

Position Paper

Training



Region 2

As the PTA year begins we members of the Service Delivery Team will begin fielding questions from officers all over Region 2. I think every member of the team would agree with me that this is one of the most fun parts of the job and one of the most rewarding as well. It's gratifying to share what we've learned. Many of us have chosen this work specifically for this kind of interaction.

But we do tend to get a lot of similar questions, and there are some ways you can help yourself before calling one of us.

The first is to **attend training**. About 300 of you attended our Region 2 Training Conference on August 19, and we hope you found it worthwhile.

The next great training opportunity, PTA & the Law, has already occurred in mid-October. If you missed those sessions, we are planning to offer this important training again in January.

This class covers what it means to be a non-profit registered with the State of Washington. How do you maintain your non-profit status? What laws must your PTA obey? If you write a newsletter, run a raffle, work on an event with student helpers, serve alcohol at an event, enter into any contracts, or hold meetings, you should probably attend this class.

On March 14, we'll host a [Spring Conference](#), and of course in early May the State PTA holds its annual meeting and training event, otherwise known as "Convention." These are all great opportunities for increasing your PTA knowledge. And don't limit training to just your officers - strive to include Board Members, chairs, and other active members of your PTA whenever possible.

We are often asked why a PTA should spend money on training a small number of people. (We are never asked this by a PTA that has experienced an insurance claim, or lost PTA money, or faced a difficult election. These PTAs know first-hand the value of good training, at any price!) The best answer is that our training helps familiarize people in your PTA with key basics that help ensure the continued success of your PTA. Once you have those basics, you can apply your creativity, energy, and individuality...and make your PTA the best it can be.