

# PTA CONNECTS

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### Got Members? Have You Invited Everyone To Join?

Here are some **simple tips** to help:

1. Make sure you have a **PTA poster** at the entrance to your school inviting everyone to join.
2. Invite every **student, teacher, and administrator** to become a member.
3. Solicit **business sponsorships** to show community involvement.
4. Take a look at areas of your community that are not represented and create a plan to welcome them to PTA. If **dads are not represented**, focus on getting more dads involved.
5. Plan an evening or weekend father/child activity and don't forget to set up a **membership enrollment table**.

### How are your PTA association meetings going? Does everyone feel free to participate in the discussions?

Here are some **tips** to help you run effective and efficient meetings:

1. **Prepare an agenda and make sure everyone gets a copy.**  
To help keep the meeting on track, list the approximate times for agenda items.
2. **Help members understand and follow basic meeting rules.**  
This assures that everyone is treated with courtesy, all viewpoints are heard, and the majority makes decisions.
3. **Ask chairmen to prepare written reports, in place of lengthy oral reports, unless action must be taken at the meeting.**  
Written reports may be sent to members via email prior to the meeting.
4. **Be sure members stick to the agenda item.**  
Bring the discussion to a conclusion when it becomes too lengthy or repetitive. Details for events, fundraisers, or programs should be decided in committee, not at association meetings.
5. **Make sure members understand what they are voting on by repeating the motion**

before taking a vote.

## Up-Coming PTA Events and Deadlines

<p><b>October Membership Deadlines</b> Check With Your PTA Council Or District For Exact Date</p> <p>Early Bird: 15 Members Chairman's Club: 50 members First Membership Remittance</p>	<p><b>Building Membership</b> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2gqkgh">http://tinyurl.com/2gqkgh</a></p>
<p><b>Scholarship and Grant Deadlines</b> November 15</p> <p>Credentialed Teachers and Counselors School Nurses PTA Volunteers Outreach Translation Cultural Arts Parent Education Healthy Lifestyle</p>	<p><b>PTA Scholarship Applications</b> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2lozgg">http://tinyurl.com/2lozgg</a></p> <p><b>PTA Grant Applications</b> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2ormj3">http://tinyurl.com/2ormj3</a></p>
<p><b>Resolutions</b> November 1 Phase 1 Draft</p>	<p><b>Resolutions Information</b> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/3ctnm8">http://tinyurl.com/3ctnm8</a></p>

## Need help?

We've put together ideas and resources you need to get started:

### OMDR Webinars

Learn how your unit can use the Online Membership Data Reporting system to maintain officer and membership lists, communicate with members, and more!

<http://tinyurl.com/yt9xwq>

### Membership Ideas

<http://tinyurl.com/2v89ye>

### Membership Brochures

<http://tinyurl.com/2ddfe8>

### Sample Meeting Agenda

<http://tinyurl.com/3dhky4>

### Be a Good President from the Start

<http://tinyurl.com/3dxxf2>

### PTA Meetings

<http://tinyurl.com/2jmvpu>

## Collaboration and Decision Making

<http://tinyurl.com/2fs794>

## Looking for more ideas?

Visit the **Great Idea Bank** to learn what other PTAs are doing to help welcome parents to their PTA.

[http://www.pta.org/local\\_leader/idea/](http://www.pta.org/local_leader/idea/)

You can find more help on California State PTA web site

[www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org)

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