

## President's Message

**Don't Hesitate!**

**Participate!**

**We Want YOU!!**



You and your Board members and PTA members are invited to the 2011 SCPTA Summer Leadership Training at Lexington Elementary School, Saturday, July 23.

There is still time to register. Visit [www.scpta.org](http://www.scpta.org) and register on-line until Wednesday, July 20!

See you there,

Martha C. Knight,  
President

## Legislative Update

**Greetings Fellow Advocates,**

### **Have You Heard Or Read About ...? New Voter ID Laws: Reducing a Segment of Society's Participation?**

On May 19, 2011, H. 3003: new voter ID bill became a law. This law, recently signed by Gov. Haley, makes a new requirement which applies to ALL voters. In addition to your voter registration card, you are now required to present a current state-issued photo ID, or a passport, or a US military photo ID in order to vote. With a passport or US military photo ID, you will also need proof of your current domicile since a home address is not included on these.

Many people will already have a current driver's license or DMV-issued photo ID card with their name correctly spelled and their current address. But if you don't and you don't have a passport or a military ID, in order to get the required ID, you will need to take to a DMV office all of the following:

1. an original or certified copy of your birth certificate
2. proof of your Social Security number and proof of your domicile (address of the place where you live)

Opponents of the bill (new law) propose:

### **THIS NEW LAW MAY JEOPARDIZE SOME RIGHTS TO VOTE!**

Share with us at SCPTA your thoughts, comments, and opinions.

Contact [www.scpta.org](http://www.scpta.org) or contact me directly at 843.735.1835.

For further information:  
[http://www.scsba.org/advocacy\\_electedoff.htm](http://www.scsba.org/advocacy_electedoff.htm)  
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## The National PTA Official Back to School Kit Online:



The National [PTA Official Back to School Kit](#) contains the resources you need to serve your community and run your unit—not just at Back-to-School time but year-round.

- The latest *PTA Quick-Reference Guides*
- Membership posters and brochures, plus father involvement resources
- Program and advocacy information
- Special offers from national partners

## National PTA Dues Increase Implementation Process

National PTA appreciates your support of the 50 cent dues increase that was passed at the 2011 Annual Convention in Orlando, FL. As you know, this is the FIRST in 10 years! We understand the intense challenge of implementing this change. Please visit <http://www.pta.org/4669.htm> and learn how we will accomplish this task **TOGETHER!**

## National PTA Announces New Executive Director

National PTA® announces Eric R. Hargis as the association's new executive director. Hargis was introduced to delegates last month at National PTA's [115th Annual Convention and Exhibition](#) in Orlando, Florida.

Hargis will work in concert with the National PTA Board of Directors to continue long-term strategies and priorities that benefit families nationwide. He will integrate PTA's core values with the association's strategic plan to build on its purpose of speaking for every child with one voice.

"Eric has an established record of success from every organization he's worked with, as well as the proven leadership our national staff needs to serve today's families and school communities," said [Betsy Landers](#), National PTA President. "With his selection, we know that PTA® will grow stronger while reaching its goals in our strategic plan."

Hargis brings more than 30 years of non-profit experience including high level positions at the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the American Diabetes Association and the Arthritis Foundation. Most recently, Hargis was president and chief executive officer of the Epilepsy Foundation of America for more than 10 years.

A graduate of the University of San Diego, Hargis lives in Maryland with his wife and has two children

## Chuck Saylor leaves an incredible legacy!

South Carolina PTA members are very proud of Chuck Saylor, the first man to be president of the national association, past D1 president and now Greenville Co. School Board member. Under his leadership, NPTA increased their male membership by being the example needed to bring more fathers, grandfathers into the PTA family. Under Chuck's leadership, the Million Hours of Power was launched, which encouraged over 350,000 men to volunteer at least 3 hours in their child's school. Male membership grew in by 2% during his term. In a traditionally female association, continued male support sends a powerful message to families, schools and supporters throughout the nation. Though leaving his PTA family behind, we know that whatever Chuck does will always advocate for the children of this nation!

## And SCPTA Welcomes Chuck Back!

**On behalf of the SCPTA delegates, Martha Knight welcomed Chuck back to SC at the close of the 2011 NPTA convention. Karen Kurimcak presented Chuck with a SCPTA t-shirt!**



# New SCPTA Membership Reporting Process

SCPTA is continuing to make the reporting process of your members easier and more streamlined. SCPTA is providing an Excel spreadsheet and a membership card template for your use. Merging the two documents will give your members printed cards and provide to SCPTA a current roster of your members – members that we want to reach with our monthly bulletins and other important dates and information.



## Attention: Health and Wellness Chairs!

### Healthy Lifestyles Grant Webinar!

On August 24 at 12:00pm and again at 7:00pm, NPTA will be hosting a webinar that will provide an overview of the Healthy Lifestyle Grant. FAQs will be answered and useful tips will be provided for the grant writing. PTA units must RSVP in order to participate. Please RSVP to [www.healthylifestyle.org](http://www.healthylifestyle.org). September 2, 2011 is the deadline date for submitting the Healthy Lifestyles Grant.

[See www.pta.org/pta\\_healthylifestyles\\_grant.org](http://www.pta.org/pta_healthylifestyles_grant.org)

## President's Annual Report July 2010-June 2011

The SCPTA year began with great anticipation and eagerness to create programs that would satisfy the needs and goals of the local units of SCPTA.

Leadership Training was conducted on Saturday, July 24, 2010, at Keenan High School. The theme for this event was "Building SCPTA's Leadership Team Spirit." After a general meeting, participants participated in a series of workshops: presidents, treasurers, secretaries, volunteer programs, membership strategies, bylaws and standing rules, male involvement in PTA, communications, health and wellness, Title 1 and No Child Left Behind, Common Threads in PTA Basics, school-family-community partnership, financial reviews and IRS regulations, NPTA and SCPTA programs, SCPTA special funds, Legislative programs, fundamentals of fundraising, PTA Reflections program, and Collaborative Leadership.

For the first time, each school's team participating in the Leadership Training had its picture taken as a team. The photos were placed on the SCPTA website and in the SCPTA Bulletin. After the Leadership Training, SCPTA Board members followed up with calls and emails to assist those who needed further assistance.

The hiring of a full-time executive director for the SCPTA was completed and she began working on July 26, 2010. Since her employment began, she has been invaluable in meeting the needs of the local PTA leaders. Her prior experience working for a 501.c.3 organization and her personal commitment to solving problems and servicing the local units has benefitted the SCPTA operations immensely.

In August, 2010, the SCPTA president and the SCPTA president-elect participated in the NPTA's

Governance Retreat in Denver, Colorado. State presidents and presidents-elect were given the opportunity to share ideas about national, state, and local membership promotion. New guidelines for Standards of Affiliation were distributed and various workshops on leadership and teamwork were offered.

The weekend of October 16-17, 2010, the SCPTA Board and the members of all committees met for a planning session. Many great ideas were proposed for immediate action and some were proposed for future planning: providing cost analysis on all expenditures to determine if SCPTA is getting the best value for the services being used. Several new awards were proposed for the future. Board members received an update on the restoration of the SCPTA house/office and were given the opportunity to share opinions on the exterior paint color. Each committee made a report to the total group and plans of work were prepared.

The SCPTA president resigned on January 15, 2011, for personal and family reasons and the SCPTA president-elect assumed the presidency on January 16, 2011.

The SCPTA Legislative Conference was held on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Lower Richland High School. The Vice President for Legislation added a new feature to the Legislative Conference - a town hall meeting - and the participants spoke about their legislative concerns, their increase in male participation, their local PTA activities, and their needs from SCPTA. Each participant was given a master list of the members of the South Carolina legislature. In addition to workshops, at the afternoon's general meeting, a representative from the South Carolina School Boards Association spoke about a new proposed funding plan that was to be presented to the legislature.

The Honorable Joe Neal, an education friendly legislator, was also available to answer questions from the participants about the work and proceedings of the legislature.

The Vice President for Legislation and the President attended the NPTA Legislative Conference. They visited most of the South Carolina's Congressional delegation's staff to ask for the support for the funding of PIRC. Both attended the workshops offered to make their legislative efforts more productive.

The SCPTA annual convention was held at Sumter High School on April 9, 2011. The National PTA representative was Teresa Williams and was the keynote speaker during the first general meeting. She was awarded a SCPTA Honorary Life Membership for her work on behalf of all children. Three general meetings were held and a variety of workshops were offered. Some of the new topics for workshops included virtual schools, helping military families with deployments, engaging Latino parents, and financing for college.

In addition to the awards and general business given during the convention, a Reflections Awards Ceremony and reception followed the annual convention. State winners were presented plaques as part of their recognition.

In May, SCPTA was notified that there were seven SCPTA students would be recognized in the NPTA Reflections program – two Awards of Excellence, four Awards of Merit and one SCPTA student who would be recognized at the NPTA convention for Outstanding Interpretation in Literature.

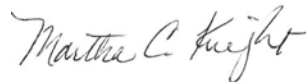
The SCPTA president and the SCPTA executive director attended the NPTA convention in Orlando. Two SCPTA representatives served on the convention planning committee and ten other local PTA leaders also attended the convention and participated in the workshops. One of the ten was the state's representative to the EML conference.

Shortly after the end of the SCPTA convention, the SCPTA president and the executive director began finalizing the plans for the July 23rd Leadership Training to be held at Lexington Elementary School. The SCPTA board will have a special four-hour training on Sunday following the Leadership Training to enhance their knowledge of NPTA programs, standards of affiliation, and strategic planning.

The SCPTA president and the executive director have started meeting with the local PTAs in counties without District Presidents to provide each group with a question and answer session, to identify a key communicator until a district president can be identified and a leadership group can be formed, and to encourage more participation in state and national events.

A meeting of existing District Presidents is planned for Saturday, June 18, 2011, to review the membership in each area, to review the District Presidents' Handbook, and to establish a plan for following up on new units.

Plans for all Bulletins to be electronically distributed and for leadership handbooks to be placed on CDs are being materialized.



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**CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB! [www.scpta.org](http://www.scpta.org)**

## Important Dates

**July 23, 2011**—Leadership Training, Lexington Elementary School, Lexington, SC

**October 1, 2011**—First Membership & Dues Report; 2010-2011 Financial Review; and 2011-2012 Approved Budget

**October 22, 2011**—Parent/Educator Training, Columbia, SC

**December 1, 2011**—Second Membership & Dues Report Date

**February 8, 2012**—Legislative Conference, Columbia, SC

**April 21, 2012**—89th Annual Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC— Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort

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