

For Your Treasurer and/or Membership Chairs

As a grassroots membership association, PTA depends on membership service fees (dues). In order to receive the benefits of affiliation with Seattle Council of PTSA, Washington State PTA and National PTA, your local **PTA must have 25 members by October 25, 2007 to be in good standing and to be eligible for AIM insurance.** Here are some key highlights:

1. Significant Membership Deadlines:

October 25, 2007: Determines whether your local unit is in good standing and therefore eligible for insurance coverage and participation in the Reflections program.

January 25, 2008: Determines the number of voting delegates your PTA may send to the State PTA Convention.

May 25, 2008: Determines if your PTA is eligible for membership awards.

2. Membership Service Fees

	<u>Per member</u>	<u>Per unit</u>
SCPTSA portion:	\$1.50	
WSPTA portion:	\$4.75	
National PTA portion:	<u>\$1.75</u>	
Total fees per member	\$8.00	
Annual assessment*		\$5.00

* This is a one-time annual fee per Local Unit that should be included with the October payment. This fee is used to pay for a representative from Washington State's Outstanding Local Unit to attend the National PTA Convention.

3. Membership Payment Instructions

All membership fees should be made payable to the 'Seattle Council of PTSA' and mailed to the Seattle Council of PTSA office. *Do not send it to the Washington State PTA.* Although our address is provided below for reference, we have also attached three pre-addressed labels to assist you with this.

Seattle Council of PTSA
P.O. Box 24483
Seattle, WA 98124

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4. On-line Membership Enrollment

Membership enrollment is available on-line at the Washington State PTA website. Your PTA's new 2007-2008 login and password for online enrollment were mailed to your PTA president (or the first name listed alphabetically if you have co-presidents). If your PTA president did not receive a password letter, please contact Pat Nelson at pnelson@wastatepta.org. We encourage our Local Units to use the on-line registration process on a monthly basis after the first membership deadline (October 25, 2007) has been met.

5. Local Unit Fees

Each Local Unit PTA may add its own membership fee to cover its needs. Typically, Local Unit fees range from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for a single membership. Many PTAs make available dual memberships with reduced fees (a minimum of \$8.00 per member must be collected to cover fees highlighted in item 2 above). You may also consider using these additional fees to finance membership scholarships for parents who wish to join PTA but whose ability to pay the fees is a financial challenge.

6. Resources

Valuable membership information can be found within the WSPTA Annual Leadership Package and on the web.

Washington State PTA web site (membership):
<http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/membership.htm>.

The Seattle Council of PTSA website (general):
<http://www.seattlecouncilptsa.org>.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kurt Acheson through SCPTSA e-mail:
<mailto:finance@seattlecouncilptsa.org?subject=membershipquestion>.