 21, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The area where we are the greatest is the area in which we inspire, encourage, and connect with another human being.

MAYA ANGELOU

If you have any questions about the Convention, please contact PTA at legcon@pta.org.



SCPTA Legislative Report By Doug Griffin, VP for Legislation

The South Carolina General Assembly convened on January 8, 2008, beginning the second half of the 117th legislative session. On December 5th and December 12th, the House and Senate received pre-filed bills for consideration in this session.

PTA members can review these bills and become familiar with those that will impact public education. Go to www.sc.gov, and click on the “**Government**” link on the left of the sc.gov home page. Look toward the middle of the Government page under “Government Resources,” and click on “**General Assembly – House of Representatives**,” or “**General Assembly – Senate**,” to reach either the House or Senate home page. From either of these, click on the “**Current Legislation**” tab near the top of the page. This will take you to “Legislation for the 2007-2008 Session” menu page. (There are a lot of selections on this menu that will help you navigate and research various legislation.)

From this menu, select “**Pre-filed bills**.” You can then choose to view bills pre-filed in either the House or Senate for either filing date. As you scroll through all of the bills, you may want to pay particular attention to those bills referred to the Education committees of both chambers.

This year’s version of Superintendent Jim Rex’s school reform plan is House bill **H4391**, sponsored by E.H. Pitts of Lexington. You can click on the bill number and view the full text of the bill. The bill lays out Dr. Rex’s proposal for public school choice and open enrollment. While the SCPTA has not taken an official position on this plan, I encourage you to become familiar with this and other legislation impacting public education in South Carolina.

“...To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in schools, in the community and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children...”

—PTA Mission

“...To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth...”

—PTA Purposes



LOCAL UNIT NOMINATING COMMITTEES

It's that time of year again when PTAs at all levels must begin the search for qualified nominees to fill positions within their Board of Directors. If your PTA has not elected a Nominating Committee, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Your Bylaws require the election of the Nominating Committee so appointing a committee is not appropriate. Keep in mind that the President does not serve on the Nominating Committee and does not have the authority to direct the work of this committee. The President and any other member may nominate individuals to serve, but beyond that the work of the committee is kept confidential. Each person that is approached should

be given a copy of the job description and Nomination Form if your Unit requires it. For more information on Nominating Committees, please refer to your Bylaws and the Local Unit Handbook.

SCPTA Nominating Committee Report

The SCPTA Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the following positions to be elected at the SCPTA Convention on April 26, 2008, or by the Board of Directors during the Pre-Convention Board Meeting on April 25, 2008.

One-year term; fulfilling an unexpired two-year term; elected by the Convention delegates

President-Elect. Pursuant to Article 7, section 7.4(b): the President Elect will serve the remainder of the unexpired term and then become President for the 2009-2011 term.

Two-year term; elected by the Convention delegates:

Vice President for Membership Field Services, Secretary, Treasurer

One-year term; fulfilling an unexpired two-year term; elected by the SCPTA Board of Directors

Parent Involvement/Volunteer Chair

Two-year term; elected by the SCPTA Board of Directors

Two Youth Delegates

If you are interested in serving or have the permission to nominate someone, please complete and submit the Nominating Form on page 15 of this issue.

The Mission of the PTA

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

The Purposes of the PTA

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life;
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth;
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth;
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for _____

(Name(s) of Office or Committee Chair)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Please answer the following on a separate sheet:

1. Positions held in local, council, district, and/or South Carolina PTAs.
2. Qualifications for leadership and achievements as they apply to this position
Other Qualifications
3. What are your goals as regards SCPTA?
4. How does that relate to the position that you are nominated for
5. Where do you see SCPTA a year from now? 5 years from now?
6. What is the most pressing issue facing SCPTA right now? How would you deal with this issue?
7. Where would you like to see SCPTA 5 years from now?
8. What is the importance of membership to SCPTA? What is the relevance of membership of the position you are applying/been nominated for?

I agree with National PTA's mission and purposes and am currently a member of _____ PTA/PTSA. If elected I agree to attend the Board of Directors and Committee Meetings, to travel on speaking and service assignments to units and to attend and participate in the SCPTA Leadership and Legislative Conferences and SCPTA Convention to the best of my ability.

Signature of Person Nominated

Signature of Person Submitting Form

Print Name of Person Nominated

Print Name of Person Submitting Form

RETURN TO: SCPTA 1826 Henderson Street, Columbia, SC 29201, or to OFFICE@SCPTA.ORG BY February 1, 2008.

SCPTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President – Phil Clark, phil@gfpdrugfree.org

President-Elect – position unfilled

Vice President for Membership Field Services –
position unfilled

Vice President for Legislation – Doug Griffin, daddydoug@ftc-i.net

Vice President for Programs – Gail Hyatt, gailhyatt@sc.rr.com

Secretary – Teresa Wilkinson, teresalw@comporium.net

Treasurer – Jill Schneider, jillschneider@charter.net

District President Representative – Connie Bush
(District 23 President), cbush@sc.rr.com

District President Alternate – Sharyl Richardson
(District 7 President), SharylPTA@gmail.com

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Dates to Remember

February 2008
Black History Month
9 Reflections Turn-In/Founders' Day Event
17 NPTA Founders Day
March 2008
Women's History Month
1 Deadline for Awards and 3 rd Membership Report and Dues Payment
April 26, 2008
SCPTA Convention

Bulletin Submission Deadlines

March 5, 2008
For April/May

May 5, 2008
For June/July

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