

## Membership Years Explained

	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	
1) California State PTA membership year					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
2) Additional grace period for members to re-join					■	■	■	■									■	■	■	■	
3) Members joining here need to re-join after July 1		■	■	■																	
4) National PTA membership "accounting" year		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■								

- 1) **The California State PTA membership year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.** The first required per capita remittance is based on this membership year. The Early Bird and Chairman's Club awards are based on per capita received by their respective deadlines during this membership year.
- 2) **Individual members have a 4-month grace period to re-join their PTA.** This allows members to vote on budgets, programs, etc. in the beginning of the school year (which is why all membership cards in California are to have an expiration date of October 31).
- 3) **An individual joining during one membership year (between July 1 and June 30) needs to re-join in the new year (after July 1).** Per Toolkit 3.2.1: "*Those who become members of an established PTA after March 31 [in April, May or June] need to join again at the next annual enrollment to maintain their membership.*" The next annual enrollment would begin in the new year, after July 1.  
 When a new unit organizational meeting takes place between April 1 and June 30, the charter memberships obtained at that meeting will be included in the new membership year beginning July 1. Although *charter members* of a new unit organized between April 1 and June 30 are not required to rejoin the PTA for one year (Toolkit 3.2.5), the PTA is expected to run a membership drive and forward *additional memberships* once the new membership year begins.
- 4) **The National PTA membership "accounting" year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31.** California State PTA uses the National PTA year to calculate totals for the yearly membership challenges and awards which are conferred at the state convention. Membership data in the Online Membership Data Reporting system is based on this membership accounting year.