

Family memberships must specify the members



Every PTA membership includes the payment of per capita dues and the privilege of one vote.

**If a PTA wishes to offer a "family membership",
it must be clear who qualifies as the voting members.**

PTA/PTSA membership is based on an individual member and that is reflected in the dues structure.

PTAs that offer a family membership must:

- 1. spell out in their bylaws the number of members that constitute a family,**
- 2. forward that number of per capita dues,**
- 3. provide each member an individual membership card in their name and**
- 4. list the members by name on the association's membership list**

The actual per person dues amount must always be specified in the bylaws.

Article IV, Section 4 of Unit Bylaws for Local PTAs/PTSAs must specify how many members constitute a family membership; e.g., two, three, etc. The California State PTA *Toolkit* (section 3.2.4) provides the language to use when revising the unit bylaws to include family memberships. The amended bylaws must be forwarded through channels to the California State PTA parliamentarian for approval.

Per capita dues must be forwarded for each member of the family membership.

For example, if a PTA family membership is \$15.00, and includes three (3) members, of that \$15.00 the unit must forward:

- \$1.75 per member for the National PTA portion (3 x \$1.75 = \$5.25 total);
- \$1.25 per member for the California State PTA portion (3 x \$1.75 = \$3.75 total);
- \$0.50 per member for the district portion (3 x \$0.50 = \$1.50 total); and
- \$0.25 per member for the council portion (3 x \$0.25 = \$0.75 total)

for a total of \$11.25 sent through channels. The unit PTA retains only \$3.75 of the family membership but each member has the same privileges as those who may have paid more.

Membership cards must be made out and provided for each individual member in their own name. Cards should not say "Smith family" or "Smith family #1"

The association's membership list must list each individual member by name.