2023 SLATE OF NOMINEES & CANDIDATE BIOS

2023 SLATED OFFICER CANDIDATES (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025)

Patti Rabacal, President
In addition to her current role as Hawaii State PTSA President, Patti Rabacal has previously served the state board in the capacity of Vice President of Leadership and Treasurer. Patti has held various PTSA positions at the local unit level over the past 25+ years and has used her extensive experience to provide guidance to other local unit board members and units.

Patti enjoys meeting other parents who devote their time advocating for Hawaii’s keiki and ohana with regards to the safety, health, and balance of the child. She will continue to share and simplify the local unit processes and provide guidance to local units in meeting their financial reporting requirements, as well as program requirements and opportunities. Patti would like to continue to guide the Hawaii State PTSA by offering her service as State President for another term.

Marissa Baptista, Treasurer
Marissa Elizabeth Ku’uipo Baptista is an active PTA member since 2011. She has experience chartering (starting) new local units (in Hawaii'i and Virginia) and has served as President (x3), Secretary, and Treasurer at the local unit level, and Assistant District Director (x2) at the district level in VA. In Hawaii’i Marissa’s experience includes President (x3) and Treasurer (x2) at the local unit level and she recently served as the Central District Region Director and VP of Leadership on the HI State PTSA Board.

She has developed and organized large-scale Festivals, After School Programs, and Co-ed Running Programs at the elementary level. She attended the National PTA Legislative Conference as a Hawaii State PTSA representative for 2022 and 2023 and represented our HI State PTSA Board at the 2021 and 2022 National PTA Convention. Marissa is also an active child and education advocate providing testimony each year during the Hawai’i legislative session in support of keiki, haumana, and ‘Ohana across the state.

Marissa attended George Mason University and the University of Maryland majoring in Political Science and Economics. She is currently the Parent Co-Chair of the Central District South Community Children's Council, an active member of two PTSA local units and SCCs in the Moanalua Complex, and a graduate of the Hawaii PLTI-(Parent Leadership Training Institute) program. Professionally, Marissa has worked in the federal government consulting sector for the past 20 years and continues to support a large-scale financial management project in Northern Virginia remotely from Hawai'i.

Marissa is a mom to three public school keiki (Isabella, TJ, and Karolina) with her husband Thomas. Marissa strongly believes education and access to educational opportunities are essential to success and upward mobility for students of all backgrounds throughout the Hawaii islands. She also feels strongly that EVERY child has the potential for greatness given the right tools, learning approach, and family and community awareness and involvement.
2023 SLATE OF NOMINEES & CANDIDATE BIOS  (continued)

2023 SLATED REGION DIRECTOR CANDIDATES (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025)

Liz Sager, Maui Region Director
Liz Sager first became involved with PTSA over 20 years ago and has held positions at the local, regional, and state board levels, including Maui Region Director, Vice President of Leadership, and State President. Her participation at the local unit in the elementary, middle, and high school levels, as well as opportunities to participate in National PTA events across the country, have provided Liz with vast experience that has guided her in her role as a leader on the Hawaii State PTSA board. Additionally, Liz is currently part of the National PTA’s Governance Team in the role of Field Service Committee Member.

Liz feels passionately that advocating to ensure that every child lives up to their potential is a commitment we owe the future generation. Liz would appreciate the opportunity to support this impressive organization, which has been helping the children of Hawaii since 1926, for another term in the role of Maui Region Director and continue to move the Hawaii State PTSA in a positive direction.

Malie Smith, Kauai Region Director
Malie Smith has worked in Hawaii's elementary school system since 2006, specializing in working with children with special needs and is currently a 5th grade Teacher at Kalaeo Elementary School on Kauai. She has been a part of her school's PTSA board since 2015, holding several positions: Recycling Programs Coordinator, Secretary, and President. Known as a voracious volunteer, she has spent hundreds of hours working with and for children setting up and helping with educational events and programs. Her passion is promoting a fun, safe, and educational, equal opportunity learning environment for all students.

Calvin Endo, Leeward Oahu Region Director
Calvin M. Endo has been married to his beautiful wife Susan for 50 years and they have 11 children, five girls and six boys, and 39 grandchildren. Calvin retired from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard after 32 years of civil service years and three years in the U.S. Army. He took an early retirement at age 51 and began working at Wai’anae High School as their parent and community representative, (PCNC). It is a part time job that keeps him busy all day long, including weekends.

Calvin is very involved in his church, schools, community, and State. He serves as the PTSA Reflections chair for Waianae High School, the Education Chairman for the Waianae Neighborhood Board – working with all the principals on the Westside of Oahu and the Waianae Leeward Community College and serves on the Hawaii State PTSA Board.

No nominations were received for the following positions:
Vice President of Leadership (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025)
Honolulu Region Director (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025)
West Hawaii Island Region Director (currently vacant; term runs through June 30, 2024)

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PLEASE NOTE: Anyone interested in running for one of the positions up for election at the 2023 Convention, including the vacancies, may “run from the floor” by notifying Patti Rabacal, Hawai‘i State PTSA President, by no later than 7:59am on Saturday, April 15, 2023 by email at president@hawaiistateptsa.org. In your email, please copy histateptsa@gmail.com and nominatingcomm@hawaiistateptsa.org.