# Secretary's Quick Start Guide

## Job Description

The secretary is responsible for keeping accurate records of the proceedings of the association.

## Duties at a Glance

- Maintain a procedure book (traditional or electronic)
- Complete a Plan of Work and submit for approval by the Local PTA board
- Be the keeper of the records
- Record in the minutes all business transacted at each meeting
- Notifies board members, as requested, to remind them of the meetings
- Assist the president in determining a quorum and maintain a roll call record
- Prepares a draft of the minutes for each meeting within two to five day of the meeting
- Act as corresponding secretary, reading communications at meetings and writing thank you notes, etc
- Assume the duties of the historian if one is not designated in the bylaws
- Advocate for PTA positions and current legislation
- Review and become familiar with bylaws and standing rules of the PTA
- Attend Texas PTA Leader Orientation
- Take advantage of training from Council, Area, Texas and National PTA
- Become familiar with the National and Texas PTA resources

## Important Dates

National PTA Convention June July Summer Leadership Seminar

Annual Convention held in conjunction with Summer Leadership Seminar (Odd-numbered years) July

October 15 Fall Membership Reporting

Rally Day at the Capitol (Odd-numbered years) February

Texas PTA Family Engagement Conference and Annual Convention (Even-numbered years) February

March 15 Spring Membership Reporting

#### Resources

Texas PTA Secretary Resource Guide Available for purchase or free download at www.txpta.org

Texas PTA website www.txpta.org National PTA website www.pta.org

Roberts Rules of Order Available for purchase through the PTA Online Store at

http://store.txpta.org/

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