

Virginia PTA Past Presidents

Cooperative Education Association

1904—1908, Dr. S. C. Mitchell
1908—1910, Mr. John S. Bryan
1910—1924, Mrs. B. B. (Mary) Munford
1924—1929, Dr. J. P. McConnell
1929—1933, Dr. J. L. Jarman
1933, Francis P. Gaines

Virginia Branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers

1921—1928, Mrs. Harry Semones
1928—1929, Mrs. W. H. Dunn
1929—1930, Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham
1930—1932, Mrs. D. W. Persinger
1932—1933, Mrs. S. C. Cox
1933—1937, Dr. W. T. Sanger
1937—1939, Mrs. S. C. Cox
1939—1943, Dr. E. L. Fox
1943—1946, Mrs. Berry Willis
1946—1949, Dr. George Zehmer
1949—1952, Mrs. Hunter Barrow
1952—1955, Dr. Robert Nelson
1955—1958, Mrs. W. W. Kavanaugh
1958—1961, Dr. Edgar Johnson
1961—1963, Mrs. Harold Gerry
1963—1965, Dr. Charles Caldwell
1965—1967, Mrs. Charles Duncan
1967—1969, Mr. Fred Entler
1969—1971, Mrs. W. H. Crockford
1971—1973, Dr. Spencer Smith, Jr.
1973—1975, Mr. Robert Shaver
1975—1977, Mr. George Thompson
1977—1979, Mrs. Paul Coussens
1979—1981, Mrs. Lofton Alley
1981—1983, Mr. George Meek
1983—1985, Mrs. Leonard Lineberry
1985—1987, Mrs. Len Belter
1987—1989, Mrs. Robert Delaney

1989—1991, Mr. Richard D. Martin
1991—1993, Mrs. Robert W. Taylor
1993—1995, Mr. David W. Goodrich
1995—1997, Mrs. Mary B. Gormley
1997—1999, Mrs. Lois L. Cumashot
1999—2001, Mrs. Sue R. Glasco
2001—2003, Mrs. Janice M. McKeever
2003—2005, Mrs. Ramona Morrow
2005—2007, Mrs. Dianne Florence
2007—2009, Mrs. Melissa Nehrbass
2009—2011, Mrs. Debi Abadie
2011—2013, Mrs. Anne L. Carson
2013—2015, Mrs. Brenda L. Sheridan

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HISTORY OF VIRGINIA PTA

1901-2017



Virginia Congress of Parents & Teachers

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PTA VISION

Every child's potential is a reality.

PTA MISSION

*To make every child's potential a reality by engaging
and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.*

2010—2017

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2010 American Heart Association partnership to promote heart health activities and nutrition. New state committee: Diversity/Inclusion. First dues increase since 1994; to \$1.00. Partnerships with Washington Nationals and Great Wolf Lodge.

2011 Adopted 3 Year Strategic Plan. NPTA increased dues to \$2.25. Last stand-alone State Leadership Training and convention events.

2012 Memorandum of Understanding with Watch D.O.G.S. to assist Male Involvement Initiative. Social media used for member communication. VPs of Training and Membership plus Marketing and Resource Development Committees added to Board of Managers. First Annual Conference.

2013 New website launched. Two students appointed to Board of Managers. Two Virginia PTA Resolutions: Automated External Defibrillator and Meningococcal Vaccine adopted at National PTA Convention. Three Board members served on

Governor's School Safety Task Force. Partnerships with Williamsburg Foundation; VA529; and Virginia Lottery.

2014 Virginia PTA listed as participant of the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee in the Virginia Code as passed in HB930. Added part-time Resource Development staff member to grow non-dues revenues, and develop partnerships. Adopted 2014-2017 Strategic Plan. Implemented digital distribution of newsletters and local unit mailings, and included principals and superintendents.

2015 Annual Conference delegates adopted three resolutions: The Dangers of E-Cigarettes, Dyslexia, and Parental SOL Opt-Out Designation on Non-End of Course SOL Tests. The Virginia PTA State, District, Council and Local Unit Bylaws were completely revised. Virginia First Lady, Dorothy McAuliffe, was recognized as Child Advocate of the Year. Launched a new student program: Power Plates, and added elementary students and special education students to the Citizenship Essay Program. Dues increased to \$1.50 per member.

2016 Annual Conference delegates adopted Local Government Zoning Authority Within Gun Free School Zones resolution; approved an amendment to Parental SOL Opt-Out Designation on Non-End of Course SOL Tests resolution; approved thirty-six amendments to bylaws. First PTA volunteer recognized as Child Advocate of the Year. New Power Partners Awards presented to an outstanding superintendent, a primary principal and a secondary principal who support PTA and family engagement. Launched Virginia PTA Family Engagement Award.

2017 Annual Conference delegates adopt bylaws amendments to rename the Board of Managers to Board of Directors, add a Vice President of Advocacy and revise the position of Vice President of Membership to Vice President of Programs. Virginia PTA participates in launch of National PTA membership database as the pilot "large" state. National PTA adopts Virginia PTA led resolution on the positive impact that sufficient, quality sleep has for teens' health, safety, academic success.

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1986—2009

- 1986** Assisted Department of Education in distribution of five booklets describing educational opportunities.
- 1987** Dues raised from fifty to sixty cents. Virginia became #3 in membership in National PTA.
- 1989** Count Me In Parental Survey distributed in all areas of the Commonwealth. Established the S. John Davis Scholarship at \$1200.
- 1990** AIDS Standing Committee created.
- 1992** Florida Hurricane Relief Fund created to assist public schools. Nearly \$13,000 was forwarded to PTA schools through Florida PTA.
- 1993** "Break the Mold" Grant created as one time \$300 grant for each region to acknowledge innovative programs which involve parents in the school.
- 1994** Education Summit on Parent and Community Involvement held. Dues increase to \$.75.
- 1995** Virginia Department of Education provided funding for AIDS education grants to local units.
- 1996** National PTA celebrates 100th birthday at June Convention in Washington, D.C.
- 1997** State office moved to Wilmer Avenue, Richmond.
- 1998** Character Education grants awarded to local units.
- 1999** Donations collected for child victims of Hurricane Floyd flooding. Virginia PTA web site established.
- 2000** Charter member of the Virginia Education Coalition.
- 2001** Membership increased to 406,000 members.
- 2002** Expanded use of Virginia PTA Voice and Capitol News electronic newsletters and added the Action Alert Network.
- 2003** Added middle school level to Citizenship Essay.
- 2004** Partnership with Dying to Drive, a state-wide program designed to promote safe driving.
- 2005** Partnership with Jamestown 2007 to promote the 400th anniversary of the founding of America. PTA Day luncheon at the Governor's Mansion hosted by Governor Mark Warner and First Lady of Virginia, Lisa Collis.
- 2006** Member of Virginia Attorney General's Internet Safety Task Force. Partnered with Enough-is-Enough to protect children and teenagers online.
- 2007** Initiated "Unit of Excellence" award. First presentation of "Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents" program in partnership with Enough-is-Enough and Verizon.
- 2008** Promoted Virginia's "Super Teachers" through a Partnership with Virginia Lottery.
- 2009** Alcohol Energy Drinks Resolution and legislation passed by Virginia and National PTA. Partnership created with Virginia Parent Information Resource Center.

1901—1935

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- 1901** Constitutional Convention met in Richmond.
- 1902** New State Constitution adopted, with provision for a modern Department of Public Instruction and state aid for schools.
- 1904** Cooperative Education Association formed by a group of citizens interested in public education.
- 1905** In May, a state wide tour began in the interest of better education. This suggestion was developed into the historic "May Campaign".
- 1910** Mrs. B. B. (Mary) Munford elected and served as first female president and served until 1924.
- 1917** Provided assistance to teachers to maintain a good average attendance and many areas held a special school improvement meeting.
- 1920** Executive Secretary represented the Cooperative Education Association at all summer schools.
- 1921** Virginia Branch of National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association formed in Roanoke.
- 1923** In co-operation with the State Department of Education, the State Board of Health, and the Virginia Tuberculosis Association, efforts were made to secure scales for every school in Virginia.
- 1924** The newly formed department of Child Study gives parents an opportunity to keep abreast of the most advanced thinking along Child Study lines in America.
- 1925** Worked to develop teacher training, establish and maintain high schools, to make the elementary schools more efficient.
- 1926** Advocated for county and traveling libraries.
- 1927** School libraries were established and enlarged.
- 1929** Goals included more emphasis on vocational guidance and wholesome recreation for ALL.
- 1930** Participated in the White House Conference called by President Hoover to consider child health and protection. Virginia Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers reports unit activities to NCCPT.
- 1931** Participated in Governor Pollard's conference on Child Health and Protection.
- 1932** Merger of the Cooperative Education Association of Virginia and The Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers began with a committee from each association appointed to prepare a plan of merger.
- 1933** Merger complete.
- 1934** Cooperative Education Association - Virginia Branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers opened the first state office in Richmond.
- 1935** *The Virginia Bulletin of the Cooperative Education Association* became new title of state publication.

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1937—1959

1937 General Assembly funded PTA in biennial budget. National Congress of Parents and Teachers held their forty- first annual convention in Richmond. About 2500 delegates were in attendance. On Sunday May 2, about 700 delegates and officers attended the planting of a pin oak tree in Capitol Square.

1938 Board of Managers membership goal of 32,000 members was reached with 35,608 members. Virginia PTA sponsors SCA.

1939 Developed a year-round home and community recreational program for persons of all ages.

1940 Twenty traveling exhibitions with a qualified lecturer illustrated the various aspects of art and culture available for use by Virginia's agencies.

1941 Due to success of 1940 traveling exhibition program repeated.

1942 Structure of PTA now consisted of 20 districts with five regions. Each region represented by a vice president.

1943 Cooperation Education Association encouraged all High School units to develop Victory Corps which were designed to mobilize secondary school students for more effective preparation for participation in wartime services.

1944 –1945 State Conventions cancelled because of war.

1946 Life Membership Award created by Founder's Day Committee.

1947 Life Membership Award certificate adopted.

1950 M. Frieda Koontz Scholarship of \$300 established.

1951 Bylaws amendment adopted to change name to the "Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Cooperative Education Association"

1952 State subsidy to the PTA by the General Assembly reduced by \$5500 and became \$16,000.

1953 Dues raised from fifteen to twenty-five cents.

1954 State Membership Chairman position established. State legislation program voted on at district level.

1955 Student Loan Fund of \$1,000 changed to a Student Scholarship Fund of \$1,200 for four \$300 loans for teacher preparation at state colleges. Corporate charter revised to Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers.

1956 Juvenile Protection Committee prepared a leaflet on drop-out prevention as a result of a large number of dropouts in grades 9-12.

1957 Membership of 242,409 with 976 units.

1958 Convention held in Richmond with 1524 registered voting delegates.

1959 Locals, councils, and districts urged to initiate educational campaign supporting Salk vaccine.

New state office at 111 E. Main Street in Richmond.

1960—1984

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1960 First Virginia PTA "Action Program" was created.

1961 District Directors became members of the Board of Managers.

1962 The Governor's Committee for Youth created.

1964 Legislative Conference held in Richmond.

1965 Convention Resolution requiring doctors and hospitals proper legal protection when reporting all cases of child abuse to the appropriate agencies for action deemed necessary under the circumstances.

1966 Convention Resolution passed requesting sex education program in schools be required. Resolution passed favoring local option for selection of school boards.

1967 Board of Managers voted to create pilot projects on smoking and health with TB Association, Cancer Society and the State Department of Health. Board of Managers approved resolution for purchase of 3810-3812 Augusta Avenue in Richmond.

1968 Virginia Federation voted to join the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers. Dues raised from twenty-five to thirty cents per member.

1969 Held programs on Children's Emotional Health.

1970 First Summer Conference held with seventy-five participants attending.

1972 Selected by the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges as the recipient of \$1,000 for a project on "Judicial Concern for Children in Trouble."

1973 Dues raised from thirty to fifty cents.

1974 SCA-PTA partnership dissolved after seventy years of sponsorship by PTA.

1975 Insurance program for locals presented to Board of Managers for approval.

1976 First PTA Day held at General Assembly. State Board of Education asked PTA for a representative to serve on State Special Education Advisory Committee.

1978 Northern District divided into three parts. Chesapeake District renamed Peninsula District.

1979 "Each One Reach One" promoted as local unit membership theme. Each member convinces one person to join their local unit and PTA membership will double in one year.

1980 First meeting of State Board of Education with Virginia PTA Executive Committee.

1982 Honor unit award approved by Board of Managers. M. Frieda Koontz Scholarship increased to \$1,200, other scholarships increased to \$1,000.

1983 Governor Robb is speaker at convention and announced the establishment of the Center for Innovative Technology.

1984 First tape recording of legislative information made available through state office.