

MARCH 11, 2024

# SANTA CLARA VALLEY PTA NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to Spring 2024

March has arrived like a Lion with the wonderful gift of rain & snow, we hope that it will follow folklore and leave like a Lamb, giving us gentle days of Spring. Whatever the weather brings, please join us on Saturday March 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM to learn about our Santa Clara Valley PTA-sponsored CAPTA Convention Resolution, and our Association Meeting with Elections.

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### Presentation & Association Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 23,  
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PRESENTATION: 1:00 PM  
MEETING: 1:30 PM

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# President's Message

BY NAOMI HIGAKI

Dear Friends of Santa Clara Valley PTA,

Spring has arrived and with it comes thoughts of new beginnings. It is also the season that finishes our PTA year. We accomplished many goals this year including aiding other PTAs with grants for their PTA programs, holding a successful Parent Education presentation on the digital resources at the Smithsonian Institution (a recording of the presentation is available on our website, [scvpta6.org](http://scvpta6.org)), and creating a resolution for adoption at the CA State PTA convention that addresses a serious issue that disproportionately affects women and children of Indigenous ancestry.

What's left to do? Elections! Please join us at our next association meeting, Sat., March 23rd at 1:30 pm to vote in next year's board of officers. Prior to the meeting at 1:00 pm, Shannon Jaeger will talk about our resolution on the MMIWC2SI issue (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Children, and Two-Spirit Individuals) and answer questions. Please register [here](#) for the Zoom link.

We exist and can do all these wonderful things thanks to support from members such as yourselves. It is through your membership and donations that we are able to accomplish our goals and fulfill our mission. Thank you!

On a personal note, I am honored to have served as your president these past two years. Never would I have dreamed of being a part of a wonderful organization such as ours, led by a board with much experience and wisdom who truly support each other and everyone in our communities. Thank you all for your support and affording me the privilege to experience a time in my life that I will treasure forever.

I look forward to seeing you at our program and meeting. Happy Spring!

Warmly,  
Naomi



RESOLUTION

**MISSING AND MURDERED  
INDIGENOUS WOMEN,  
CHILDREN AND TWO-SPIRIT  
INDIVIDUALS**

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# PROGRAM SPEAKER

SHANNON JAEGER

## Our Convention Resolution

BY ERWIN MORTON

In the spring of 2023, Shannon Jaeger, a member of SCV PTA, brought to our Executive Board the idea of developing and submitting a Convention Resolution on the important issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Children, and Two-Spirit Individuals (often abbreviated as MMIWC2SI).

Here in California, across the US, and in Canada, women, children, and Two-Spirit Individuals of Indigenous heritage have been disproportionately at risk for going missing -- abducted, often abused, and sometime enslaved or murdered. This is not a new problem – it has been going on for many years.

At our Association Meeting this past fall, we (the members) voted to authorize SCV PTA to begin work on a Convention Resolution on MMIWC2SI. We formed a committee for the purpose, studied the problem, reviewed the research, developed the resolution, and submitted it to State PTA's Resolutions Committee in January. State PTA's Board of Managers has approved our Resolution to go to this year's Convention, where it will be voted on by the delegates.

Our Convention Resolution is designed to encourage PTAs throughout California to learn about this crisis and to help protect children and families who are at risk of becoming victims.

PTA does not have the power to make law, and we are not a police force. Our Convention Resolution is focused on awareness, education, and community action. It is intended to encourage PTAs throughout California to learn about this crisis and to help protect children and families who are at risk of becoming victims.

You can see our resolution, as submitted, plus the references we studied, at <https://scvpta6.org/docs/2024ResoAsProposedWithBibliography.pdf>

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# PTA Advocacy: Convention Resolutions

BY ERWIN MORTON

Convention Resolutions are the PTA's method for developing and adopting advocacy ideas. In many organizations, ideas are developed within the state or national leadership and passed along to local organizations and their members. But the PTA is different: **any** PTA organization – a unit like ours, a unit in a school, a council or district, or State or National PTA – can bring forward an advocacy idea, to be adopted (or not) by a vote of the delegates to the annual convention. And **any** member of **any** PTA can initiate such an effort by raising ideas and concerns, bringing them first to the PTA's Executive Board and then to an Association Meeting.

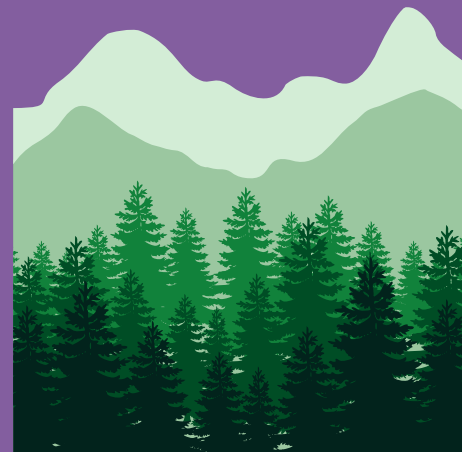
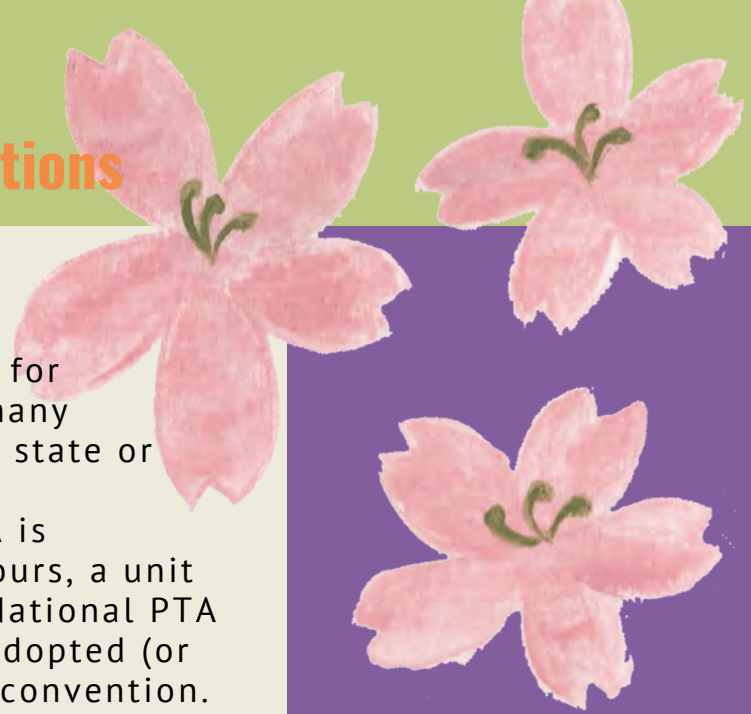
The **purpose** of a resolution is to **authorize** and/or to **direct** the organization (State PTA and local PTAs) to take action on an issue. For example, a resolution can give State PTA the authority to take a position on legislation. Similarly, it can allow a local PTA, when addressing the school board or the community, to speak on behalf of the entire organization.

For more about why we do it this way and how **you** can participate, please visit <https://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/resolutions/>.

That page also contains links to California State PTA's 182 currently active resolutions, on topics ranging from Adequate, Equitable School Finance and Arts Education to Weapons on Campus and Youth Involvement.

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# ELECTIONS



## Spring 2024 Slate of Officers

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EVP- DARICE KOO  
SECRETARY- SUSAN CANTY  
TREASURER- LAURA RAIMONDI  
VP MEMBERSHIP- MARCIE BROWN  
VP COMMUNICATIONS- **OPEN**  
FINANCIAL REVIEW- DINAH SHOWMAN  
VP ADVOCACY- ERWIN MORTON  
HISTORIAN- NAOMI HIGAKI

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# Grant Committee Report

Santa Clara Valley PTA's grant program is continuing to be quite successful this year. We reached out to over 40 PTA units at low-wealth schools across Sixth District PTA during the fall and winter seasons.

Grants were awarded to programs and events that benefited as many students as possible and strengthened the school and parent community. We awarded grants to ten units to help cover costs for:

- Spirit wear for students of limited means
- Fall Festival
- Coffee With the Principal
- Zoom subscriptions for meetings and events
- PTA Membership banner
- Parent education series
- Class promotion family celebration
- Science Festival
- Volunteer appreciation event

Thanks to your membership and generous donations, hundreds of children experienced new opportunities. Parents learned parenting skills and connected with each other which in turn helps students have a greater chance of success in school and life.

We hope to continue our grant programs for many years to come.

Wendy, Darice, Naomi  
SCV PTA Grant Committee





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