



WA-WM PTA Councilor

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President's Letter

This is my last President's Letter. I want to take this time to again thank everyone who has helped to make my experience as your President so memorable. It has been an honor to serve you all over these past two terms. I want you to know that I will not be going far. I will be turning my attention to SEPTA as we continue to build this new local unit. I look forward to seeing you all at the final meeting of the year on Monday, June 1, 2015. I hope you all have a wonderful summer & I will see you at training as a representative of a local unit.

~Laura Weaver, 2013 – '15 President

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The 2015 National PTA Convention & Expo - *Movin' PTA Forward*

119th Annual National PTA Convention & Exhibition - June 26 – 28, 2015

Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC

Hear from keynote speakers and thought leaders, including Olympian Shannon Miller and Educator Dr. Steve Perry.

This year you can: Participate in enhanced leadership forums and trending topics in bettering the lives of every child in education, health and safety; learn best practices and innovative approaches to empowering families and communities to advocate for all children; experiment at The Fresh 20 Demo Stage and discover great apps and strategies now available to all the local PTAs.

This convention is about you. Learn, engage, network, and celebrate... all that education means for you and your families, your students and your communities. Invite your friends, too!

We need your voice and perspective in our mission to move PTA forward and provide a high-quality education for every child.

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As this school year comes to an end and before everyone gets busy with their summer plans it is time to turn in your Officer Lists to Wisconsin PTA. It is very important to turn in your list even if there are no changes from the last school year.

Watch your emails for information over the summer and visit our website to stay up to date over the summer.

Download the WI PTA Officer lists [here](#).

2015 - 17 WI PTA Officers

Michael Anton – President
Penny Larson – Vice President
Brenda Ward – Treasurer
Andy Krizan – Secretary

Watch your email for more information. If you would like to contact your new officers call 608-244-1455.



Awards Committee

Thank you all who was able to attend the Awards Banquet. The committee will be meeting the week of June 1st to review how it went. If you have any opinions that you would like to share, please feel free to contact the committee chair, Kelley Serrano. (See contact info in the blue border to the right.) Congratulations to all of the winners and everyone who was nominated.

Scholarship Committee

2015 Scholarships have been awarded! Congratulations to all of the 2015 WA-WM Seniors! The winners received their certificates at the Awards Banquet and they have their instructions as to how they will receive their \$600 scholarships.

The winning seniors are:

- Zachary Dittorice
- Jessica Drews
- Bethany Gildemeister
- Brooke Jensen
- Katherine Justham
- Katherine Wardinski

Thanks so much to the committee, Debbie Gast, Jennifer Wigand & Leigh Gould, who had the difficult task in choosing the six winners.

Budget Committee

Heather Justham is the chair of the budget committee. This committee will be meeting soon to set the 2015-'16 budget. Please consider volunteering for this important but one meeting committee.

2014 – '15 Board

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Audit Committee

The Audit Committee will need to meet one time this summer to review the council books. Only non-signers are allowed to sit on this committee. Please consider volunteering for this important one-meeting committee.

2015 Leadership Training

The 2015 Leadership Training will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2015. This meeting is for anyone who works with your local PTA unit—officers, committee chairs, teachers, principals, school and district administration, and even community members. Anyone who is interested in attending from the WA-WM School District will be welcome to this FREE event. We will have our special guest and keynote speaker, Anna King, who joins us as a representative of National PTA.



Here's a little about Anna...

National PTA board member Anna King is a great asset to the board. She serves as the Oklahoma PTA president, is part of the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Commission and participates in the Oklahoma Prevention Leadership Collaborative. Her past PTA involvement includes a vast array of positions such as Oklahoma president-elect, a member of the OKPTA Membership committee, Oklahoma City PTA president and Douglass High/Middle School president and vice president.

In addition to being active with the local PTA, King involves herself in other community activities as well. She is a John Rex Elementary Charter School Board Member, a Salvation Army volunteer and serves with the Certified Healthy Schools Committee and the Oklahoma City Public School Dress Code Task Force. Her previous involvement includes being on the Oklahoma City Public Schools Strategic Planning Committee, being a regional Food Bank of Oklahoma volunteer and an Adult Learning Center Liaison.

Anna graduated from Capitol Hill High School in 1987. She is attending OSU-OKC part-time to become a middle school history teacher. She also worked at Oklahoma Graphics for 14 years and was co-owner of the family business, "Bubba Dee's" mobile catering. Anna is married to Glenn King and has three adult children.

Watch your emails for Training details coming soon!

Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee

This committee will also be meeting this summer in order to have the Bylaws and Standing Rules ready for your review by the August 1st Training. It is the intention to have these available & posted to the website by August 1 so that we can vote at the September meeting. The WA-WM PTA Council Bylaws are due to the WI PTA this year.

Officer Lists

We need your updated officer lists annually. Please submit a copy of what you send to WI PTA or submit yours to us via our website at <http://wawmptacouncil.org/submit-officers-to-council.php>. In order to avoid duplication, we do not automatically forward your information to the WI PTA. If you have any difficulty, please let us know and we will be happy to assist.

Incoming Council Officers

WA-WM PTA Council will have a new slate of officers that will begin their terms on July 1, 2015. Please contact them if you have any questions or concerns this summer.

Gena Kraemer, President – 414-545-4005

Dawn Petrovick, 1st Vice President – 414-339-7741

Shannon Mishun, 2nd Vice President – 414-456-0749

Heather Justham, Treasurer – 414-750-1285

Kelley Serrano, Secretary – 414-477-2876

Also, the wawmptaweb@gmail.com email account will be monitored throughout the summer so you can always contact us there. However, if it is an time-sensitive need, please call.

WA-WM Community News

Join Us for Coalition Meetings in 2015!

Come to the West Allis-West Milwaukee Coalition Meetings to:

- **Learn** about alcohol and drug abuse issues in the community
- **Inform** the Coalition about your concerns regarding youth
- **Eat** great custard from Culver's West Allis
- **Enter for a chance to win** a \$10 gift certificate from Antigua's Mexican and Latin Restaurant – 2 certificates raffled at each meeting
- **Network** with our community partners and members

Meetings are held from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars for dates and locations of meetings in 2015:

July 15th – WAWM School District Administration Building, 1205 South 70th Street

September 16th - North Shore Bank, 10533 West National Avenue

November 18th – West Milwaukee Community Center, 1345 South 47th Street

Please call 414-604-3506 to register or for more information. Hope to see you there!

WA-WM PTA Council Minutes

WAWM PTA Council Meeting Minutes May 4, 2015

<u>Call to order</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Adjourned</u>
6:30 PM by Laura	See sign-in sheet, quorum verified	8:30PM motion by Stephanie

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting approved and filed

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was approved and filed.

Fundraising activities:

- CiCi pizza on May 6th
- Cousins coming soon
- Silent Auction – general fund
- 50/50 raffle – scholarship fund
- Popcorn – scholarship fund

District Report (Brian Vissers)

- See written Report

Legislative Report (Brian)

- See written report

Legislative Report (Laura)

- The chair at both the council and state levels is open
- WI PTA has made a form letter available for those who are uncomfortable writing letters
 - This letter along with a list of legislators will be sent out this month

Schools/Administration Report

Mr. Henry from Lane

- Girl's volleyball did well
- Boys night scheduled soon-sports, prizes
- Fashion and art show to earn money for art department
- PBIS field trip-skating
- Badger and MAPS testing
- Track season going on
- Teacher appreciation week coming up

Teacher Rep (Lynn Burke and Tammi Fure from Central and Lincoln)

- Not present/no report

President Report (Laura)

- It has been recommended by National PTA for many years that Local PTAs do not hold charters for scout troops

- WI PTA has now made the same recommendation
- Sunshine clubs may not be legal per IRS
 - No one person can benefit from a non-profit
- According to our bylaws, meetings return to the first Wednesday of the month as of July 1st, 2015
- Council training will be held on August 1st – GET THE WORD OUT – great speaker planned
 - Program budget will be used to help the speaker get to West Allis

1st VP Report (Jill)

- Not Present/no report
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2nd VP Report/Carnival Committee Report (Gena)

- No newsletter this month

Election

- The following nominees were posted and others may run from the floor:
 - Gena Kramer – President
 - Nobody ran against Gena and vote supporting her in the President role was the majority
 - Dawn Petrovic – 1st VP
 - Nobody ran against Dawn and vote supporting her in the VP role was the majority
 - Debbie Gast – Secretary
 - Debbie pulled her name out of contention and Kelley Serrano was nominated from the floor
 - Nobody ran against Kelley and vote supporting her in the Secretary role was the majority
 - Kelley Serrano – 2nd VP
 - Shannon Mishun ran against Kelley and vote supporting Shannon in the VP role was the majority
 - Heather Justham – Treasurer
 - Doug Freiburg ran against Heather and vote supporting Heather in the Treasurer role was the majority
 - New officers effective July 1, 2015

Scholarship Report

Committee – Debbie Gast, Jenny Wigand, Leigh Gould

- 6 winners, 2 from Central, 4 from Hale
- Winners will speak at banquet

Celebration Report (Formerly known as the Awards Committee)

- Banquet is May 15th
- Each unit will decorate their own table (84-inch table)
- Send photos!

Local Unit Reports on accomplishments since the last meeting and upcoming events

FLW	Not present/no report
Franklin	Teacher appreciation week activities, color run coming up
Hale	It's been a quiet month
Hoover	Board elections, spring fling dance, teacher appreciation week activities, reading carnival/math night, camping field trip
Jefferson	Not present/no report
Irving	Movie night-new screen and speakers, teacher appreciation activities, BOCS concert and fine arts show, spring sing, field day/jump rope for heart
Lane	Boys night and girls night planned-speakers, sports, etc

Lincoln	Teacher appreciation week activities, spring fling dance, movie ticket fundraiser, glow night went well, popcorn sale went well on movie night
Longfellow	Not present/no report
Madison	Not present/no report
Mann	Not present/no report
Mitchell	Not present/no report
Pershing	1 st place in quiz bowl, Spring fling/book fair, jump rope for heart, teacher appreciation week activities, MJS article-student saved by a teacher from choking
SEPTA	End of year celebration at McCarty park, rummage at Irving for the adult program, rummage during state fair, struggling for members and getting the word out
WAC	Rummage will always be last Saturday of april, breakfast for teacher appreciation week
Walker	Rummage, new board coming in, color run coming up
Wilson	High interest day, rummage, teacher appreciation week activities, walk-a-thon-field day, picnic
WMIS	Not present/no report
Other	

Handouts and attachments

Agenda	Newsletter
Legislative Report	Motion slips
Sign in sheet	Flyers
Minutes from previous meeting	District report
Treasurer report	

Next Meeting

June 1, 2015

Submitted by

Debbie Gast, WAWM PTA Council Secretary