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Hi All!

Well, the end of school is fast approaching and for many units, this means elections.

Some reminders for successful elections:

- Only PTA members can take part in the elections or be elected for an office.
- Have a membership table available for anyone to join that night. Their membership will expire on Sept. 30, 2008 just like everyone who joined your unit this year.
- Per #Article IV Relationship with National PTA and Maryland PTA:

Section 8, The bylaws of this local PTA/PTSA shall prohibit voting by proxy, mail (including electronic communications), or absentee.....

- Make sure that you have a flip chart or board to write the names of any nominations from the floor.
- Have blank ballots available for the members to fill in the names.
- If the candidates are going to be allowed to address the membership, make sure everyone is aware of this and the time limit they will have to speak.
- When voting by ballot (which is required if more than one person is running for a position, it takes a majority to elect as per Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition. The process can be found on page 403.
- Remember, it is the majority of votes cast, not the majority of those in the room. Not everyone who is eligible may decide to vote.

If you have any questions regarding elections and the process, contact your council or the state office for further information.

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