

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND SERVICES OF PTA

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The **Board of Directors** consists of the president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer, seven (7) members from the national council of states, ten (10) member representatives, six (6) at-large members, and two (2) youth members.

The **Executive Committee** is composed of the president, president-elect, and secretary-treasurer.

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The duties and responsibilities of the State Board of Directors and Executive Committee are outlined in the NC PTA Bylaws and Standing Rules.

The **State Board of Directors** is made up of the president, president-elect, vice president for outreach services/leadership, vice president for legislative activity, secretary, treasurer, eight (8) district directors, commission members, and the historian.

The **Executive Committee** is composed of the State Officers, the Commission Chairs and the Historian.

NC PTA Commissions:

- Board Leadership
- Exceptional Children
- Health and Welfare
- Local Programs
- Membership
- Parent and Community Involvement
- Youth Members

DISTRICTS

North Carolina is divided into **eight (8) districts** to provide a closer working relationship between the State Board and the local units. Individual needs and problems can be addressed quickly and with greater understanding by someone living within the same district.

District Directors are elected by the Board of Directors for a one-year term and serve on the

State Board while conducting the work within their district.

District Directors should be invited to attend local unit and council meetings, and can provide help with programs, officer installation, or orientation of new officers and chairmen.

The role of the District Director includes:

- Providing support to local units and councils
- Helping to establish new or re-activate inactive PTA units and councils
- Interpreting PTA policies, plans, practices, and programs
- Organizing and stabilizing local PTA units (Where a council exists, by cooperating with council officers and chairs, conferring with council leaders on local programs and assisting with council schools of information. Where there is no council, by appointing a committee to work with local units.)
- Planning and conducting district conferences, under state provisions
- Providing leadership training for new officers and chairmen
- Serving as liaison between the local units and councils and the State PTA

Councils

The mission statement for a council might be “to provide inspiration, information, and instruction for its PTA units and the community in which they serve.” Councils are the center of a communications network consisting of State PTA and National PTA, local units, school board, district superintendent, administration, parents, business and non-parent community, and children. Through council programs, meetings, and publications, councils can instruct, challenge, and influence these groups to action promoting the welfare of children and youth.

A council of PTAs is a defined number of local PTA units (minimum of 3 units) organized under the authority of the State PTA and operates under bylaws approved by the state congress.

There is only unit membership in a council. Councils shall not legislate for local units. This means that the council may neither set up rules for local units nor take action without the unit’s consent.