

Election of the 2011-2013 California State PTA officers

The California State PTA Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, state that, except for the office of president, the officers shall be elected biennially in odd-numbered years, and the president-elect shall succeed automatically to the office of president. 2009-2011 President-Elect Carol Kocivar will succeed to the presidency for the 2011-2013 term. Elections will be held at the First General Meeting, Thursday, 4:30 - 7 p.m.



President: Carol Kocivar is currently president-elect for the California State PTA. She has served as vice president for communications, a legislation advocate, an education commissioner and on numerous committees. She has been actively involved in efforts to support adequate education funding, to bring the arts back into our schools, to defeat vouchers, and to support physical education and counselors. Kocivar worked as a journalist and attorney, and presently serves as a school district ombudsperson for special education and hosts a radio show. Kocivar, a past president of the Second District PTA, and her husband Terry are the proud parents of two graduates of San Francisco public schools and have a granddaughter.

Nominees for office

The California State PTA nominating committee asked the following individuals to serve in the Board of Directors elected positions. The nominating committee report will be presented during the First General Meeting of convention on [Thursday, April 28, 2011](#) at which time, if notice has been filed in accordance with Article XII, Section 3, of the California State PTA Bylaws, nominations may be made from the floor. If a ballot vote is necessary, the location and times for voting will be announced. When there is but one candidate for an office, the ballot for that office may be dispensed with and the election held by voice vote at the close of nominations.

President-Elect



Colleen You currently serves as the vice president for health. She served previously as the vice president for parent involvement, as a leadership services and health commissioner, and on many state committees.

You is past president of Seventeenth District PTA and served her community as a local school board member. Over the past 18 years she held numerous PTA positions in elementary, middle, and high school PTAs. She is invested in the mission, goals, and Purposes of the PTA, particularly in the areas of parent engagement, health and the whole child, and support and mentoring of emerging leaders. You lives in Belmont with her husband David and son. Her daughter and husband live in Scotland and are expecting a child in June.

Vice President for Leadership Services



Sue King currently serves as the state's parliamentarian and, in the last term, served as a leadership services commission advisor. Previously she served as the vice president for communications and member services,

and membership chair. King has numerous years experience in all levels of PTA in Fourth District PTA and now in Ninth District PTA. She has also been active in band boosters and youth soccer. King and her husband Michael reside in San Diego. Their family includes two adult children and six granddaughters.

Vice President for Program and Members Services



Maggie Steele currently serves on the leadership services commission and convention management committee. Previously, she was a member of the education commission and the

student involvement and extension committees. Steele has held numerous positions at the unit, council and district levels including the office of president of Peralta District PTA. As a parent volunteer she was engaged in community and school organizations including Girl Scouts, Odyssey of the Mind and band boosters. She also served as a parent representative on school site councils, school district and WASC accreditation committees. Professionally, Steele holds a Ph.D. degree and works as a college teacher. She and her husband, Grant, reside in Pleasanton and have two daughters who are college students.

Vice President for Communications



Kathryn Cross serves on the communications commission and the bylaws committee and is *The Communicator* editor. Locally, Cross is president of the Bayside S.T.E.M. PTSA in San Mateo and parliamentarian for Seventeenth District PTA.

She is a past Seventeenth District PTA president and has held numerous PTA positions at unit, council and district levels. She volunteers weekly with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Cross has worked as a

graphic artist. Cross resides in San Mateo with her husband, Mike Giari and has a high school aged daughter and two adult sons.

Vice President for Convention



Justine Fischer is a member of the convention commission. She is convention site manager, and serves on the convention management and steering committees. She also sits on the diversity and inclusion committee

and student involvement committee where she is vice chair. Previously she served on the education and convention commissions, and on the legislation, and resource development committees. Fischer has been involved in PTA numerous years, serving at the state level, and Twelfth District PTA, council and unit levels. Her son serves in the U.S. Navy and her daughter is a university student. Fischer lives in Thousand Oaks with her husband Jay.

Vice President for Community Concerns



Kathy Rabun currently serves as vice chairman of the community concerns commission. She sits on the legislation, legislation action and convention management committees. She served on the community

concerns and health commissions, and on the bylaws and convention management committees. Rabun served as a unit, council, and district officer before serving as president of Thirty-Second District PTA. Rabun currently serves as vice president

for leadership at the district level. She also sits on a local school district student attendance and review board panel. Rabun lives in Concord with her husband and has two adult daughters and a three-year-old grandson.

Vice President for Education



Debbie Look is currently the director of legislation and chairs the legislation and legislation action committees. She also served as community concerns advocate and on the convention management committee.

Previously she served in Peralta District PTA as a council president and legislative chair and vice president at the unit, council, and district PTA levels. Look has been involved in parent advocacy in California as well as in Canada, where she served as president of the British Columbia-wide parental advocacy organization. Professionally, she holds an MBA degree and recently served as campaign director for an arts foundation. Look lives in Pleasanton with her husband Chris. Her son attends a university and her daughter is a recent university graduate.

Vice President for Parent Involvement



Brian Bonner is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento and lives in San Diego. He has volunteered at the unit, council, district, state, and national PTA levels. Bonner was the first male elected president

of Ninth District PTA. He currently serves as vice president for community concerns and on the legislation action committee. Previously he served as education advocate and as a member of the National PTA resolutions and diversity committees. Bonner is married and has one daughter, a senior at Humboldt State University. Bonner is a retired probation officer and legislative analyst.

Vice President for Health



Linda Mayo currently serves as vice president for communications and on the legislation action and two convention committees. Previously Mayo served as federal advocate, vice president for community concerns, a member services commissioner, resolutions committee chairman and PTA in California editor. She held numerous positions at the unit, council, and district levels including Thirty-Second District PTA president. Mayo also volunteers for a

county science and engineering fair program, at a Girl Scout camp and is a school trustee. She and her husband Donald own their own business, reside in Pleasant Hill and have three adult daughters.

Vice President for Membership



Patty Christiansen currently serves as community concerns advocate on the legislation team and as the *Sacramento Update* editor. She also serves on the legislation and the legislation action committees and is

vice chairman of the scholarship and grant committee. Previously she served on the convention commission. Patty is a past president of Fourth District PTA. She has held numerous positions at the unit, council and district PTA levels. Patty and her husband Chris have five sons, six grandsons and one granddaughter. A resident of Costa Mesa, Christiansen owns a desktop publishing company, producing newsletters for non-profit organizations.

Secretary



Laurie Koch currently serves as a leadership mentor on the leadership services commission. She previously served on the health commission and by-laws committee. During her years of PTA involvement

she served as Twelfth District PTA president and held numerous positions at each PTA level. She was the first PTA leader asked to serve on her local education foundation and join the chamber of commerce leadership program. Koch was a founding member of the Ventura County P-16 council. She has participated in a variety of youth sports boards and served as baseball booster president at her alma mater. Koch worked in the health care industry and currently is employed as human resources coordinator. Koch resides in Simi Valley and her family includes a son and step-daughter.

Treasurer



Kathy Stevenson currently serves as the vice president for convention. Previously she has served on the finance commission and as chairman of the local convention, registration and exhibits committees on the

convention commission. Stevenson also served as resource development chairman and on the audit, bylaws and resolutions committees. She is a registered nurse and works as a hospital emergency prepared-

ness consultant. Stevenson has two sons. She and her husband Craig reside in Saugus which is in Thirty-Fourth District PTA.

Appointments

Parliamentarian



Shirley Gold is currently the website coordinator on the communications commission. She served on the education commission and the bylaws committee. Gold has held a number of PTA positions at the unit, council and district levels. She is currently parliamentarian for First District PTA. In her spare time, Gold volunteers for Destination Imagination, an international creative problem-solving program, and is an adult literacy tutor. She holds a B.A. in German. Gold and her husband, Elliot, live in Altadena where they raised two sons and operate a teleconferencing consultancy.

Director of Legislation



Patty Scripser currently serves as an education advocate on the legislation team. She also serves on the legislation, the legislation action and the convention management committees. Scripser previously served on the education commission and the resolutions committee. She has held numerous positions at the unit, council and district levels and currently serves as vice president for leadership for First District PTA. She also serves as vice president for her school district's educational foundation. Scripser works with her husband in their television production company. They live in La Crescenta where their two children are graduates of Glendale public schools.

Meet the 2011-2013 California State PTA Board of Directors

- following the First General Meeting, Thursday, April 28,
- at the Big Beach Ball Friday, April 29, 7:30 - 11 p.m., or
- after the Fifth General Meeting concludes on Sunday, May 1.