

**Pennsylvania Head Start Association
Board of Directors
2017 Election Ballot**

Friends



Dear Friend of PHSA,

Enclosed you will find your PHSA 2017 Board Member election materials including ballots and candidate profiles for friend positions. PHSA would like to thank the members of our friends class participating in this year's election either by submitting your name as a candidate for the Board or by voting and returning your completed ballot. The individuals who make up the friends category are important members of our organization who contribute to PHSA in a unique way. We could not fully implement our organizational mission without the individuals who make up this category and represent this category on the PHSA Board.

After carefully reading the candidate profiles that follow your ballot, please vote for your choice in the appropriate spot. Please note that we have a total of 2 openings in the friends category and you need to vote for a candidate to fill **each** of those openings. Because we have multiple openings on the board, your completed ballot should have 2 names listed.

Please return completed ballots by April 4, 2017. Ballots will be accepted through U.S. mail, fax or email at the following addresses:

Email: molly@paheadstart.org
Fax: 717-237-2772
Mail: PHSA
Attn: Molly Martz
415 Market St, Suite 206A
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Please feel free to contact the PHSA Office with any questions or concerns.

Friend's Candidates

Select Two Candidates

Amber Fields, Lillian McCuen, Michael Shipman

(Please print names of candidates you are voting for on lines below)

I, _____ affirm that I am a member of the PHSA friends membership group and am a current dues paying member. Date: _____

Relevant PHSA Bylaws

Friends: The Friends membership group shall consist of members of the community who have an interest in the Head Start/Early Head Start mission and purpose. This group shall include Head Start alumni. For the purpose of electing representatives from the Friends group to the PHSA Board, Friends shall have voting privileges.

Friends: Two Friend Representatives will be elected to the Board of Directors by members of the Friends group who are current dues paying members.

***Ballot to be returned to the PHSA office by:
April 4, 2017***

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Election of PHSA Board of Directors

PHSA Bylaws

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SECTION 1: COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD
B: Elections

- 1) **Parents:** Parent representatives to the PHSA Board will be elected by a vote of the parent representatives identified by member programs for the purpose of voting in the election of the PHSA Board of Directors Parent Representatives (each program must designate two parent representatives).
- 2) **Staff:** Staff representatives to the PHSA Board will be elected by a vote of the staff representatives identified by member programs for the purpose of voting in the election of the PHSA Board of Directors Staff representatives (each program must designate one staff representative).
- 3) **Administrators:** Administrator representatives to the PHSA Board will be elected by a vote of the Administrator representatives identified by member programs for the purpose of voting in the election of the PHSA Board of Directors Administrator representatives (each program must designate one Administrator representative).
- 4) **Friends:** For the purpose of electing representatives from the Friends group to the PHSA Board, Friends shall have voting privileges.

Friend Candidates

Name: Amber Fields
Position: Community Impact Manager - Education
Address: 5169 E. Trindle Rd. Lot 21
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Phone: 717-385-4840
Email: jamber0136@gmail.com
Program: United Way of the Capital Region

Hello. My Name is Amber Fields. I am a former employee of Capital Area Head Start. Currently, I am working for the United Way as the Community Impact Manager of Education. I would like to be voted in to the board as a friend. The reason I would like to stay on the PHSA Board is because I believe in Head Start and what it stands for. I want to continue to have a voice in the program and give a voice to other friends and families in our community. I feel being a board member will help me to continue to reach families, and educate legislators on the value of quality early education.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request for nomination with the PHSA board as a friend on the public voices committee.

Name: Michael Shipman
Position: Teacher
Address: 365 Eldrest St.
Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-337-8244
Email: mikeshipman24@gmail.com
Program: Pennsylvania College of Technology

I want to become a PHSA Board member because as an educator, I believe education is the most important and primary first step in ensuring the success of future generations. PHSA is very valuable in this regard, because while many children have no problem obtaining access to the education and services they need, there are still countless others who will go without the support and education they need in their early lives if organizations like PHSA are not involved. I want to become a board member because I believe my skills and strengths can further PHSA in accomplishing the important mission of educating young children and setting them up for success as they progress through the rest of their lives.

The strengths that I can bring to the board come from my background as a financial expert. As a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and now as an educator in accounting / business administration for the Pennsylvania College of Technology, I am well versed in financial concepts. It is my understanding that the Board is in need of an individual with such a background to advise them on proper budget allocation, financial statement management, and financial reporting / tax compliance. After working for PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP for three years as a Corporate Tax Associate, and now in my second year as a lecturer for Penn College, I believe I am more than qualified to assist the Board in this regard and look forward to the chance to serve and represent PHSA.

Friend Candidates Continued

Name: Lillian McCuen
Position: Executive Director, Education Networks
Address: 240 E. 7th Ave
Conshohocken, PA 19428

Email lilmccuen@aol.com

I would be honored to continue to serve on the Pennsylvania Head Start Association Board to contribute to the organization's vision to create one powerful voice representing all children and families. PA Head Start programs continue to provide high quality services to children and their families and as such, these programs serve as models of quality early childhood educational settings. I have been fortunate to have been involved with the Head Start community as a provider of professional development and technical assistance for over ten years. Working alongside of PA Head Start teachers, administrators and family members, I have seen firsthand the dedication they have to the children. I value the work all PA Head Start staff does on behalf of all families. Knowing that education and specialized professional development opportunities are critical to achieving high quality early learning experiences for children, I would like to continue working with PHSA by using my knowledge of professional development systems to help PHSA continue to be a responsive organization leading the charge for training, information sharing, advocacy and comprehensive services.