

—————Convention Schedule—————

Friday, September 24, 2021

5:30pm—5:45pm **PTA Road Map** *Presented by Sheryl Scheafer, Montana PTA President*

5:45pm—6:00pm **Achieve Montana - Convention Sponsor**

Achieve Montana is a 529 plan designed to help individuals and families save for college in a tax-advantaged way. Its benefits include tax-deferred growth, generous contribution limits, and investment options. Money in your account can be used towards a qualified college, university, vocational school, or other postsecondary educational institution, apprenticeship program expenses, and K-12 tuition too. Setting up a 529 plan account with Achieve Montana is easy and affordable. Parents can open accounts for a little as \$25 or \$15 with payroll deduction, where available. For more information, visit www.achievemontana.com or call 1-877-486-9271.

6:00pm—7:00pm **General Session #1**

Welcome - *Meghan Cox, Montana PTA Convention Chair*

Call to Order - *Sheryl Scheafer, Montana PTA President*

State Convention Welcome Video - *Anna King, National PTA President*

Introductions and Montana PTA Updates - *Sheryl Scheafer*

Credentials Report (page 11) - *Rebecca Noell, Montana PTA Treasurer*

Convention Rules (page 10) - *Lisa Wilson, Montana PTA Secretary*

Report of Minutes from 2020 Convention - *Lisa Wilson*

National PTA Address - *Alison Turner, National PTA VP Membership*

Montana PTA Annual Financial Report (page 13) - *Rebecca Noell*

Nominating Committee Report/Nominations from the Floor - *Garri Mauch, Nominating Committee Member*

Elections

Announcements

7:00pm -7:15pm **Mountain America Credit Union - Convention Sponsor**

From understanding the behaviors that influence our financial decision making to where to start with a budget, and even the technology that can help improve all of these processes. This explains how you can be more efficient with your financial planning personally and for your PTA.

7:15pm—8:00pm **Open Forum**

Saturday, September 25, 2021

8:00am—8:15am **AIM Insurance - Convention Sponsor**

AIM Insurance specializes in providing insurance to PTA's. With a focus in helping PTA's for over 30 years, AIM understands the risks involved in running your organization and can help you choose the right coverage for your PTA. We have an excellent customer service team providing everyday support and guidance on best practices, and clear answers to all the questions that come up around protecting your PTA. With over 23,000 parent teacher groups insured, AIM is the largest protector of good people doing good things. Contact us today at 800-876-4044 or www.aim-companies.com.

8:15am-9:00am **MemberHub Workshop** *Presented by Gena Ward, MemberHub*

In this session, we will cover how to track all areas of compliance for local units as well as showing different ways to communicate with parents as a PTA through MemberHub.

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9:00am—9:15am **Montana Shakespeare in the Parks - Convention Sponsor**

The mission of Montana Shakespeare in the Parks is to engage and enrich both rural and underserved communities with professional productions of Shakespeare and other classics and, through educational outreach, to inspire creative expression and appreciation of the arts in young audiences. For almost 30 years, Shakespeare in the Schools has been our region's most trusted source for cutting-edge Shakespeare an education. This fall, Shakespeare for the Schools offers exciting, engaging, and safe programs for your classroom. Teachers can choose models that are synchronous or asynchronous. Montana Shakes! brings an interactive original play featuring scenes from Shakespeare to sixty elementary schools each spring. The play is accompanied by exciting theatrical workshops and introduces Shakespeare to young people in a way that is based on engagement and not apprehension.

9:15am - 9:45am **Leadership—Leading the PTA Way Workshop** Presented by Alison Turner, NPTA VP Membership

What does it mean to be a PTA leader? Together, we will define effective and ethical PTA leadership. Then, we'll examine real-PTA scenarios and discuss how to welcome all families, communicate effectively, focus your PTA's efforts on student success and school improvements, and strengthen relationships throughout your school and community. Throughout the discussion, you will appraise your own leadership style, and leave with a roadmap for sharing power, leading positively through conflict, and achieving your PTA's goals.

9:45am-10:00am **Northwest Playground Equipment - Convention Sponsor**

Northwest Playground is the premier provider of outdoor recreation equipment in the pacific northwest providing the highest quality equipment and services to our customers for over 25 years! We specialize in providing turnkey solutions for outdoor amenities with a focus on building community through play.

10:05am—10:20am **Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA)** Presented by Sippy, Child Liaison Yellowstone River Chapter

Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of Bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. We stand ready to lend support to our wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. We work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of our organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation, and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. We do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner; however, if circumstances arise such that we are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, we stand ready to be that obstacle.

10:20am-10:40am **A Walk Through Advocacy**

Presented by Garri Mauch, Montana PTA Advocacy Chair and FLC, Federal Legislative Chair (MT)

- National PTA – Take Action
- Connecting Local PTA's

10:45am- 11:00pm **Cheddar Up - Convention Sponsor**

Cheddar Up is the easiest way to collect payments and information for your PTA or school group. There's never been a better time to take your PTA payments virtual... from events to fundraisers to after-school programs to spirit wear. Cheddar Up is flexible enough to collect for almost anything and can be used at no cost to your PTA. Its unique ability to collect both payments and forms means paying is easy for your community. There's no need for parents to download an app or create an account. Cheddar Up offers both online and point-of-sale payments and saves your volunteers hours – with automatic tracking and easy handoff. We work with tens of thousands of groups across North America and look forward to serving you! Visit www.cheddarup.com/pta to get started.

11:00am—11:30pm **General Session #2**

Credentials Report (page 11) - Rebecca Noell

Installation of Officers – Alison Turner, National PTA Representative

Awards / Honorary Life Membership Awards

Call to 2022 Montana PTA Convention

Adjourn General Session #2

11:30pm—12:30pm **Open Forum**

12:45pm—1:45pm **Treasure State PTA meeting—For members of Treasure State PTA**